



Asphalt Nation

How the Automobile Took Over America,
and How We Can Take It Back

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Speed
14 horses/manure

Frederick Law Olmstead

fast food and the car
p41 racist politics control highways

National Highway System

156,000 miles

Century Highway 2.2 Bil.

Portland, ID again —
a model

Who has successfully fought
road or highway expansion?

Limbaugh p293

Who was Robert Moses

9% of nation's ^{households} own no car comprise 25% of pop.

Federal Highway Admin. says 7.2% of American are walken
P337

12 million families bought a year / same or autos

8 Billion hours a year commuters stuck in traffic

80 million car commuters

200 million cars.

American corporations spend 40 B. a year to promote autos
1 B for G. M.

In rural America 60% of elderly not licensed

80 million Americans do not operate autos / too old / too young / too poor

9% of households lack cars

#6000 a year to operate a 2 year old vehicle

New York - 40% of nation mass transit

75.9% of elderly over 65 live alone.

93 Billion is spent a year for local / state / federal roads

120 people die each day in traffic accidents

1991 - went to witness
the events that led to this book

Interstate system 42,500 miles

What is the Highway Trust Fund?

Airtrak - Passengers pay 80% of their tickets / cars = 50%

100th anniversary of the car 1996

June 29, 1956 - signed greatest peacetime public
works project in
the world history
Boston's route 128 - first loop \$50 Billion

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