

HIGHWAY TO CHANGE

Your opposition (the person running against you) has decided that they are going to build a large shopping centre and condominiums in your city. They have proposed that a new large highway will be built to accommodate the new area. Here is the map:





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What is a potential problem with this proposal?

If a new highway is built, what would be likely to happen?

Who or what would be affected by this decision?

What could be a better solution?

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Mark your answers, if you answered at least one of these points for each question, you scored 4/4 - you're on your way to being a sustainable leader!

Potential problem: By creating a mall in a wilderness area, you will not only be endangering the animals that live there by cutting down thousands of trees, you will also be encouraging polluted air (people would have to drive out of the city to get to the mall).

What would happen: More cars would be travelling out of town and trees would have to be cut down to make way for the buildings and highway.

Who it affects: This harms your constituents, the environment and everyone (polluted air doesn't just stay in one place!). By wiping out trees, you are taking away the very thing that is providing clean, fresh air.

Possible solution: Instead, it would be better to invest in already-established malls, create more green spaces (rather than less), and focus on areas that are closer to the centre of the city (as opposed to only working in favour of people who have cars and accessibility).

