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The only way to reduce the amount of traffic in cities today is by reducing the need for people to travel from home to work, shopping and education.

A school of thought believes that traffic problems in urban areas, can be solved by minimizing the commuters' need for travel to workplaces, shopping centers and schools. I personally dissent from this point of view.

The technological advancements have made it possible for modern societies to communicate with each other from home. Not all jobs, however, can be done from home. Doctors, engineers, nurses and many other occupations have to be at their workplace to perform their jobs /duties. Likewise, many educational courses need laboratory works and field studies. Moreover, the quality of some products cannot be judged by a picture on the screen. Furthermore, working from home may develop a number of health problems. Diabetes and obesities are only a few to mention.

Nevertheless, there are other practical solutions that could be considered. Using public transportation provides a typical example. The convenience of public transport could discourage many ~~to-use~~from using private vehicles which is the primary reason for traffic jams in downtown. The government can upgrade the quality and quantity of the transport system as well as promoting this means on television and radio as well. Many European and Asian countries have separate lanes for bicycles that would encourage *people* to use environmentally friendly vehicles and cause traffic ~~reduction~~to-reduce.

In conclusion, limiting the need for dwellers to travel to the city center definitely would help traffic problems to some extentd but other solutions should be considered, too. ~~Cities'~~city authorities should provide commuters with state-financed types of transport. With this approach not only will the traffic be reduced dramatically, but also the environment will be preserved.