# CAR DEPENDENCY : TRENDS, CONSEQUENCES AND SOLUTIONS

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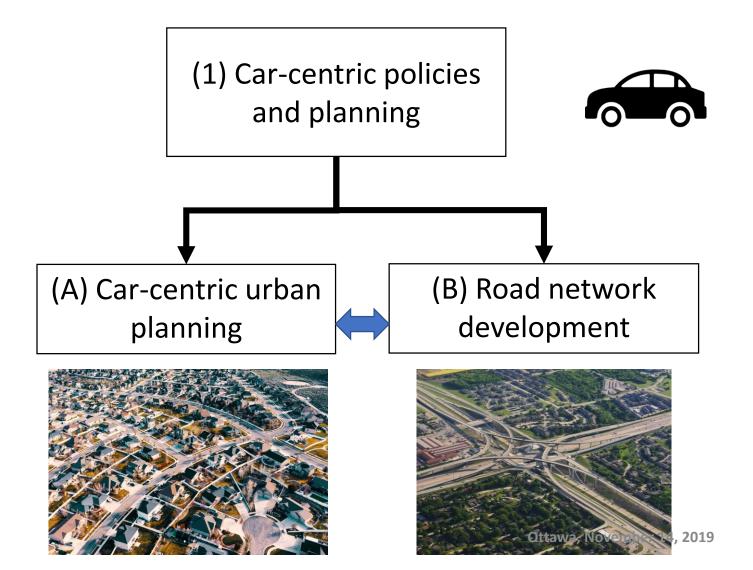
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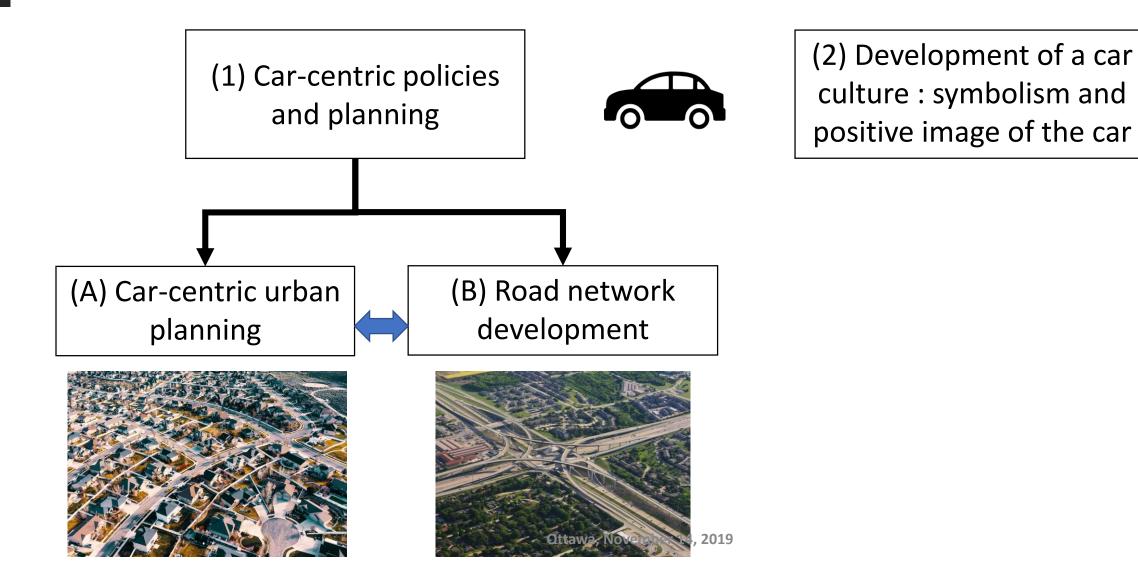




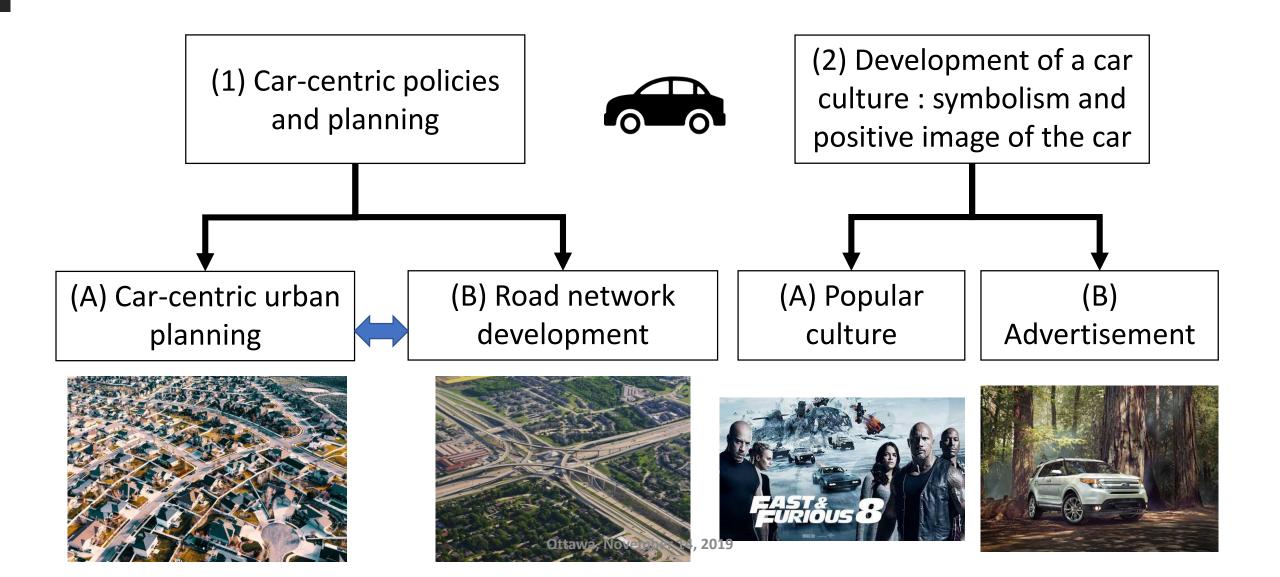
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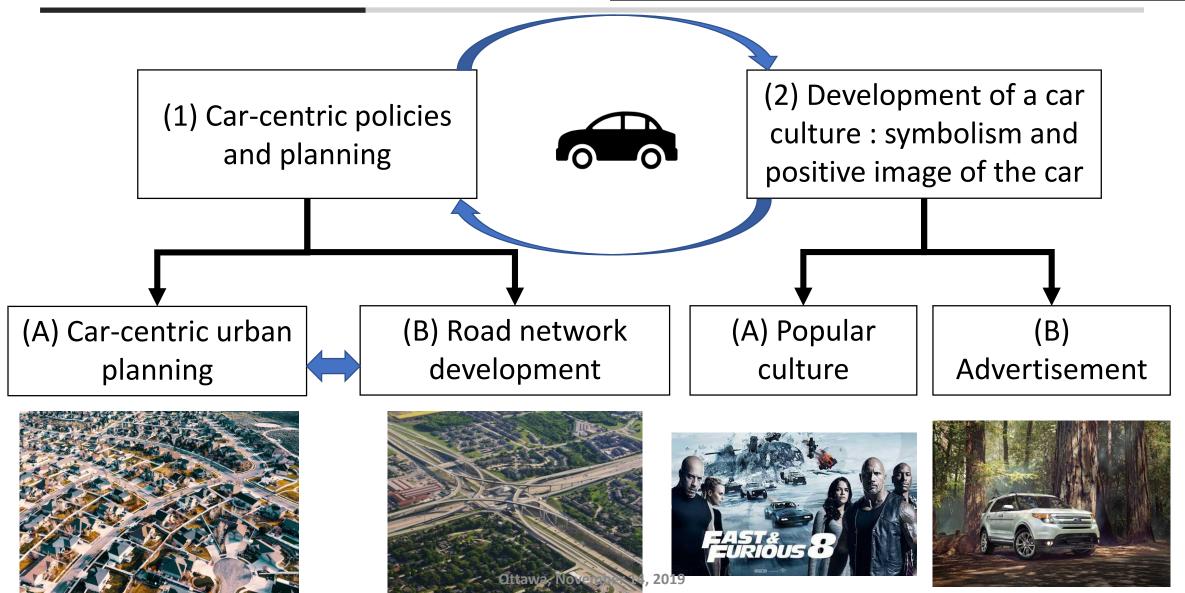


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Automobility : car dependent societies, cities and people





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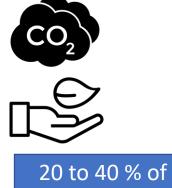


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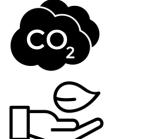
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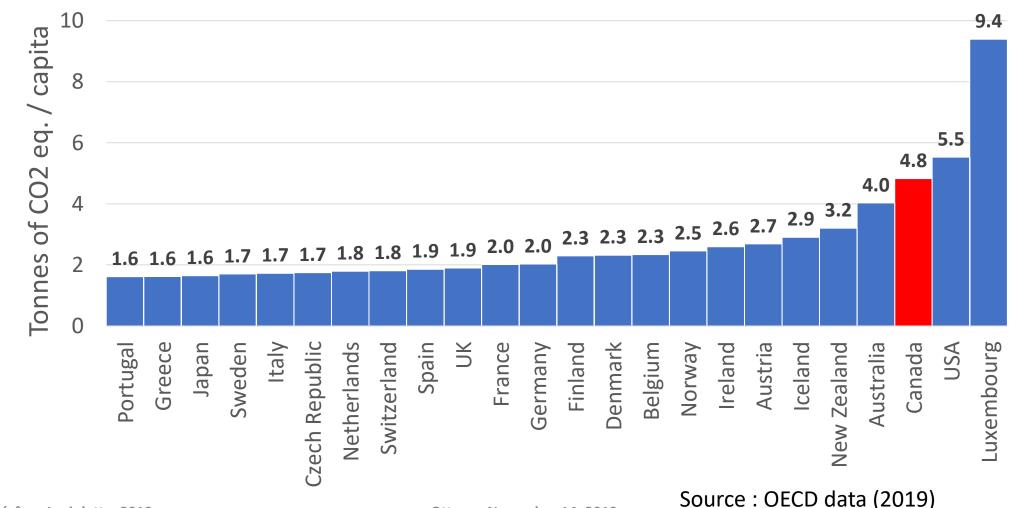


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- In Quebec : commercial deficit
- VERY High cost of congestion
- Household budget : 2<sup>nd</sup> expenses after housing
- Infrastructures deficit =  $\uparrow$  in cost for gov.
- Increased health cost & more



#### **CANADA : TOPPING THE CHART FOR TRANSPORT GHG EMISSIONS / CAPITA**



### **MOBILITY SOLUTIONS : THE NEED FOR GLOBAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

# Move more **PEOPLE** (and goods) NOT more vehicles.

Improve the **quality of life** and mobility for all WHILE minimazing collective impacts



- Identify relevant indicators
- Correctly assess the impacts of potential solutions

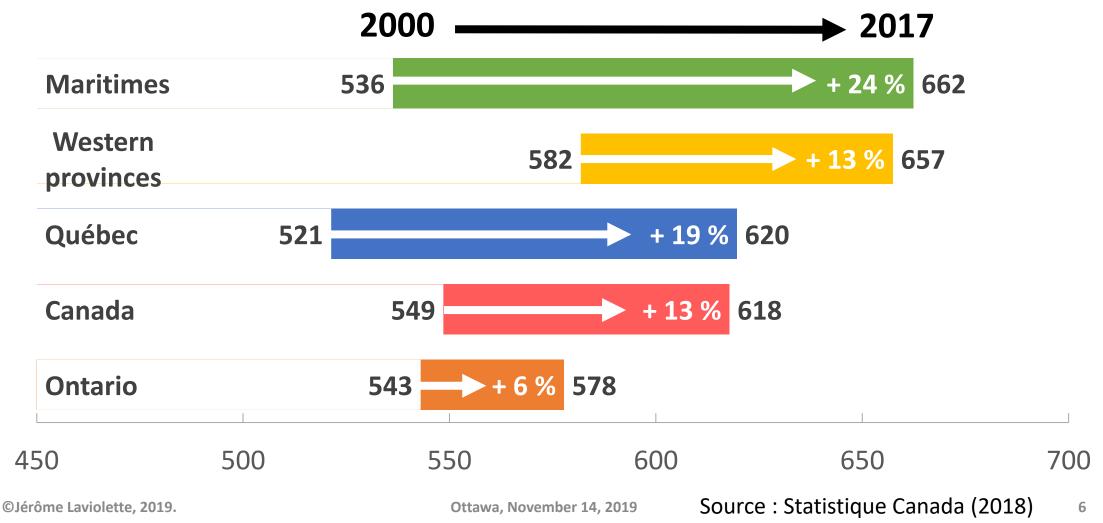
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Car ownership rates in number of licensed vehicles (<4500 kg) / 1000 people







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Risk of fatal injuries for pedestrian is 50 % higher when collision with light-trucks vs conventional car. (Desapryia et al., 2010)





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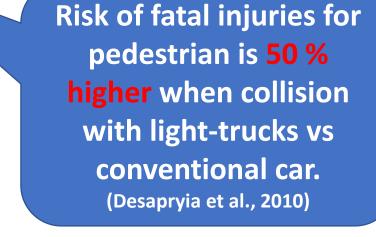
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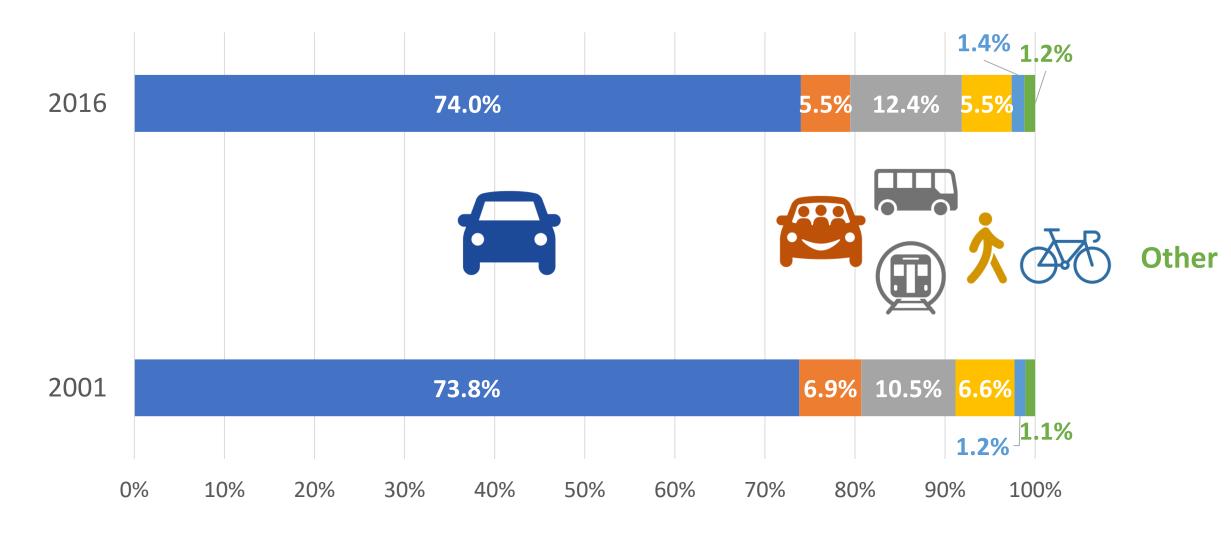
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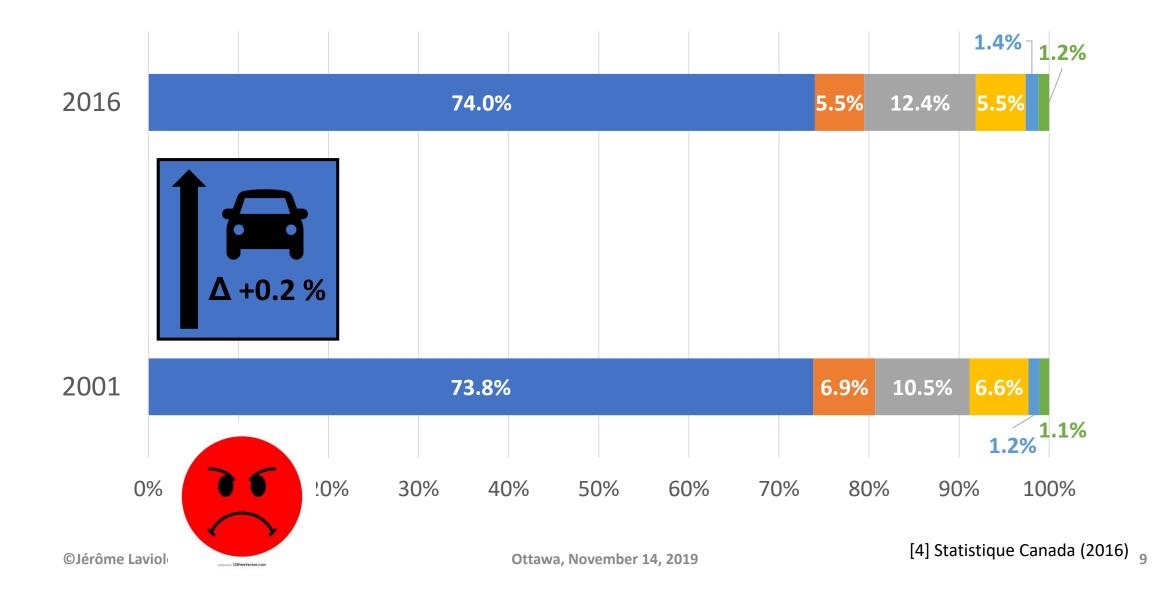
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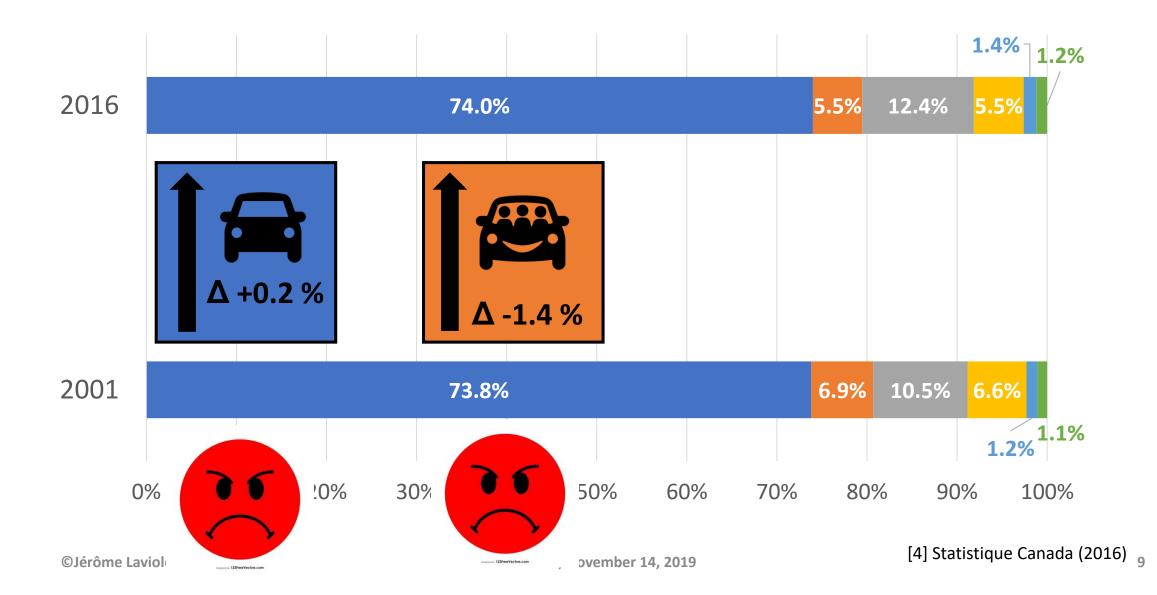


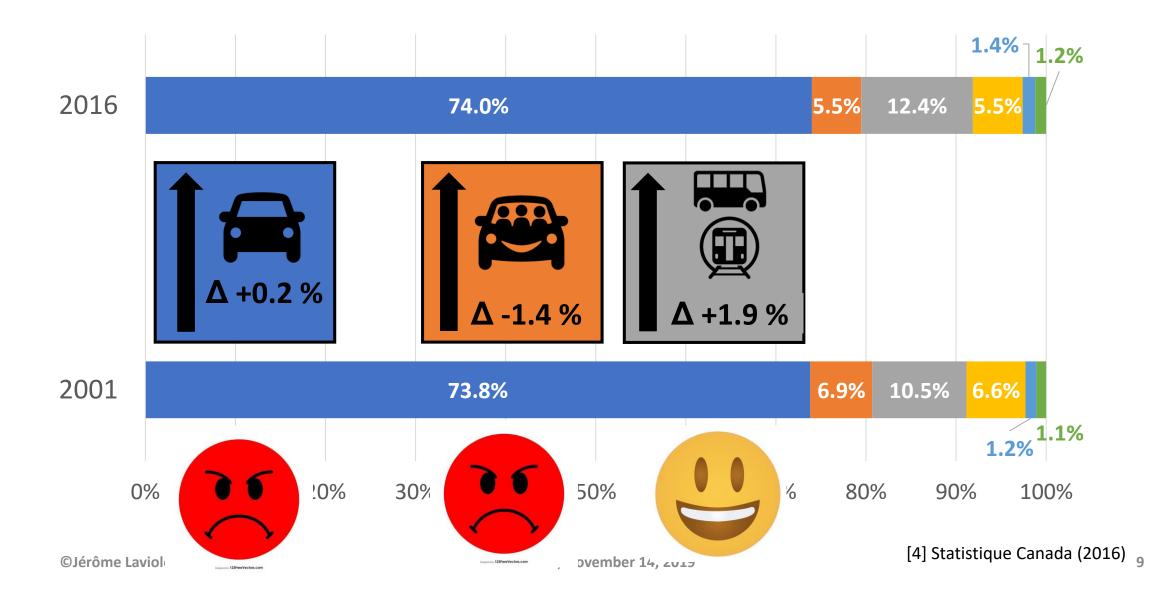


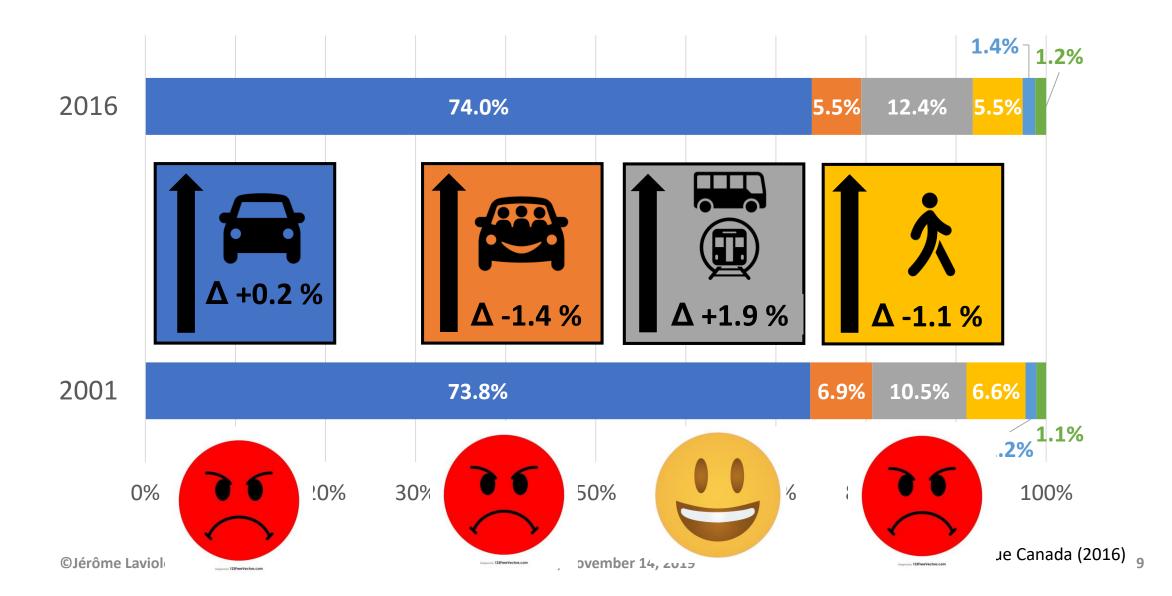


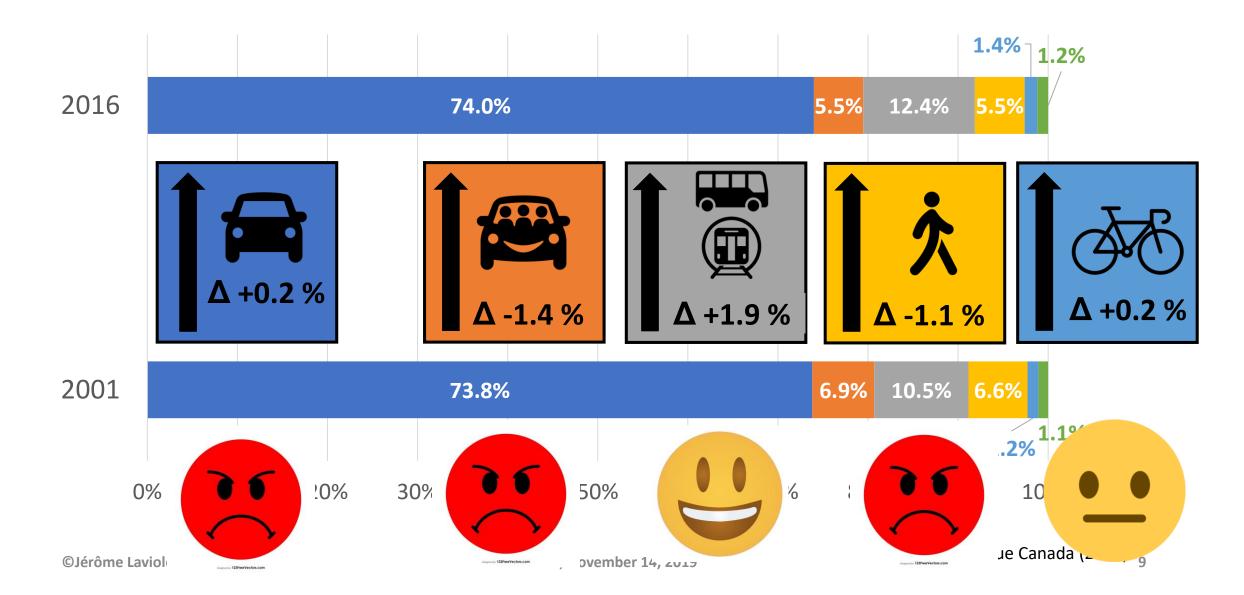
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### **OTHER PROBLEMATIC NUMBERS**

Based on estimation by Polytechnique Montréal's Chaire Mobilité with OD-Survey data :

- 25 % of all vehicles in the Greater Montreal area are not used during an average weekday
- Vehicles spend **95** % of their time parked
- Vehicles are carrying a LOT of empty seats: ONLY 22 % of seats are occupied.



Avg. occupation rates

(Montreal area)

6h-9h	1.12
9h-12h	1.22
12-15h	1.20
15h-18h	1.16
18h-21h	1.28
21h-24h	1.12

## **OUR BEST SOLUTIONS**

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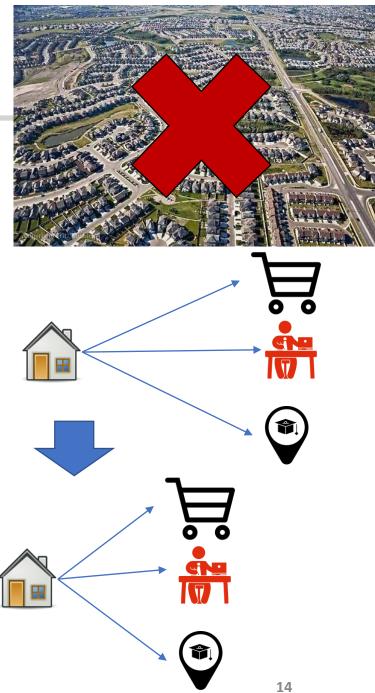
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**Policy Instrument :** Integrated land-use planning

- Build based on the 5 D'S : density, design, • distance to destination, distance to transit and diversity (mixity of use)
  - $\rightarrow$  SET minimums
- Transform current neighborhoods
- Limit sprawl through legislation and green lacksquarebelts
- Social housing



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#### **Example of information & regulatory instrument :**

- Better integration of transport cost in mortgage evaluation
- Provide information on real cost of living considering the need for a second car and additionnal travel time
- Promote urban & dense neighborhood lifestyles
- Promote local shopping



#### **Solution : Reduce the number of trips**

#### **Regulatory & Information instruments to encourage :**

- Teleworking (1/5 days)
- Distance learning
- 5 days in 4



Through workplace and schools mobility plans

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> This could save 5.7 millions motorized km travelled / day.

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- Cycling awareness and promotion campaigns
- Workplace active mobility plans and rewards
- Cycling training at school
- Kilometric Allowance for biking to work
- Cycling to shop « passport » and discounts

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- Improve accessibility : proximity, quality, safety, etc.
- Reduce waiting time (real & perceived)
  - $\rightarrow$  Improve frequency (10 min MAX)
    - $\rightarrow$  improve safety & quality of bus stops
- Vehicle time → time valorisation, improve confort
- Reduce correspondances → changing mode/line = HUGE perceived time penalty
- **Provide real time information** → trip planning & schedule
- Payment → better integration, simplified fares, social fares
- PROMOTE any bonification of existing service → Encourage people to switch to PT





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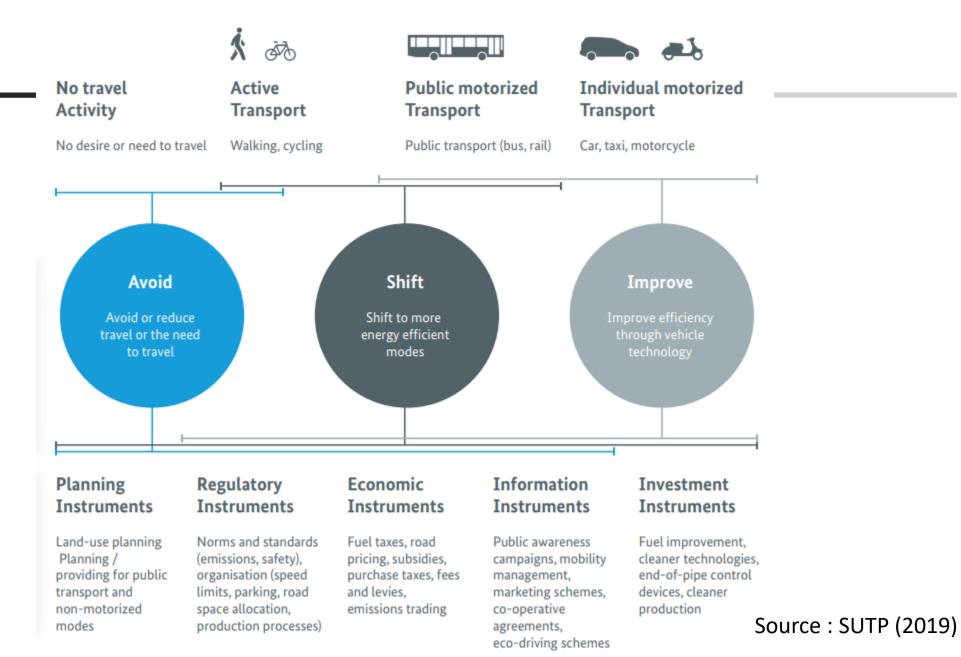
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- Favor low-emissions/zero-emissions vehicles :
  - Additionnal sales tax based on emission levels
  - Low-emissions/zero emission zones in central districts



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- Adopt controversial policies in stages

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  - Limit the impacts of car advertising
  - Promote sustainable mobility and sustainable lifestyles efficiently



## **PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY & LIFESTYLES EFFICIENTLY**

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