

It's [all] water under the bridge

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Photo taken across from Georges-Vanier station on December 31, 2022 at 2pm, showing a person playing tennis on one of the pillars holding the Ville-Marie Expressway.



Large portions of cities across America are divided by the highway systems put in place over the last century. By means of prioritizing the movement of motor vehicles, human activity was split in half.

This program explores ways of repurposing the unused space beneath elevated expressways to bring people together. While the development of new transportation systems and infrastructure will be essential in the future of urban life, the old infrastructure of a time past must be redesigned for human activity. *It's all water under the bridge*

Linked with existing public transit systems of bus and metro networks, as well as bike paths and walking trails, this project proposes the creation of community spaces built around group activities.



Autoroute 720 highlighted in red in network of Montreal highways. Source: Johnnypak





Adding a rock-climbing wall to vertical pillars adds a use to an otherwise inanimate support structure. Dedicated mural spaces add expression and character to a previously blank wall. Greenery brings colour, life and energy to the bleak, grey concrete landscape.