

Hello members of the transition énergétique au Québec TEQ

As the Greater Quebec Society has committed 20-30 billion \$ in infrastructure such as health care facilities, urban highways and public transportation, we need to be aware of handing over our public assets to PPP schemes. as the complexity and ambiguity of these partnerships can have negative ramifications to our society at large and our society ends up not being able to participate in the financial returns. A famous case is illustrated in the history of the Chicago Skyway. The finances of the State of Illinois are in dire straights party due to their reliance on these partnerships. Upon looking at the most recent results of the Quebec budget we can ill afford supporting questionable PPP partnerships, when almost 10% of our general provincial revenues come from equalization payments from the rest of Canada.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5TFhucZ-R4>

Detroit's People Mover a project from 1987, a full thirty years ago providing a state of the art driver-less sky-train, that was supposed to revitalize the downtown core of Detroit.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBI5YxHR89w>

Do we really have the comfortable financial capabilities to risk, building an electric sky-train on top of an existing electric train that is not completely paid for. Or adding a new skytrain that will compete with an existing commuter train. Selling the Mont Royal tunnel for the cheap, in order to save money on maintenance, if we have to conduct ourselves financially in such a manner, can we really justify spending public funds to ultimately support investment bankers.

Cordially Yours
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