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Hi Everyone,

I know I often inundate you with too much or too abstract information regarding transportation. This is no short article, but is my reply to South End Plan BTV. I think the plan is a great one, but the basic premise is still stuck in 20th mode engineering models.

One can argue that because we are a small city in a rural area, much of the planning and philosophy of the model I'm forwarding won't work for years. But technology grows at too fast a rate to count on, "years,". The more entrenched we become in the car centric model, rather than a people centric model based on integrated and interdependent technology, (mobility as an extension of technology; the i & android phones), the harder it will be to reverse, and repair the damage done by keeping the car centric model of thinking and planning.

One of the striking items in this article is the work done on outreach and communication to the public to engage and explain the need to change how we get around. This you are doing and it is appreciated. It needs to be continued and it also needs the full support of the administration. The Mayor and the administration must fully support this kind of thinking as integral to the growth and future of Burlington.

<http://www.theguardian.com/cities/2015/apr/28/end-of-the-car-age-how-cities-outgrew-the-automobile>

Best,
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