

I support LRT!

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What kind of Region do we want to be?

innovative, pedestrian-friendly, vibrant, urban,
healthy?

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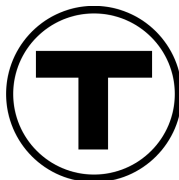
car-dependent, sprawling, stuck in 1950s?

About me

1977–2000, 2007



2000–2006



2008–



(summer 1996)



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Walking directions to Boulevard Pie-IX

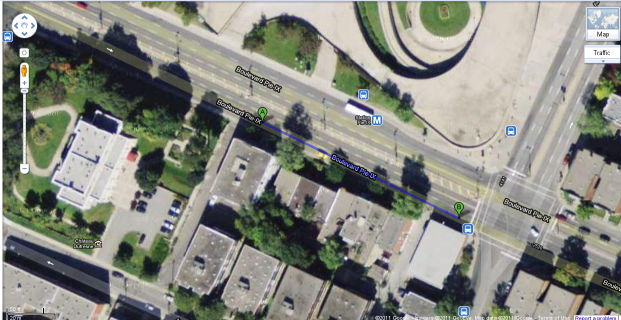
Boulevard Pie-IX 55 secs
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Boulevard Pie-IX
1. Head southeast on Boulevard Pie-IX toward Avenue Pierre-de Coubertin
Boulevard Pie-IX

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Pedestrian-friendly, urban, easy to get downtown!

Boston's T



credit: billmorrow on flickr

Vibrant neighbourhoods around T stations
(e.g. Porter Square, Davis Square)

Ottawa's Transitway—No!



credit: Reaperexpress, Wikipedia

Severe capacity problems in the foreseeable future.

I live 5 minutes from Uptown.

Benefits: Continue to revitalize cores



credit: Duke-of-Waterloo, wonderfulwaterloo.com

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Otherwise...



Other benefits of LRT

- ▶ Increase property values and the tax base;
- ▶ Reduce service delivery cost.

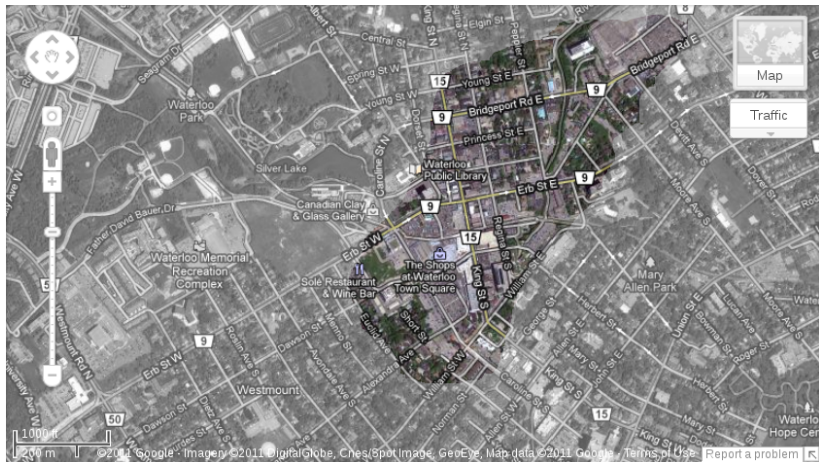
Why LRT is better than BRT

LRT:

- ▶ more pleasant public spaces;
- ▶ better integration into neighbourhoods; and
- ▶ human-scale vehicles.

BRT: lines of noisy buses!

Increase car-free range



Current car-free range.

With LRT



LRT expands the car-free range!

Cambridge too



I oppose a referendum.

Costs of LRT

Incremental cost of LRT over BRT per year:



And, BRT has higher operating costs.

We are spending \$50,000,000 to widen Weber Street with no debate.

Inferior transit is going to require many more widenings.

Please vote for LRT!