

Nowadays congestion and traffic jams are a common and major problem in most cities. Some people believe it is a good idea to construct wider roads to resolve this issue. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? What can be the solution, in your opinion?

Modernization has brought significant changes in many aspects of our life in recent years. Congestion and heavy traffic as a bold sign of modernity in many parts of the world ~~is-are~~ considered a threatening factor in citizens' physical and mental health. While, there are certainly some valid arguments to the contrary, I personally believe the drawbacks of widening the roads far exceed/outweigh its benefits.

First of all, it is an indisputable fact that transportation plays an important role in our everyday life, and I think ~~widening the roads~~ not only does not solve the problem but it also ~~deteriorate-aggravates~~ the issue. People may find this a kind of motivation to use their personal cars, and this simply results in more traffic jams in long term. Admittedly, widening the roads demand more space and in most cases we have to cut ~~the~~ more trees to widen the roads. In ~~these-this~~ day and age green areas in big cities operate ~~/function~~ as lungs in urban areas, and the more vehicles on the roads, the more illnesses in citizens. Ill and tired of air pollution in big cities, modern men are losing their health because of such ~~a~~ short term solution.

A satisfactory solution could be ~~an~~ increase ~~in the of~~ means of public transportations in big cities or in some parts of the world people are encouraged to use clean vehicles such as bicycles. Using human-powered vehicles can reduce ~~both~~ air pollution ~~and~~ congestion on city roads. One particularly good example of this is Tehran, where most people commute ~~with-on~~ bikes, and there are dedicated routes for bikers. The wise decision makers in our municipality found so many useful means of transportation in ~~this megalopolis /~~ Tehran, hence the clean and fresh air in capital city of Iran.

By way of conclusion, I once again reaffirm my position that widening the roads is not a neat solution. Nevertheless, this may be the only way to reduce congestion in some parts of world, but people must be aware of the side effects of this. Regarding such cases, I always contend that governments have to increase ~~the~~ level of people's education and ~~only~~ then ~~can~~ people ~~can~~ find the best way by themselves.