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Archives: Stephen Budiansky on The Physics of Gridlock

Normally the weekend is a time of rest here at W/S, but occasionally the temptation of trolling through our archives dating back to the eighties brings up something that seems every bit as relevant today as it did back then. So in this spirit, "Budiansky on The Physics of Gridlock", Dec. 2000.



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Archives, August 2006: President Clinton calls for massive CO2 reductions in next 10 to 15 years

Almost exactly three years ago to the day, former US President Bill Clinton addressed a distinguished audience in Los Angeles on the occasion of launching the Clinton Climate Initiative Cities program. His call for immediate massive CO2 reductions worked to inspire and energize all our sustainable transport work since that date. World Streets remembers:



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Twenty is plenty

A pedestrian hit by a car at 40 mph has a 95% chance of being killed, at 30 mph this becomes 50% and at 20 mph it becomes 5%.



- *Dr. Stephen J. Watkins, from the National Health Service, UK*

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We badly need a new American transportation model (because the one you sent us is broke)

Ten years after system change and free market democracy was introduced here in Poland, the motor industry, car dealers and the road lobbies are coming on strong. Not exactly like in the USA in the glamour years after World War II (we



have less money), but the general direction is pretty much the same.



- Marek Utkin reports from Warsaw, Poland

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Letter to America: Some lessons from Europe

Just back from the USA and have put together a few ideas for our friends at DOT and other agencies and groups in the States who seem to be struggling with these issues. Europe in all its rich diversity definitely has a few lessons of hard-earned experience that need to be examined by US policy makers and researchers more closely. Let's have a look at a first handful that come to mind.



- Philippe Crist from the OECD Joint Transport Research Centre

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April Streeter reports on 50,000 public bikes in Hangzhou

Here you will find a bit of lively four continent viral reporting, rounding up news from numerous sources on the Hangzhou, China public bike project that has most of us non-Chinese speaking observers blinking in ignorance.



- April Streeter reporting from Gothenburg Sweden

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EVs: First clarification on impact in cities

It is hard to sort out if electric cars are or are not going to be a force in the move to sustainable transportation and sustainable cities. The media gives a lot of space to them, there is something admittedly attractive about them, but what is the real bottom line? We decided to ask the people closest to these issues to share their views here.



- Michael Glotz-Richter reporting from Bremen Germany

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Carsharing in the US: Quo vadis Hertz

Connect by Hertz is the latest entrant in the carshare sweep stakes. Hertz has been a pillar of



the car rental industry for many decades, but does this automatically guarantee success in what is after all a very different business?

- *Dave Brook reports from Portland OR USA*

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Public Bikes in Latin American Cities: Now what?

We are seeing some pretty good city-size public bike systems in cities like Paris, Barcelona, Lyon, and more recently Montreal -- and more than fifty smaller systems, most of which in Europe and all doing a pretty fair job at what they have set out to do. That's just fine. But what about the mega-cities of Latin America?

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A family of small mice needs some help (Graphic/design)

Today we want to tell you about a children's book on our subject, and beyond that to see if any of you out there might be interested in lending a hand so that we can create a handsome electronic version, and possibly in other languages.

- *Alvin reports from Paris.*

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