

# 'Dedicate road to commuting cyclists'

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locating cycling paths on regional road right-of-ways but does not advocated bikes in regular traffic, unless they are in dedicated bike lanes, Mr. Cheah said, referring to a fatality this month involving a cyclist on Dufferin Street in Vaughan.

Mr. Cheah also cited a 1998 Environics study showing 66 per cent of Canadians would cycle 30 minutes or more to work if cycling lanes were available.

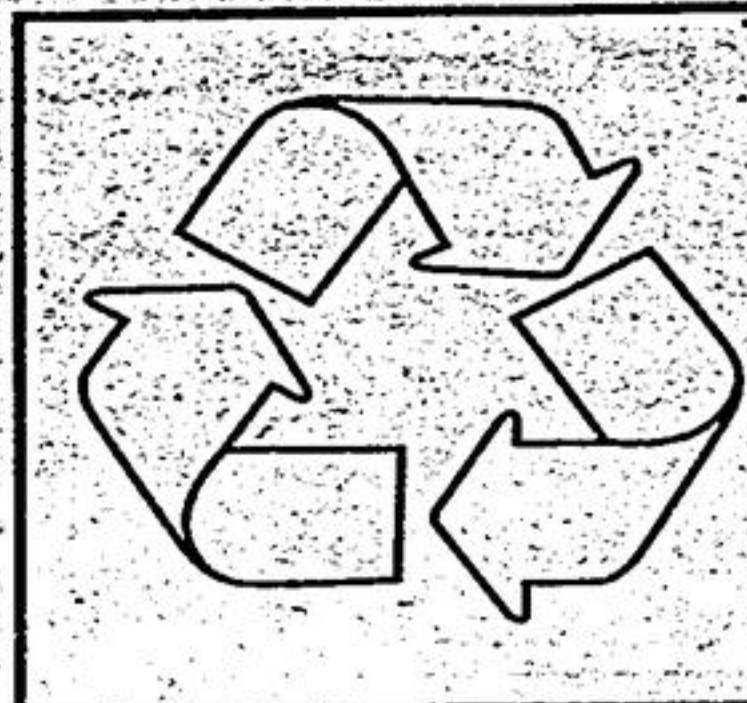
But one cycling advocate wants to take that a step further and suggests dedicating an entire road for bikes during rush hours.

"They may be looking at dedicated lanes, but if they really want to get cyclists riding to work they might want to dedicate one north-south route — say Kennedy Road — for cyclists," said Tony Osborne, president of Newmarket Eagles, a 200-member cycling club. "Then the only people with cars allowed on the road would be people who live there."

Mr. Osborne said an inter-connected network is

a good first step but it's not the only thing cyclists need to begin two-wheeling their way to work.

"Employers have to help out, too," he said. "When you arrive at work after cycling on a hot day, you're going to need a shower."



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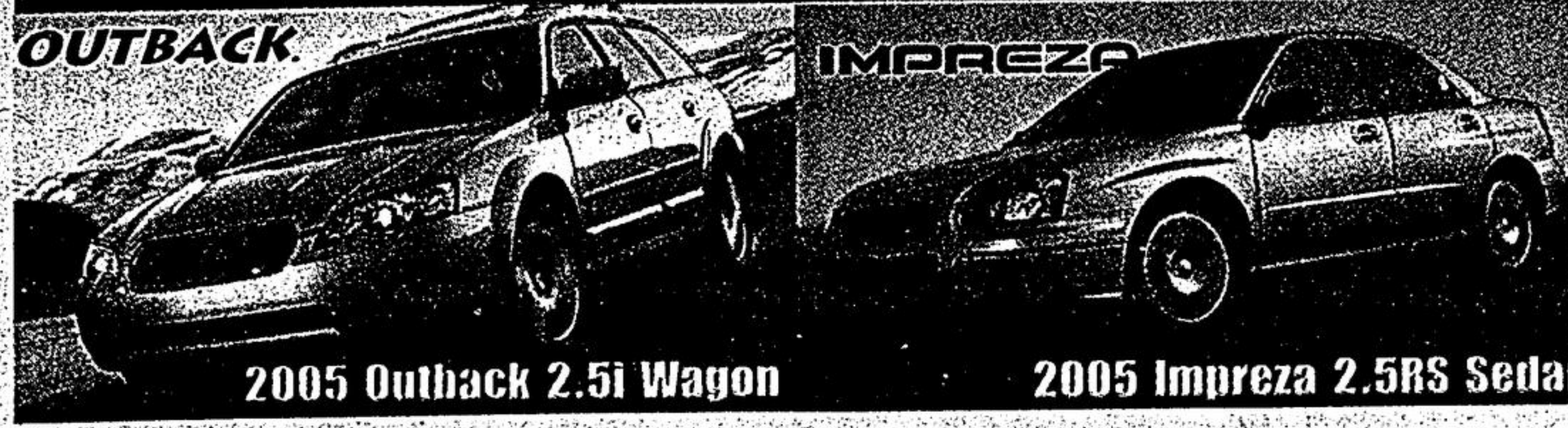
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