

## False Promises: Copying Europe Will Reduce Driving/Increase Transit Usage

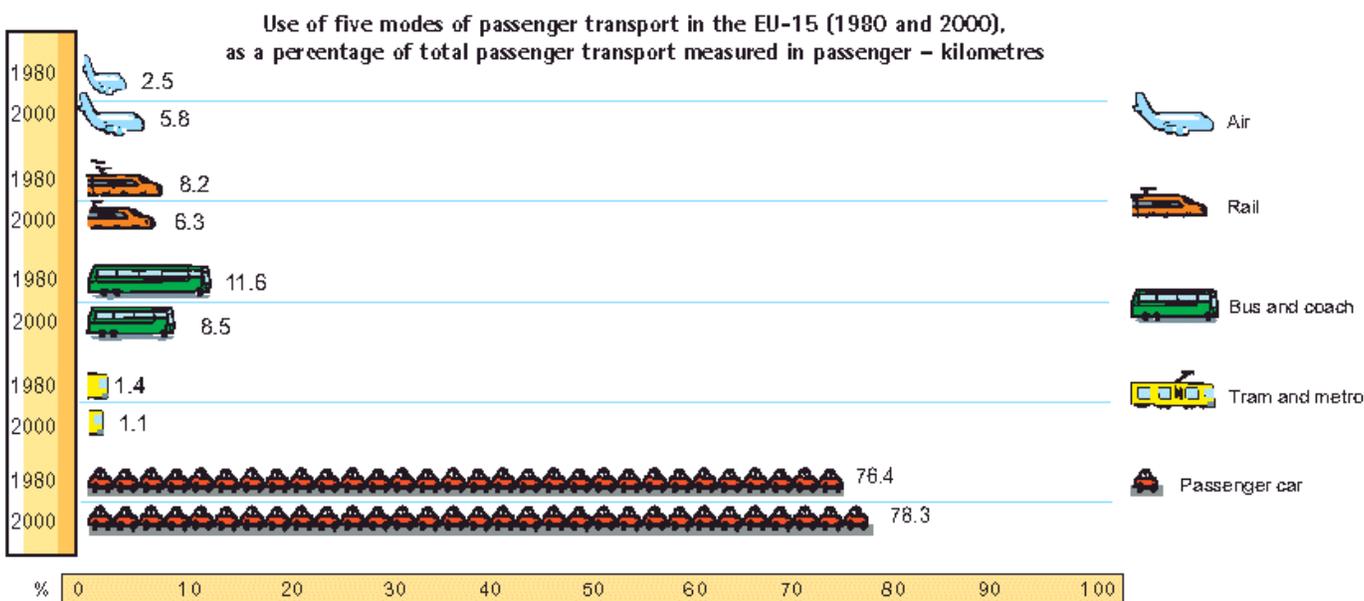
Planners have noticed that Europeans drive less than Americans and then decided that we should do things like the Europeans do. However they failed to realize that Americans are richer than Europeans and that as Europeans incomes catch up, their driving would increase. The chart below is from the European Union and shows that driving and flying are increasing and transit usage ("Rail", "Bus and coach" and "Tram and Metro") is decreasing, **just like in the USA**:

From below: Air = +132% Passenger Car = +2.5% Rail = -23% Bus&Coach = -27% Tram & Metro = -21.4%

### Chart from the European Union Shows Transit Decrease and Automobile Increase:

Air transport has also increased rapidly over the last two decades, creating congestion at Europe's airports. To tackle this problem, the EU is working towards a unified European system of air traffic control (the 'Single European Sky').

To ease congestion on the roads, the EU is encouraging transport firms to get as much freight as possible onto trains, barges and ships. It is also backing local authorities in their efforts to promote and improve public transport, especially in Europe's crowded cities.



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