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## “Gas Price Relief Act” is not about lower gas prices

Oregon congressman Earl Blumenauer introduced a bill last week which addresses housing and transportation choices - but not the actual price of fuel. His goal, [he says](#), is to “equip American families with the means to live better with less oil.” Meanwhile...

## High gas prices may help revive cities

That’s according to leading New Urbanist Andres Duany and several other planners quoted in a [US News article](#), which says the increasing cost of fuel is already leading to more compact development and less urban sprawl.

## Less space for cars, more for pedestrians

A seven-block section of New York’s Broadway is about to become “Broadway Boulevard” - [replacing two traffic lanes](#) with bike paths, walkways, and sidewalk cafe tables.

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