MYTH #2  ROAD WIDENING MYTHS THAT ARE DELAYING CLIMATE ACTION

Relieving congestion allows buses to travel faster — an investment in public transit which is good for the climate.
UNPACKING THE MYTH

Widening lanes only provide temporary relief to congestion due to induced demand (see our post on Myth #1).

REASONING BEHIND THE MYTH Frequent rapid transit requires decongested lanes and leads to more people riding buses instead of driving cars, which in turn reduces CO2 emissions.

Adding general purpose lanes (lanes that are shared with buses, freight, and personal vehicles) do not solve our congestion problem.

Rather than widening roads, BUS ONLY lanes will create an efficient use of space and time AND lower our carbon emissions.
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Five road widening myths that are delaying climate action

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Check out their article as they break down common misconceptions in transportation that are delaying climate action!