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Resources for Green Cars and Transportation Program March 20,2008

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General Information -“Transportation Transformation” www.environmentaldefense.org
AAA estimates the average U.S.citizen spends \$650 each month (\$7800 a year) to own, operate and maintain a personal vehicle. Reduce your pain at the pump and contribution to air pollution and global warming with these alternatives,

Public Transportation Quincy/Boston

The ‘T’ www.mbta.com

Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company which provides comprehensive maps, schedules and fares for the commuter rail system www.mbcrr.net

Association for Public Transportation: Guide book “Car Free in Boston” - how to get everywhere in Boston and Southeast Mass. www.car-free.com

Harbor Express /Water Transportation alternatives 617-222-6999 www.harborexpress.com

Zip Cars- www.zipcar.com instead of a 2nd car or for occasional driving/ business plan available - \$25 application fee, \$50 annual fee, \$9hr /\$68day covers gas/parking/insurance (more for added household members)

Available at North Quincy, Quincy Center, Quincy Adams T stations.

Car/Van Pool- www.rideshare-directory.com

Biking in Quincy Courtesy of Kevin Gillespie and Irene Lutts dizzyg3@gmail.com

Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition <http://www.massbike.org/>

Bicycling Street Smarts <http://www.bikexpert.com/streetsmarts/usa/index.htm>

Bicycling in Boston <http://www.cityofboston.gov/transportation/bike.asp>

Bicycling on Cape Cod <http://www.cctrails.org/bike.htm>

Bicycle Friendly Community <http://www.bicyclefriendlycommunity.org/>

Transform your standard bike into an “SUB” = Sport Utility Bicycle to transport your kids,dog, groceries etc.
www.xtracycle.com

Quincy Bike/Pedestrian Commissions- ask Mayor Koch to re-activate 617-376-1990

Hybrids -Union of Concerned Scientists: excellent comparison, calculator etc. www.hybridcenter.org
Bradley Berman's www.hybridcars.com
Plug-in hybrids - www.Pluginamerica.com "Hypercars" <http://www.hypercars.com/>.
Documentary -"Who Killed the Electric Car?" www.Sonyclassics.com/whokilledtheelectriccar

Green Fuels

Excellent article: [Coop America Fuels for the Future Quarterly magazine Summer 2007](http://www.coopamerica.com) great overview to cars/fuels/alternatives from red/worst (corn ethanol) to green (electric plug in hybrid) www.coopamerica.org

"E85 - combination of 85% ethanol and 15% conventional gasoline – provides more than 2 times the energy needed to produce it ; **switchgrass is preferable to corn** (see also documentary **"King Corn"** www.kingcorn.net) reduces greenhouse emissions by as much as 70% over gasoline. Switchgrass is native to North America, grows naturally from North Dakota to Louisiana, requires minimal amounts of noxious pesticides and insecticides to cultivate. Most of the major car & pickup truck makers including Ford, GM, Chrysler, Mercedes –Benz and Nissan will **introduce flex –fuel models which run on both conventional gas and E85**. While Numbers of E85v fuel stations are small (1400 in 2007) numbers will grow with demand. Visit: www.E85.com

Biodiesel – www.Earthbiofuels.com

'What's the average fuel economy?' - <http://www.greencars.org/>.

Scooters- Vespa Motor Scooter- www.vespa.com "quintessential design –driven, eco-alternative to cars" up to 80mph and 65mpg

Offsets- if you can't buy Hybrid soon- see www.TerraPass.com for about \$75 annually calculates the carbon burden of your car, contributes to investments in wind and solar energy and other greenhouse reduction initiatives.

Walking 'How to make Quincy a More Walkable City' - AARP article Sept 2007 **'Street Smart'** pg 22, streets for pedestrians, bikers, public transport and autos... www.completestreets.org

Betterworldclub.org - alternative roadside assistance program, discounts to hybrid car drivers, donates to environmental causes, even offers a roadside bicycle assistance program.

Northeast Sustainable Energy Association : sponsors sustainable transportation programs www.nesea.org or 413.774.6051.

Sierra Club: **'Ten Ways to Save Money at the Pump'**: www.sierraclub.org/globalwarming/gas

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