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Dear Henry Aubin,

Your article regarding the Turcot Interchange is most interesting. [*Page a17 Quebec transport planners hold on to their love of cars*]

*Montreal was designed around the car in the 20th century. In the new millennium, Mayor Gérald Tremblay's administration has contradicted its own green rhetoric by faithfully following the past century's ways - so far, at least. But that could change.*]

Some have suggested a "Boston-like Big Dig". The Mass. Turnpike Auth. has a very big financial problem. The structural integrity of the project is also in question. A similar

project would bankrupt Montreal as it has bankrupted Boston and would take away monies from mass transit. Please see included articles below.

If it was up to me, I would eliminate the Ville Marie Highway altogether, restore the escarpment east of Decarie and build mass transit in its stead. That is probably too radical for most. However, please find attached file... There are some surprising and positive responses from the MTQ regarding the project... [*Commentaires transmis et intérêt porté a projet/Turcot/MTQ*]

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