

What's sustainable?

Our current fly-drive transportation model is not sustainable. It encourages sprawl, drinks up oil and produces inordinate amounts of pollution. Like it or not, the world will soon hit peak-oil and it will become harder to sustain a carbon-based economy. We must create new transportation alternatives, wean ourselves off the internal combustion engine and offer viable and environmentally friendly energy sources. Utilitarian bicycle paths and improved urban rail transit are the way to go. Bikes have the same right or privilege on the road as cars. Early 20th century activism by wheelmen (bicyclists), and farmers got the roads paved in the first place. True, Montreal has a winter, but one can easily ride a bike seven months out of 12.

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