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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the future plan for Montreal.

It is good to see the overall plan calls for more public transportation and less for increased roads - environmentally sound!

In that connection may I make a suggestion?

Having travelled in and out of many airports around the world, I found none was as efficient as Mirabel airport. It is very sad that it was written off as the main airport in Montreal. I believe now it is only used for freight - is that right? In any event the main objection to the airport was, I believe, its distance and the awkwardness of getting there. However now that Montreal is ready to move into public transportation and LRTs perhaps that could be re-visited.

If an underground system were to be instituted that would run from Central Station downtown to Dorval (PET) airport and on up to Mirabel on a regular basis - I am feel quite sure that it would be used by almost everyone - as it would save that horrendous trip in the winter weather, and one could meet and greet folks or see them off without any harrassing drive or parking problem. In fact the system could incorporate below ground, on ground and above ground (i.e. Monorail system part of the way) each system could be used according to the dictates of the terrain in the area it was crossing.

Another feature would be that if the freight aspect were moved to Dorval airport, it would save wear and tear on the roads by trucks up to Mirabel and also save on the pollution they cause and their propensity for accidents for themselves and small cars on the road. They could access Dorval via Cote de Liesse and exit the same way. Perhaps this in turn could lead to a particular truck route running from Cote de Liesse to the lower part of highway 40 going up to Quebec City and points North and East thus relieving the pressure and the dangers on the upper part of that road.

One other aspect is that the Mirabel airport which was instigated by Mr. P. E. Trudeau could (and I think should) be re-named Trudeau International Airport and Dorval could revert to its original name. I would think the Trudeau family would be agreeable to such a re-naming and perhaps may even like it better!

Your plans for the harbour front upgrade are laudable and I hope they will come to fruition.

I hope these comments will be read and perhaps some have been looked at already.

I wish you continued success in the overall planning.

Respectfully submitted,

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