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## Transit is the better way

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Re: Save The Environment: Don't Take Transit, Kevin Libin, Dec. 7.

Kevin Libin gets it all wrong. He uses average transit ridership figures from cities in the United States that are falling from a market share of 1.5% of all trips to 1% of all trips. If you have ever been to Atlanta or Phoenix you can see why. In the Vancouver area, however, transit trips to work increased from 16% to over 17% during the same period, seventeen times more trips per capita than in sprawling U.S. cities.

More misleading still is the claim from the Cato Institute that a Toyota Prius produces less greenhouse gas per passenger mile than a diesel bus. But for this to happen (according to analysis by the University of British Columbia Design Centre), the Prius would have to have five people in it and the diesel bus no more than 10. I don't remember ever seeing a bus with less than ten people in it, or a Prius with more than two, do you?

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