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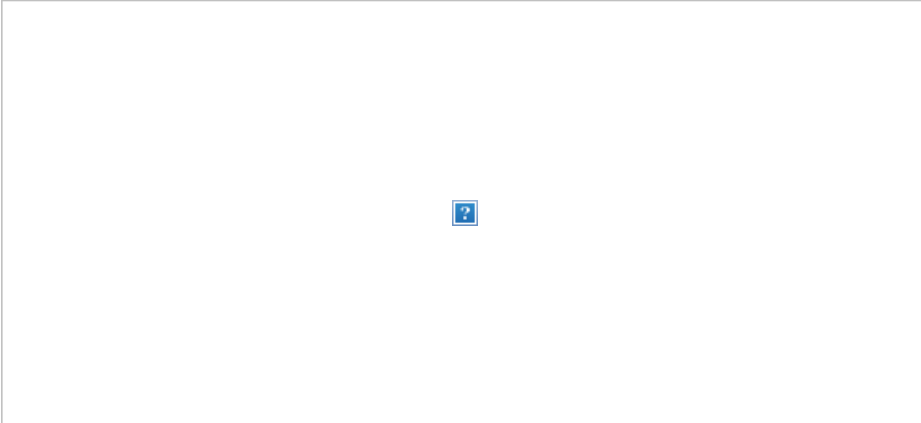
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Could you plan this city's transit? A transportation quiz

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All these stops and starts are making me nauseous. In the early 1990s, the NDP approved two new subway lines, but the Conservatives stopped construction on all but a five-station "stubway" along Sheppard. Liberal Dalton McGuinty likes to think of himself as the education premier, though given his apparent indifference to Toronto's transit crisis—even though the issue dominates discussion in the province's largest city, yet he rarely mentions it—I guess that doesn't include education about transportation.

As mayor, David Miller launched Transit City, a network of LRT lines. Rob Ford cancelled that and promised something called Transportation City, which would have fewer—but buried—lines. Despite a deal with the province, he neglected to seek council's approval so the squabbling over the plan hasn't stopped. And it's not just our transit that's a mess: while other cities encourage people to try cycling and walking, the car rules in Toronto.

Obviously ideology is partly to blame here, but considering some of the things that come from the mouths of our politicians in the past year, we can be forgiven for thinking some haven't a clue about even the basics of transportation planning. There must be a better way. What if we could make every politician pass a quiz on the subject? Could you pass one?

1. How much does traffic congestion cost the Toronto region each year?

- a) \$500 million
- b) \$2 billion
- c) \$6 billion
- d) \$10 billion

2. The concept of induced demand means building and improving roads is:

- a) An excellent way to meet the demands of drivers and induce satisfaction among taxpayers
- b) A controversial way to generate economic activity by inducing demand in consumers
- c) An expensive way to reduce congestion
- d) An ineffective way to reduce congestion

3. In rush hour, one subway train replaces how many cars?

- a) 110

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- b) 310
- c) 610
- d) 910

4. What population density is required to efficiently support a subway?

- a) 32 people per hectare
- b) 68 people per hectare
- c) 115 people per hectare
- d) 341 people per hectare

5. What form of transit runs along St. Clair Avenue?

- a) Busway
- b) Streetcar
- c) LRT
- d) Subway

6. Local, state and federal governments fund the Chicago Transit Authority to the tune of \$2.64 a passenger. The Société de transport de Montréal receives \$1.28 from the city and the province. How much do all levels of government give the Toronto Transit Commission per passenger?

- a) 28 cents
- b) 64 cents
- c) 84 cents
- d) 98 cents

7. Between 2002 and 2010, Toronto's bikeway network (including bike lanes, shared roadways and off-road paths) grew from 166 km to 430 km. What is the city's goal for the network?

- a) 500 km
- b) 1000 km
- c) 1500 km
- d) 2000 km

8. What is a Barnes Dance?

- a) The move a cyclist must make when cars are illegally parked in a bike lane
- b) The move a driver must make when a delivery truck is illegally parked on the street during rush hour
- c) The movement of passengers in and out of a subway car during rush hour
- d) The movement of pedestrians as they cross an intersection diagonally

9. Parking expert Donald Shoup argues that cities should adjust parking rates every quarter to ensure a vacancy rate of:

- a) 5 percent
- b) 15 percent
- c) 30 percent
- d) 50 percent

10. Many people consider this economist the father of congestion charges such as the one London has:

- a) Milton Friedman
- b) Joseph Stiglitz
- c) John Kenneth Galbraith
- d) Paul Krugman

How'd you do? Find out [the answers here!](#)

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