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TMR versus Montreal!

The Royalmount mega mall being built in TMR threatens to create a mega traffic nightmare in Montreal. It is obvious at first glance that the elevated Metropolitan and the sublevel Decarie expressways and their service roads cannot handle more traffic at peak periods and cannot be reconfigured or expanded to accommodate more. Even with an expensive army of police directing traffic one may question to where they will direct the flow and the bottleneck detours.

It is the responsibility of the TMR city council to correct the situation to the satisfaction of the Montreal controlled agglomeration council(improbable) or scale back the residential component. Without a perceived traffic solution merchants, offices and hotels may not want to move here for fear their customers and clients may not comeback a 2nd time if they are stuck in congested traffic into and out of the mall the first time; this may unfortunately delay long term financing as well.

The Montreal and CDN/NDG councils should stop procrastinating and do the following:

- Close Devonshire road at the Blue Bonnets northwest entrance to prevent thousands of motorists from speeding through it daily as a short cut to and from the back end of the Royalmount project.
- Talk-up the sub division plans for the multi-billion-dollar Blue Bonnets residential project including social and affordable housing.
- Say No to the proposed skywalk from the De La Savanne metro station over the Decarie expressway; it is not necessary with the Royalmount road overpass a short block away by foot, Bixi or private shuttle bus. It appears to be merely "Disneyland" hype heralding the location of "Neverland"!

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