# The Future of Mobility in Denver?











### **Do We Look Fat in These Suburbs?**

People in dense cities are thinner and have healthier hearts than people in sprawling subdivisions. New research says the secret is in the patterns of the streets.

JAMES HAMBLIN AUG 13 2014, 8:15 AM ET



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Just seeing someone wearing a Fitbit makes me nervous. I'm told I have a tendency to become "obsessive." A count of steps or calories burned would be a destructive competition, just one more thing haunting quiet moments telling me I could be



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# GTA's top doctors join forces to encourage cities to plan for built-in exercise

Urban planning should encourage walking, cycling and use of public transit to battle chronic disease, public health doctors say.



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A group of medical officers of health are encouraging governments to spend more money on integrated transit to get people out of their cars to save lives.



# **Does Density Matter?**

The role of density in creating walkable neighbourhoods

Discussion Paper





## HRM sprawl could cost extra \$3B for municipal services

#### Former city official says strain is an alarm bell

CBC News Posted: May 03, 2013 8:54 AM AT | Last Updated: May 03, 2013 11:09 AM AT



#### External Links

 Read Stantec's report

(Note: CBC does not endorse and is not A former finance director of the city of Halifax says a new report on urban sprawl is a wake up call as the region tries to expand services.

The study by Stantec says Halifax could save up to \$3 billion over the next 18 years the city can get a handle on sprawl.

The study was conducted as part of a review of the municipality's

The report says the city could save billions if it focuses on developing urban areas. (CBC)

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#### WSJ Wall Street Journal

# 'Broken-Hipsters' flood the urban environment

Baby boomers are rejecting the peace and quiet of the suburbs in favor of trendy urban developments aimed at younger buyers. But not everyone's happy to see 'mom' moving in.





## Seniors, Couples, Singles, and Lots of Families choosing urban living!





Surprise! Downtown living's fine for families — as good as the suburbs, these folks say



Meet the Huntleys, living happily in north False Creek. From left, mom Tanya; Simon, 13; Johnny, 6; Charlie, 2; Emma, 10; and dad Robert. They love the ilfestyle and they're far from alone: Many say the mix of poople — singles, seniors and families — as well as the amenities and the slow pace of life make downtown their choice. Find out why: Story, B1





At some point during this talk, most of you will be thinking the 8 most unhelpful words in the english language...



# "We could never do that in <u>our city</u>"



# Vision, will, skill, & FOLLOW-THRU.



# Medellin builds "Social Infrastructure"



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"The pedestrian is the centre of the city."



Para Brent Toderian, Medellin debe escuchar más las voces ciudadanas en su plan vial. FOTO ROBINSON SÁENZ

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#### Los peatones son el centro de la ciudad

El privilegio del desarrollo urbano está en su propuesta peatonal y de uso de la bicicleta, no en los vehículos.

Por JUAN FELIPE SIERRA SUÁREZ | Publicado el 6 de octubre de 2013

Una de las personas con mayor prestigio internacional en el tema de desarrollo urbano en el mundo es *Brent Toderian*, exdirector de Planeación de Vancouver (Canadá) y actual consultor internacional, quien visitó la capital antioqueña atraido por su nuevo sello de innovadora internacional.

Toderian es un apasionado y defensor de lo creativo, vibra con la construcción de ciudades, es el presidente fundador del Consejo Canadiense de Urbanismo (Canu), columnista habitual de radio en la emisora CBC de Vancouver, miembro de varios consejos directivos de instituciones relacionadas con ciudades. v un habitual columnista del diario Huffinoton Post. Es un codiciado









#### Centre City Cycle Track Pilot Project Network Map





The evolution toward smart planning:
1) doing the wrong thing.
2) doing the wrong thing "better."
3) Trying to have your cake & eat it too.
4) doing the right thing.

Where is your city today?



Building bigger roads makes traffic worse.







Stuart Dee/Getty

"Adding car lanes to deal with traffic congestion is like loosening your belt to cure obesity."

- Lewis Mumford, 1955.



# The Law of Congestion:

"Building more highways doesn't **REDUCE** traffic – it does the **OPPOSITE!** It increases the volume of motorists and generates even more traffic."





# The most important decision Vancouver ever made.





#### The public says no to highways

# Freeway opposition & protests (1960s/70s)

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Progress doesn't just depend on starting the right things. It depends on stopping the wrong things & fixing the mistakes.



# GIZMODO



# 6 Freeway Removals That Changed Their Cities Forever



Alissa Walker Filed to: TRANSPORTATION Wednesday 10:00am 332,327 👌 40 ★



It seems counterintuitive, right? Rip out eight lanes of freeway through the middle of your metropolis and you'll be rewarded with not only less traffic, but safer, more efficient cities? But it's true, and it's happening in places all over the world.





#### > I-70, Denver, Colorado







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# "The Years of the Warlords"







## "The Years of the Warlords"







# Collaboration & Synergy (Plan-gineers!)





# The best transportation plan is a great land use plan!



# Vancouver's Movement Modes, Prioritized

#1


























If you design a city for cars, it fails for everyone, INCLUDING drivers.

If you design a multi-modal city, it works better for everyone, INCLUDING drivers.



"I like cars. But I don't want to design my life, all of our lives, around cars.

# I want choice."









"Good cities know that streets are for people, not just cars. Great cities know that streets are places tol linger & live, not just move through."

- Brent Toderian

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## Done well, Density uses "the power of nearness"



### Walking infrastructure: horizontal AND vertical



#### SIDEWALK ROOM// BUILDING WALL PLANE



Ground floor setback\*-----

\* These elements are affected by zoning regulations







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#### The New York Times

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One Way Around the Traffic Muddle in Brooklyn: Riding a Bicycle



Benjamin rouman or the rew s Many frequent blke commuters said that, with sparse traffic in downtown Manhattan, conditions for biking were By KATE TAYLOR Published: November 1. 2012

In post-storm New York, the bike is having a moment of sorts.

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### Welcome to the age of the bike: cyclists 'must be first' as car use passes its peak

Article Graphic: wheels of change



Philip Pank Transport Correspondent Last updated at 12:01AM, November 6 2012

Years of falling traffic volumes suggest that car use has passed its peak and may have entered a long era of decline, a growing body of officials from the Department for Transport and London's City Hall believe. In Central London, traffic fell by 19 per cent between 2000 and 2009 Peter Macdiarmid/Getty

### Biking is an extension of walking! Still a form of nearness...





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## In Praise Of The Upright Bike

Posted: 09/16/2014 4:57 pm EDT Updated: 11/16/2014 5:59 am EST



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# New separated bike lanes are key to higher bike share







# Where many cities WANT to be - Biking is MORE than just moving people. Culture, Texture, Place!



# I didn't stage this!







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### **BEST USE OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY/WORST USE OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY: BIKE LANES**

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**BRENT TODERIAN's blog** 

### Enough with Bikes vs Cars – It's about Better Cities!

Monday, October 22, 2012 - 3:20pm PDT by BRENT TODERIAN

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A few weeks back, I watched with concern Toronto having a rhetoric-heavy debate about removing the relatively new bike-lane on Jarvis Street. Last minute efforts to save the bike-lane were ultimately unsuccessful, although as small consolation, Council chose not to use bike-lane infrastructure funds to remove it - a previous intention that had been seen as adding budgeting insult to active mobility injury.



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### Our Regional Context: planning a complete Region



### Collingwood Village

# Retrofitting aging malls for T.O.D













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### Not so much transit corridors, as corridors of urbanism... (walking, biking, transit through "completeness")





## Gogreen: give up a car

Metro Vancouver builders help provide a **sustainable** lifestyle TRICIA LESLIE

Local builders are actively participating in helping homeowners reduce their carbon footprint, as building new homes and communities with green, sustainable practices is now fairly commonplace in the region.

At ParkLane Homes' The Block in Vancouver, homebuyers were offered a free Zipcar membership – and access to two nearby Zipcar vehicles – when they purchased a home there. A Vancouver bylaw, updated in 2009, helps promote this process by allowing developers **Benefits of Car Sharing** 

Car sharing makes it easier to go car light or car-free, since members still have access to a car when they really need one.



More than **1 in 5** people who join carshare give up a car, and more than **3 in 10** avoid buying a car altogether.

One shared vehicle replaces up to 20 personally owned vehicles

"A car that's parked but not used still adds to our carbon footprint."





**Off the front:** "A car that is parked but not used still adds to the carbon footprint." – *Brent Toderian* 



Im able to do a lot of my day-to-day errands by walking or by bicycle? Knowles says, estimating he uses TCC about once a week or less. "The o-op is an ideal solution. When I do need a vehicle, J just look up the ones that are available nearby. I think is an awesome way to go." At Adera's Green – a Burnaby townhome community that has wons everal awards for its








These vehicles are carrying...

## 69 people who could all ..

## be on this one bus 🛉









#### What does it take to move 1000 people? 1 train (eight carriages)



15 buses

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Anywhere from 250 to 1000 cars

This would then require 1.37 hectares of parking space in the Sydney Central Business District.







The future is full of big, bold ideas - each with their own tough choices & gut-check moments.



There are a lot of really simple ideas out there that could strengthen our cities, but it's remarkable how hard we can make simple things.





## **'READY, FIRE, AIM': HOW TO MAKE A GREAT PROTECTED BIKE LANE PILOT PROJECT**

June 25, 2014

Michael Andersen, Green Lane Project staff writer



Cheap and flexible: A pilot protected lane project on Multnomah Street in Portland.

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## Pedestrians Public Spaces within Street Right of Way







### **Pedestrians**

# Public Spaces within Street Right of Way VIVA Vancouver Activations





## When Is a Food Truck More Than a Food Truck?

When it helps city dwellers imagine ways to renew moribund public spaces. The tools of tactical urbanism





















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## Intersection Repair – More than Fixing a Street!



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## Cities of Smiles!









# The truth about a city's aspirations isn't found in its vision.

## It's found in its budget.



Make big, **BOLD** choices that embrace the opportunity you have - with Vision, Will, Skill & Follow-Thru!



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