

More trains are the solution

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Re: "\$155 million for transit is money well spent" (Editorial Oct. 22, 2008)

Sprawl is created by the perceived ease of highway transportation. Commuter railways are merely playing catch-up and adjusting to the reality of sprawl. Rail restoration and renewal is an essential ingredient for a cleaner, less corrosive environment and hopefully less wanton development.

Until 1960 two parallel commuter rail lines served the Lakeshore. One was operated by CN out of the Bonaventure Railway Station; the other is the current Dorion/Rigaud commute from Lucien L'Allier. In the mid 1970s five local trains stopped at Hudson; today only one train makes its way to Hudson and Rigaud although the Suroît area is one of the fastest growing regions in Canada. During rail's golden age the Lakeshore had a rural and country-like character. Yet it had much more frequent train service.

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