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Manifesto : Preparing the mobility transition

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As the Mobile Lives Forum's website goes live, we present you our manifesto.

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Transition mobilitaire

Mobility is a vehicle for community development and offers a strong basis for personal freedom. Current policies are designed primarily to facilitate access to transportation and communications, in order to expand regional competitiveness and reduce inequality. However, this ongoing quest for greater mobility, overwhelmingly dominated by the automobile, is bringing us to an impasse. We are faced with a physical impasse, insofar as increased mobility is leading to serious traffic congestion. We must also confront an energy impasse: in the future, the most essential form of energy—oil—will be scarcer, more expensive, and more difficult to extract. We are at an environmental impasse, prompted by the CO₂ emissions that are changing the climate and accelerating natural catastrophes. Finally, we find ourselves in an ethical and political impasse. Together, these phenomena could yield a society in which only those with the greatest wealth would still be able to still move about freely. There seems to be an urgent need for companies, politicians and community members to reflect on how to prepare for the mobility transition and create better mobile lives for the future—and that's the goal of the Mobile Lives Forum, an institute for research and dialogue on mobility.

Will we ultimately become mobile people—nomads? Or with the relocalization of business based on new industrial processes and reduced production-to-market circuits, are we heading back towards sedentary lifestyles centered around local ties and communities? Will future generations be able to use the innovations offered by

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