

TOD Local: Paris Edition

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TOD:NYC has had a pretty good run over the last two years and while there is still lots going around in NYC with local environmental groups and the city"s Plan 2030, it's always good to look around at sustainable design from around the country and world. Over the next few months, I'd like to highlight best practices in making different areas of the world more sustainable communities. AND WE WANT YOUR HELP!!!

The video above from Paris about their new bike sharing program was sent to me by one of the local bike advocates here in NYC that wanted to highlight something he thought would revolutionize biking in NYC. In just a few weeks, the Paris bike sharing program has tallied over a million bike trips around town. It's hard to imagine even some of the best mass transit programs getting that much use over the first few weeks, especially at such a low cost. A friend who was on vacation in Paris at the time wrote to be that he rode for 7 miles on a tour around town and it felt great.

So I'd like all TOD readers from all over the world to contribute your own examples of environmental best practices from your community. We would like to post these examples on this page, which we are considering renaming TOD:LOCAL. And "Local" is wherever you happen to be. Please send your posts and videos to me in html if possible. Below, please find a wonderful 30 minute video created by the one and only Clarence Eckerson Jr. celebrating the changes that Portland, OR is making to become more sustainable.

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