Land Use and Greenhouse Gases

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A SHORT HISTORY OF AMERICA
-- BY R. CRUMB
There’s a lot of talk and ink on making cars more efficient with flex fuels, and electric plugs and well inflated tires. All of that is great, but it’s not enough.

We’re driving too much.
Drive less. Walk more.
We have the technology!
Growing Cooler: The Evidence on Urban Development and Climate Change

Growing Cooler is a collaboration among leading urban planning researchers at the University of Maryland, the University of Utah, Fehr and Peers Associates, the Center for Clean Air Policy and the Urban Land Institute. Smart Growth America coordinated the multidisciplinary team that developed the recommended policy actions and is leading a broad coalition to develop those strategies further.

For the full report go to www.accalaska.org/GrowingCooler.html
A fence with no opening causes over a mile of driving!
ANCHORAGE 2020
ANCHORAGE BOWL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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Separated sidewalks and landscaping are major features of the 15th Avenue expansion project.

Proposed right-of-way width
160 feet
"Big Box" before and after

BEFORE REDEVELOPMENT
Large, Single-Use, Auto-Oriented Development

- Very large parking area
- Unfriendly to pedestrians
- 12-hour use retail only

AFTER REDEVELOPMENT
Mixed-Use, Pedestrian-Oriented Development

- New parking garage
- Smaller parking lot
- Pedestrian-friendly
- Mixed uses - retail, office and residential
- 24-hour use of the site is safer and more efficient.
Robert Crumb added these frames a few years later with possible visions for the future. (c Kitchen Sink Press. Images are used with permission.)

How we develop our cities, “land use,” is a key solution to decreasing greenhouse gases.

We must build more compact cities along with roads that serve human powered travel as well as cars.