HIGHWAYS, PANTS FOR OBESE. ARCHEOLOGY OF A SENTENCE

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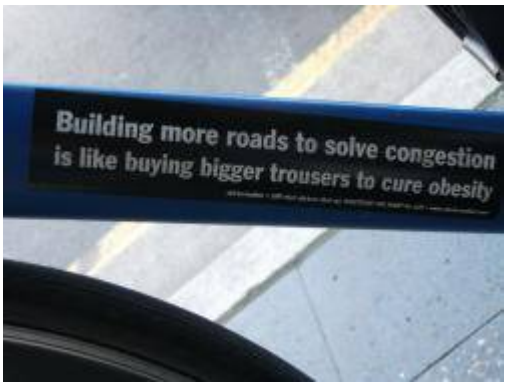

A post before the start of August can only be light and easy, we are not for many more things....

Building more roads to solve congestion is like is like buying bigger trousers to cure obesity.

Adding capacity to roads to solve congestion is like buying bigger pants to solve weight problems.

The photo includes a sentence that I read years ago and no longer remembered where, so I started looking and found the book:

The limits of the city. How to stop urban sprawl

The phrase is attributed in the book to Michel Replogle , transportation specialist at the legal group Environmental Defense, previously quoted in a New York Times article, The Cost of Urban Sprawl: Unplanned Obsolescence . Oh, another thing.....

The book is from 2001 and reviewing it, I come to the conclusion that practically the entire text is still valid, with the exception of the statistics, which have become outdated. Throughout these years after the book, more evidence has continued to be observed -well synthesized, for example, in An introduction to sustainable trnasportation that we talked about a few days ago- what the economy of transport calls **induced traffic** which basically means: put more roads, add a lane more, add a second road level,... whatever you want: soon it will be filled with more cars, more congestion, more time lost on the road, etc. But it doesn't matter: we will always hear that "*okay, but anyway, this will be the last road we build*" and this is how we have spent these years< /a>.

Photo comes from @Chivawey, who passed by @javgarred and came via @andreslajous to my timeline.

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