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From Paris to Portland: The 15-Minute City Go

Raising the bar on the 20-minute neighborhood model, cities around the world are embracing the 15-minute city during the coronavirus pandemic.

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Fergus O'Sullivan and Laura Bliss relate a picturesque rendering of Paris, describing the city from a car-reliant spiral of streets into a series of self-sustainable communities designed rather than cars.

The Minimes barracks, the renovation of the Place de la Bastille, and the now-permanent thoroughfare represent a shift toward "a potentially transformative vision for urban planning." O'Sullivan and Bliss insist, describing an interconnected web of numerous walkable hubs like fractals, across an entire urban expanse."

The authors' article presents the hiring of "proximity city" officials under Mayor Anne Hidalgo, notably, Professor Carlos Moreno's rise to the position of "kind of deputy philosopher" and the appointment of Carine Rolland as Commissioner for the 15-minute city. O'Sullivan and Bliss doubled down on planning and implementation for a city in which residents have everything in proximity. European centers from London to Barcelona to Milan have also embraced the

"But turning the 15-minute city into a truly global movement will require a big battle over the primacy of the car," remind O'Sullivan and Bliss.

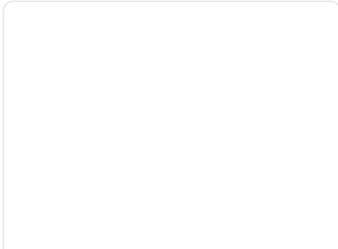
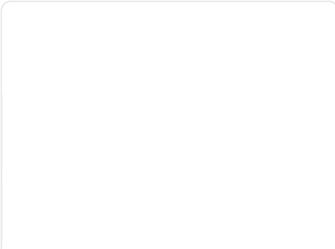
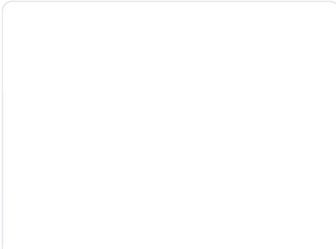
In the particularly car-reliant city of Detroit (appropriately deemed Motor City) Mayor Mik improve walkability and proximity to essential services under the 20-minute rubric has s success. The walkability and bikeability of Portland have also been "celebrated in urbanis city planning," O'Sullivan and Bliss say.

"Following the unending traumas of 2020, there's an appealing nostalgia to a renewed er even if it addresses only some of the city's modern challenges," write the pair.

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