

EVs destroy the environment through resource mining, manufacturing processes & going to landfill in mass droves. Their pollution is unnecessary as is the urban space squandered on parking & other paved over autocentric wastes. They perpetuate urban sprawl & cities that aren't navigable as a pedestrian or bicyclist & are inhospitable to humanity. Electric vehicles add to traffic congestion. Putting the financial burden of transportation inefficiently on the back individual is regressive & hasn't been the norm for even 80 years. We need to invest in rail that's properly implemented as it is overseas. We're suffering from decades of trickle down economic austerity disenfranchisement & a lot of marginalization (eg Robert Moses's racist urban renewal) is through divestment of public works/infrastructure, utilities & programs to help the American people. Commodification of societal needs & normalization of rampant consumerism for privatized profits is what put us in this mess. National Transcontinental High Speed Rail should integrate seamlessly w/ commuter rail networks so it can even function as one cohesive system & this will convert flyover country back into a thriving heartland which will reduce clustering on the coasts. Similarly, wholly integrated circuits of interurban commuter rail routes blended with light rail lines, streetcar grids & even trolleys prevent people from having to live on top of each other in city centers in order to have quick access to urban cores & local economies downtown. Our roadways are overcrowded & no amount of widening them w/ added lanes will help because it causes induced demand that inevitably grinds to a halt at snags & bottlenecks down the road. We can rebuild cherished structural heirlooms of civic pride destroyed by financial & environmental disaster on space reclaimed from motor vehicles to serve purposes of social capital & green initiatives. We can resurrect local landmarks with green technologies such as hempcrete.

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