The Theory of Urban Fabrics: Principles and Practices

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How did I get from Chemistry to Sustainable Transport....?

PhD in Chemistry 1964-72

Professor, 15 books, 250 articles on sustainable transport...IPCC, IA....



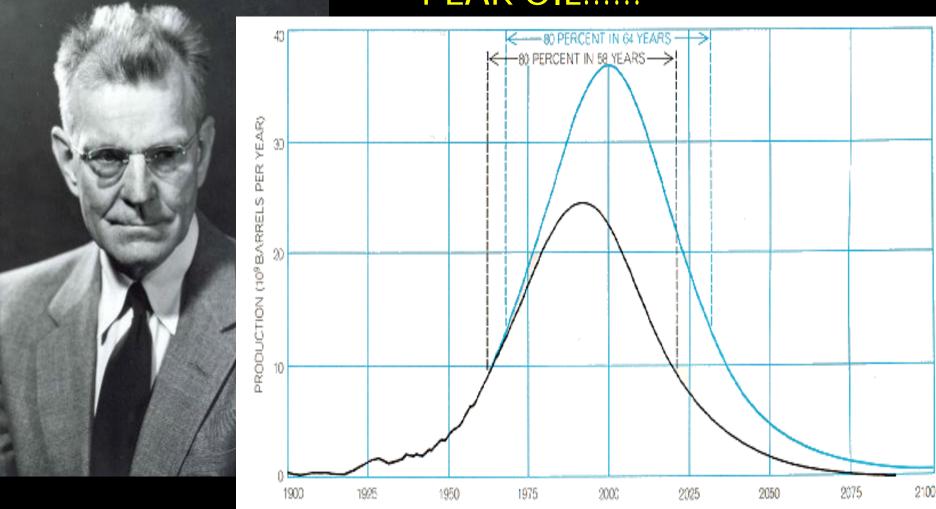


Delft – 1972/73, studying Environmental Science and discovering European cities





PEAK OIL.....

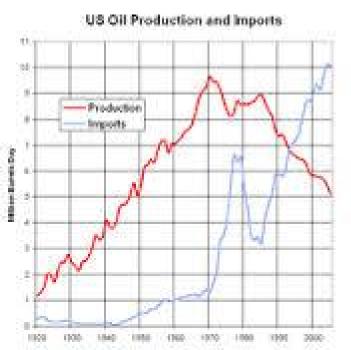


CYCLE OF WORLD OIL PRODUCTION is plotted on the basis of two estimates of the amount of oil that will ultimately be produced.

The colored curve reflects Ryman's estimate of $2,100 \times 10^9$ barrels and the black curve represents an estimate of $1,350 \times 10^9$ barrels.

The Hubbert Peak Sci Amer 1971



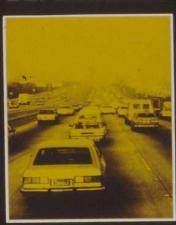




Society collapsing....1973



CITIES AND AUTOMOBILE DEPENDENCE



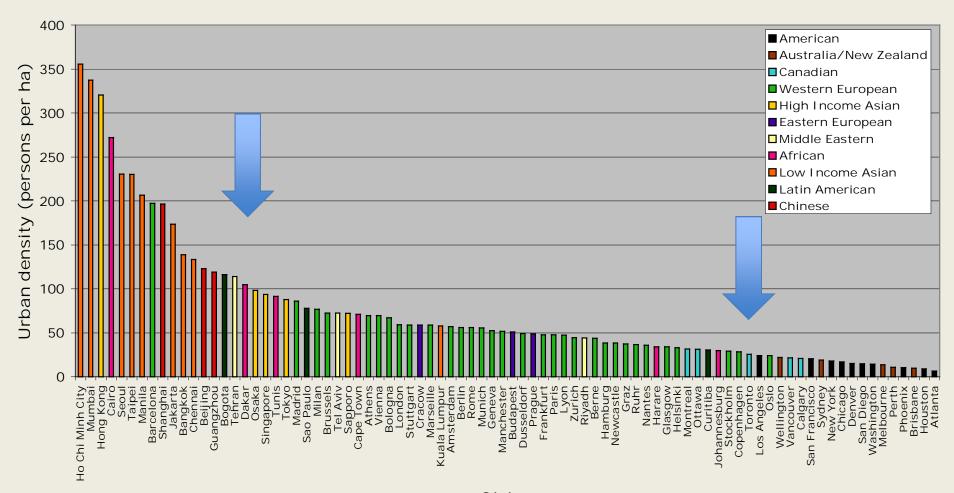
AN INTERNATIONAL SOURCEBOOK

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Private Passenger Transport Energy Use per Person, 1995

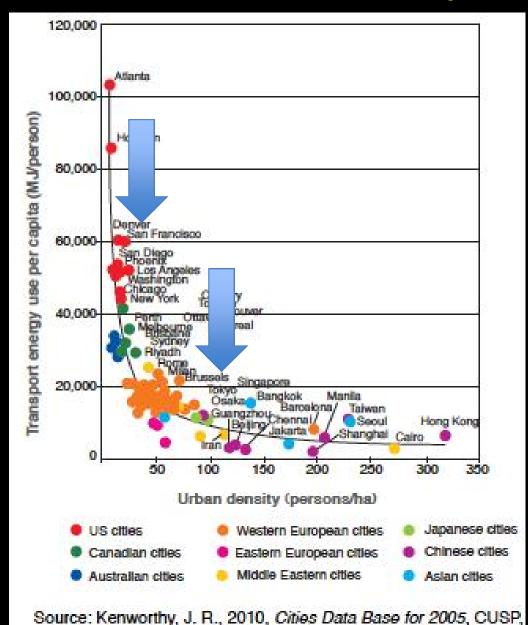


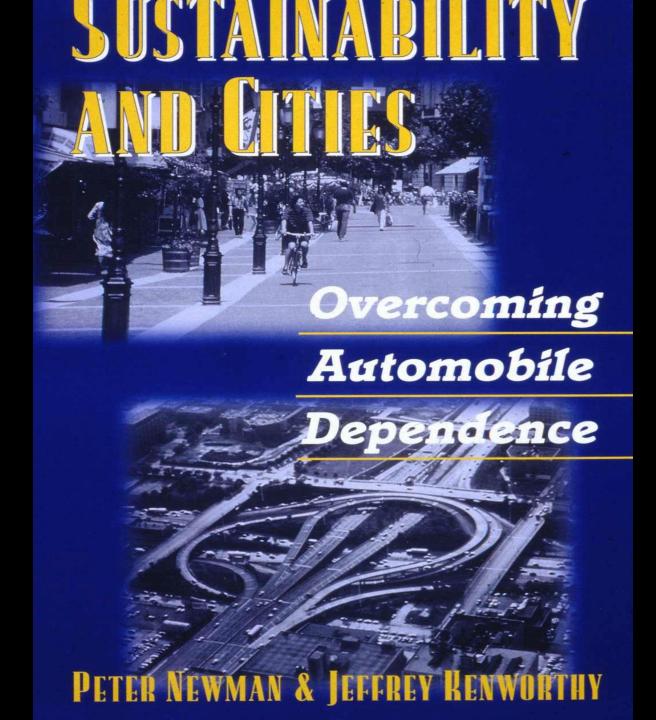
Urban Density, 1995 (Persons/Ha)



Cities

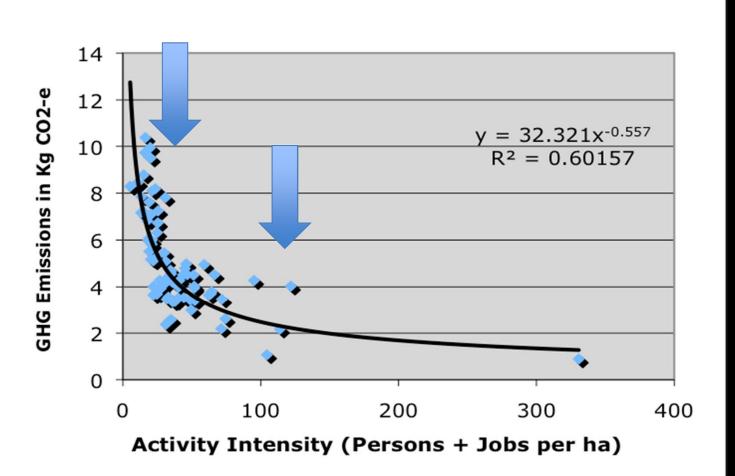
Fuel Use Decreases as Density Increases





Different parts of the city have very different transport fuel use....

Activty Intensity and Daily Per Capita GHG Emissions in Sydney and Melbourne

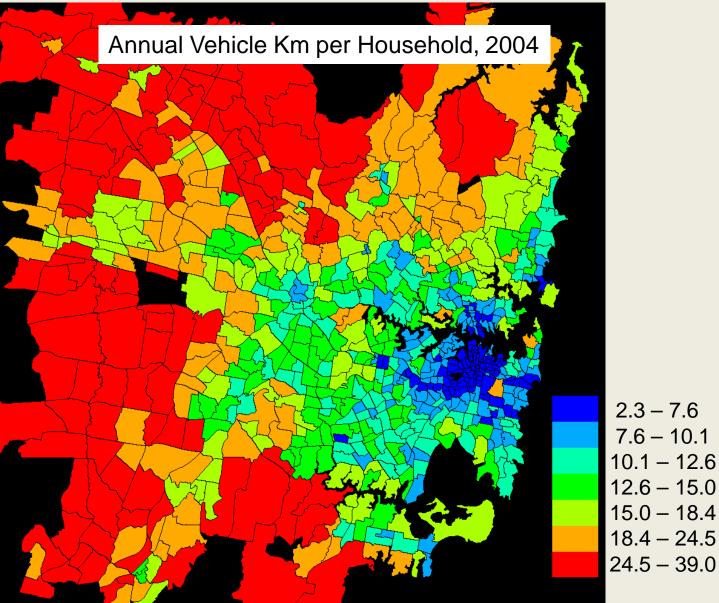


Melbourne....wealthy use cars less, use sustainable modes more...

	Core	Inner	Middle	Outer/ Fringe
% Household earning >\$70,000	12	11	10	6
Car Use	2.12	2.52	2.86	3.92
Public Transport	0.66	0.46	0.29	0.21
Walk/bike	2.62	1.61	1.08	0.81

Sydney....three different cities

Outer suburbs residents, particularly those away from rail lines, drive much more than inner suburbs residents.



Perhaps there are three city types?

The development of a model...

Why transportation priorities shape cities...

MARCHETTI CONSTANT

The average travel time budget is around one hour per person per day....

(i.e. half an hour average for the journey to work).

Found to apply across the world and throughout urban history.

This means?
THE CITY IS ALWAYS 'ONE HOUR WIDE'....

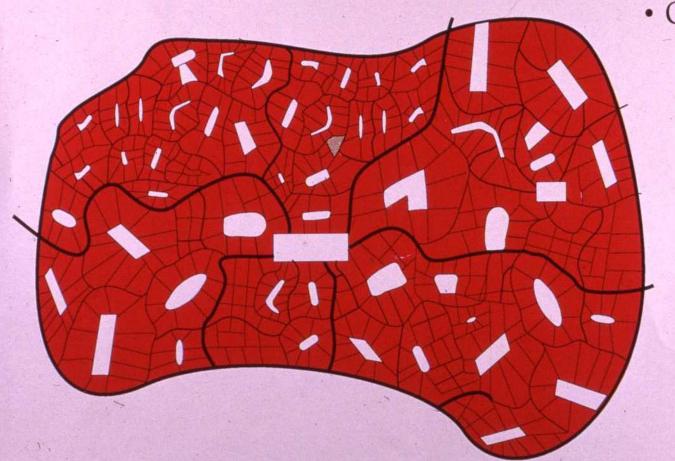
TRADITIONAL WALKING CITY

Up To 1850 In Europe

High Density

Mixed Use

Organic Structure





WALKING CITIES

6-8,000 years old, 5-8 km wide.

Densities 100-200 people /ha. Mixed.

Little other space. Squatter settlements today as well as pre-industrial city centres.





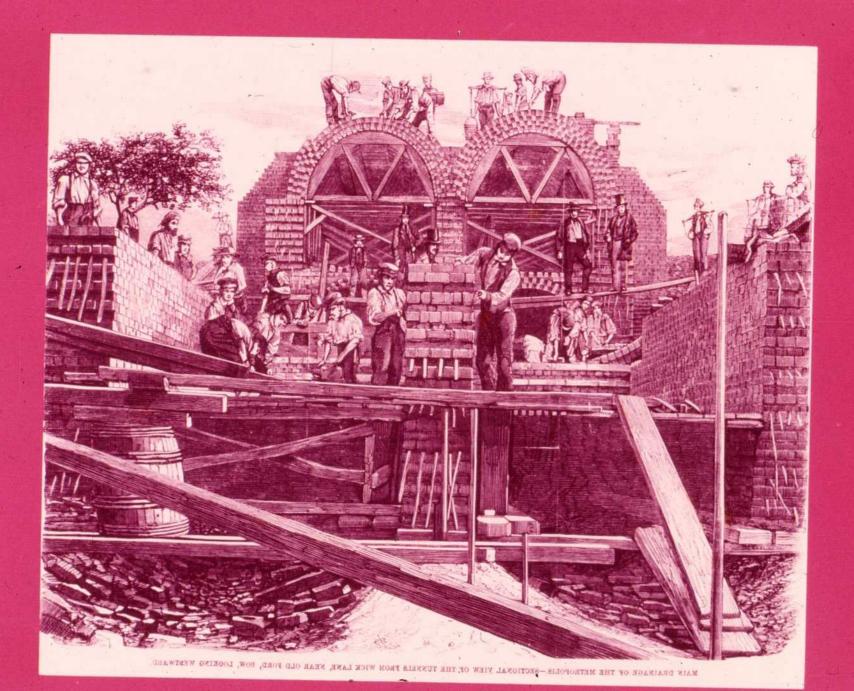


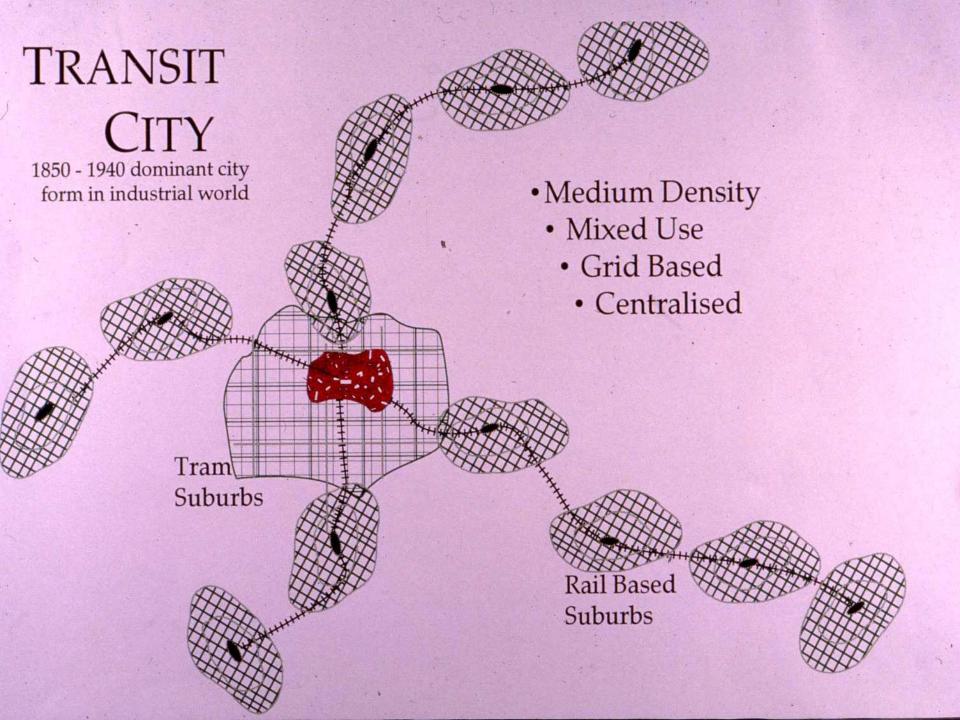












TRANSIT CITIES

Industrial cities meant walking cities had to be rebuilt. Linear infrastructure of pipes and rails enabled city to spread in corridors. Transit city could be 20 to 30km wide. Densities 50-100/ha. Walkable centres at stations.



Tram city fabric









AUTOMOBILE CITIES

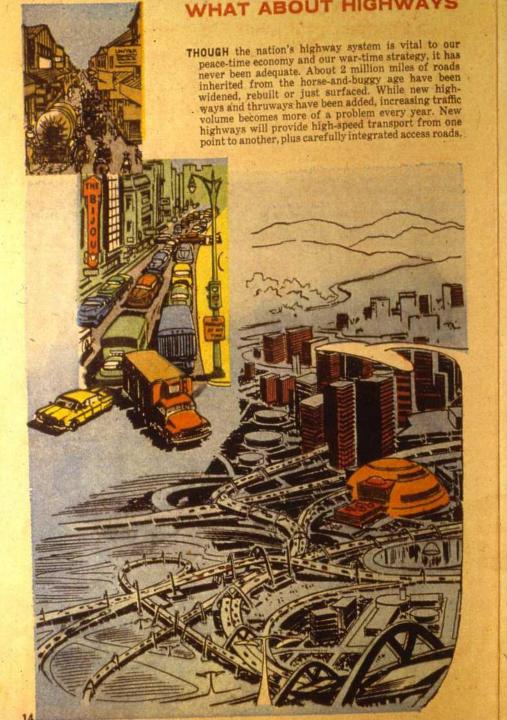
From the 1950's in America and Australia city planners opted for the new frontier of automobile dependence. Cities could now spread 50 km and in every direction, if it is assumed that automobile access is primary.

Automobile cities require the infrastructure of highways, the dispersed housing of land development and the cultural values of suburbia.

All cities are being shaped in some way by these priorities....

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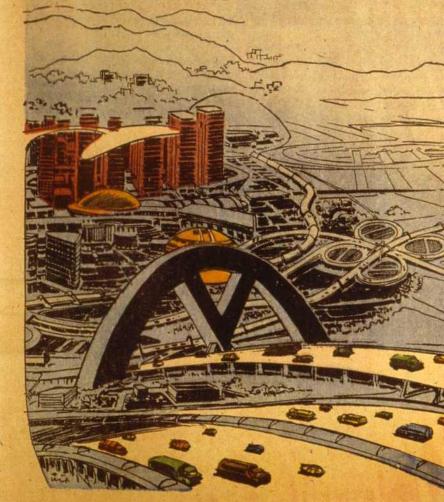
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OF TOMORROW?

BUILDING good, modern roads that combine speed with easy access, is a pressing neces Modern highway systems make it possible for America's automobiles, trucks and to reach every corner of the nation to carry out their vital services. The President Congress recognized the importance of modern highways when they launched expanded Federal road-building program. And the costs of the Federal government of these great new highways are being paid entirely by the taxes on the vehicles use them.

BUT GOOD ROADS alone won't solve all of the highway problems. Today, there is a danger than there ever was on the old rutted trails. Bad and careless driving is more a menace than the Indians ever were. Though good road design can increase high safety to a marked degree, it cannot guarantee it. Only skill, courtesy, concentration common good sense on the part of every driver can make our roads truly safe. Eddiver should take a training course, the kind given in high schools and driving schools. The kind given by the trucking industry to its drivers to make sure that they're safest and most courteous on the road.











THE NEW FRONTIER

IF WE KEEP ON solving our transport problems, we can look forward to an expanding America. We'll move around, develop new jndustries, enjoy new comforts. There will be many more of us and we'll live longer, be more productive and find life easier. WE'LL DO MORE with our leisure. We spend more time traveling and enjoy family life. We can look forward to future as the best fed, best clothed, no prosperous people in history. And as in past, our prosperity will rest on flexically cost, efficient transportation that adapt itself to any need or situation.

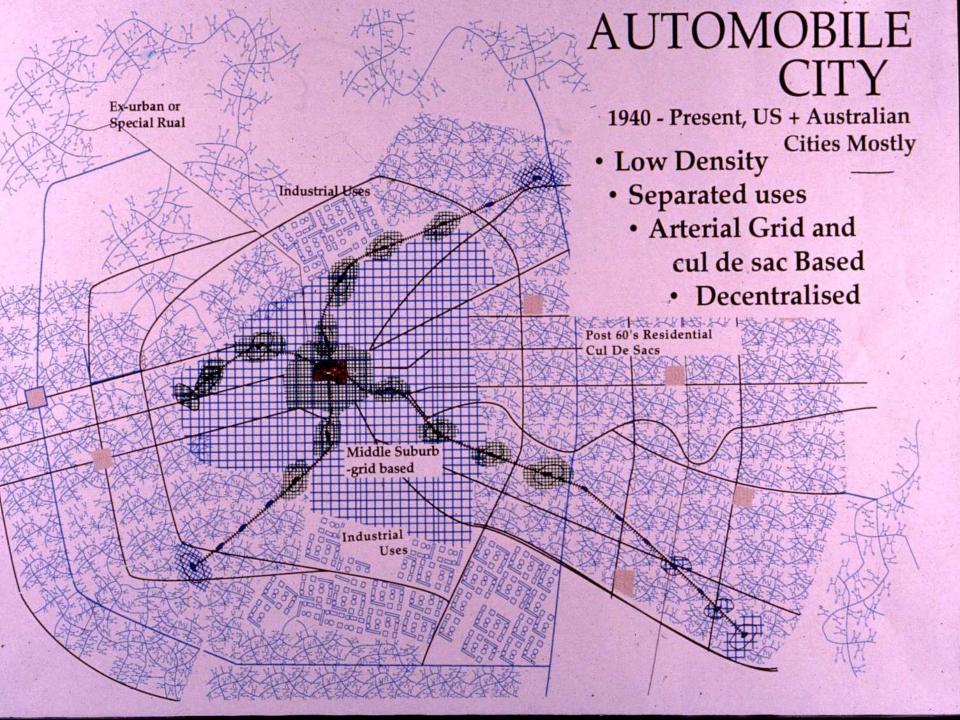


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Town planning then adopted the carbased city as its model....neglecting the other types and treating them as though they did not exist....

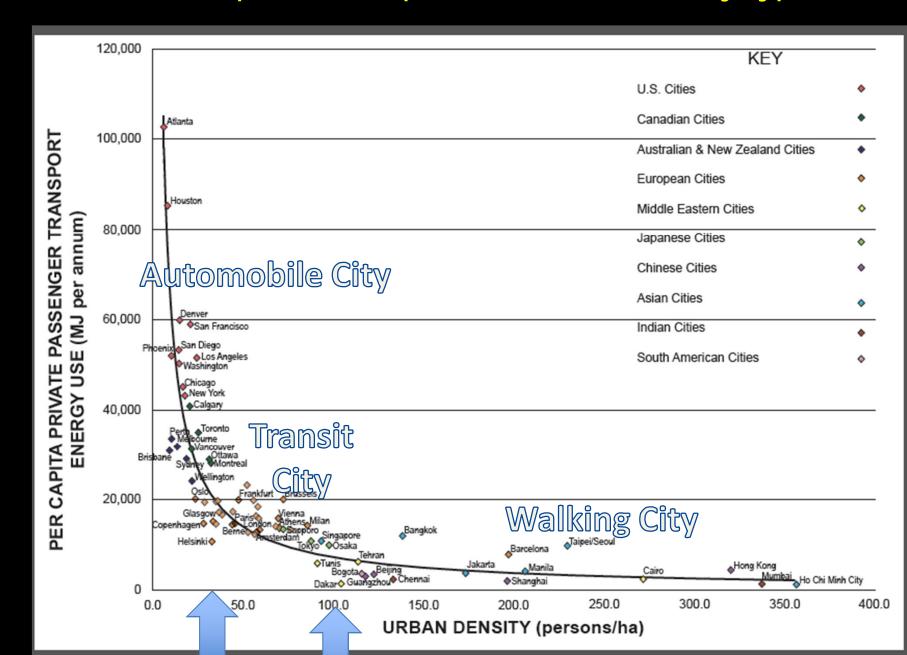
The Theory of Urban Fabrics

- All cities have a combination of Walking City, Transit City and Automobile City fabrics.
- The elements of the fabric consist of differences in density, mix, road widths, set backs and infrastructure that supports the modes (parking levels, stations, pedestrian and cycling spaces....)
- Understanding the city helps us manage it...

The Theory of Urban Fabrics

- Recognise the three city types,
- Respect the functionality of the three types, and
- Repair/Regenerate each type in its own way...with priorities defined by the outcomes each can give.
- There is not one city but three.

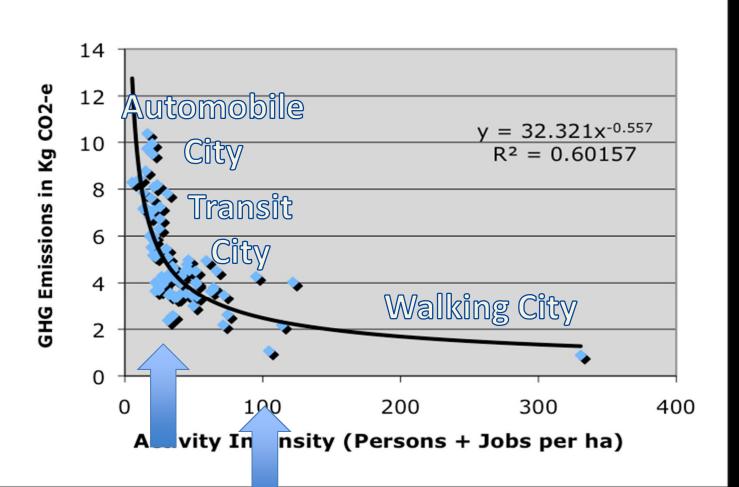
Two inflexion points...help define the three city types



Same can be seen within

cities....not much walking city left

Activty Intensity and Daily Per Capita GHG Emissions in Sydney and Melbourne



Urban Fabrics and Wave/Innovation Theory....

RESILIENT CITIES Responding to Peak Oil and Climate Change Peter Newman, Timothy Beatley, and Heather Boyer

1st wave

Iron

Water power

Mechanisation

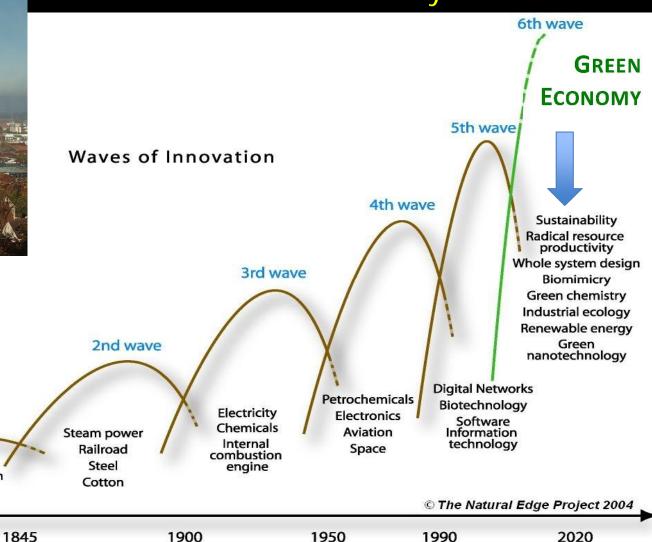
Textiles

Commerce

1785

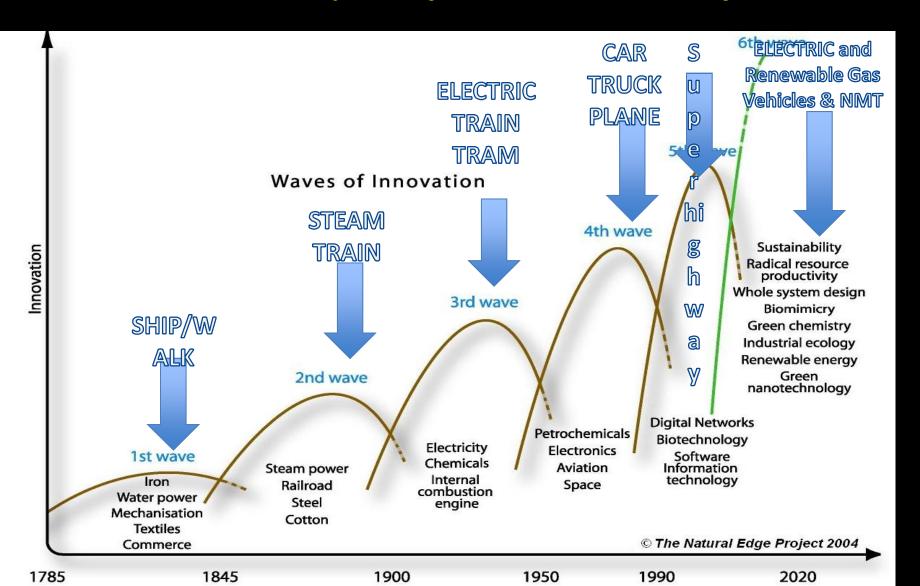
Economic waves

The next era of innovation....the Green Economy



History of innovation and transport....

Each era changes the city form. Cities keep the best of that era and move on. Next era of city building is electric and renewable gas....



Enter the Finn.....



Paradigm 1933 Functional City

Land Use

Functions and Environments

Housing Areas
Employment Areas
Recreational Areas
The Centre

Traffic

And Networks as the Connecting Function

Road Traffic

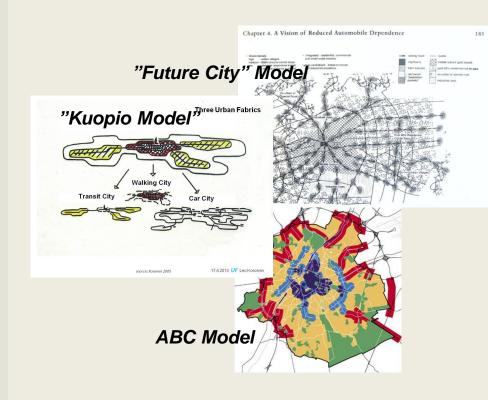
- Non Motorized Traffic
Rail Traffic
Water Traffic
Air Traffic

Theories of Land Use and Urban Environment \ Theories of Traffic and Networks

Traffic Models and Land Use Models

Theories of Co-operation and adminsitration

New Models since1990 Walking- Transit- and Car City A City of *Three* Main Systems



Models of Three City Systems

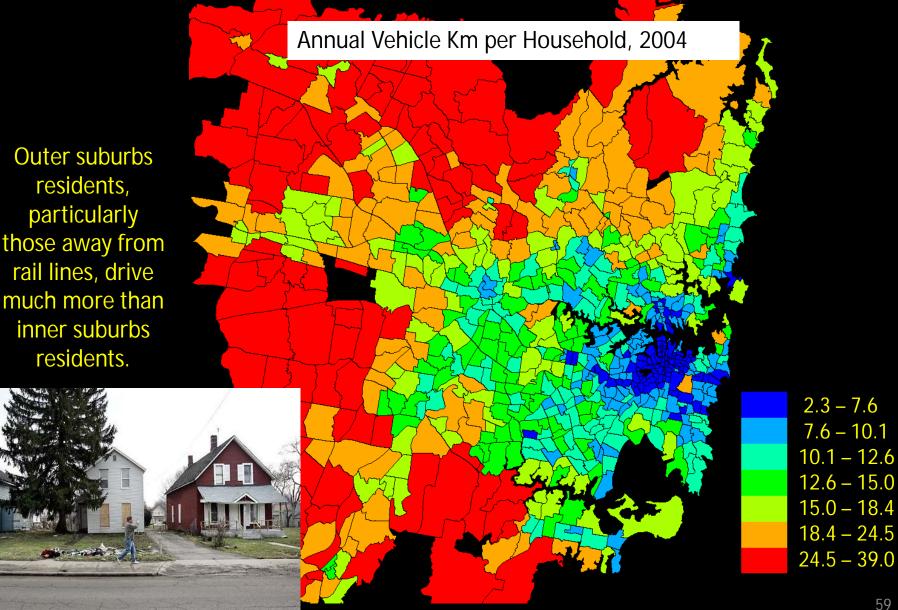
So, what does it mean in practice?

Recognise.....

 Recognise the urban fabrics by careful mapping and especially where the overlaps and transitions occur. Access to Public Transport



Code Red for outer areas...Sydney



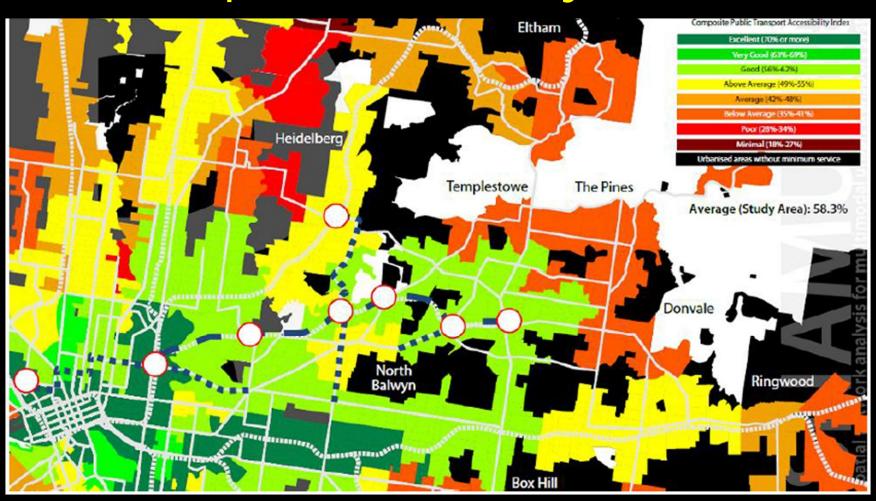
Accessibility Mapping, SNAMUTS – Doncaster rail, Melbourne



SNAMUTS model showing public transport accessibility - BEFORE



SNAMUTS model showing public transport accessibility - AFTER



Respect....

• Respect the urban fabrics as the basis of understanding how the city works and thus how it needs to be planned.

Walking city fabric needs...

- Dense, mixed land use zonings
- Zero setbacks and narrow streets
- Pedestrian priority and infrastructure (plus cycling), eg zero or minimal parking.

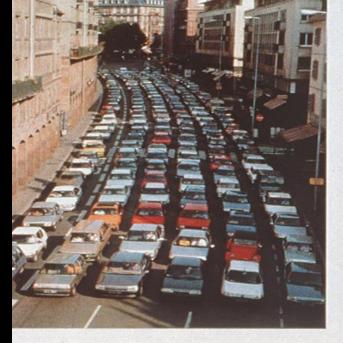
Transit city fabric needs...

- Medium densities and some mix in a string or corridor of centres.
- Minimal setbacks and walking city fabric in centres.
- Transit priority and infrastructure. Eg minimal parking.

Automobile infrastructure needs...

- Low density and low mix.
- Large setbacks and space for car/truck storage and management.
- Car and truck priority (only here), eg truck routes and freeways.

ONE LANE people per hr:
Freeway 2,500
Busway 5000
LRT 10-20,000
Train 50,000



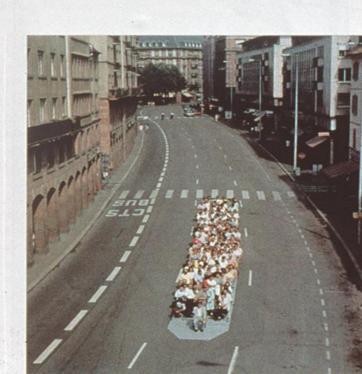


240 Persons travel to work:

-- in 177 Cars

-- in 3 Busses

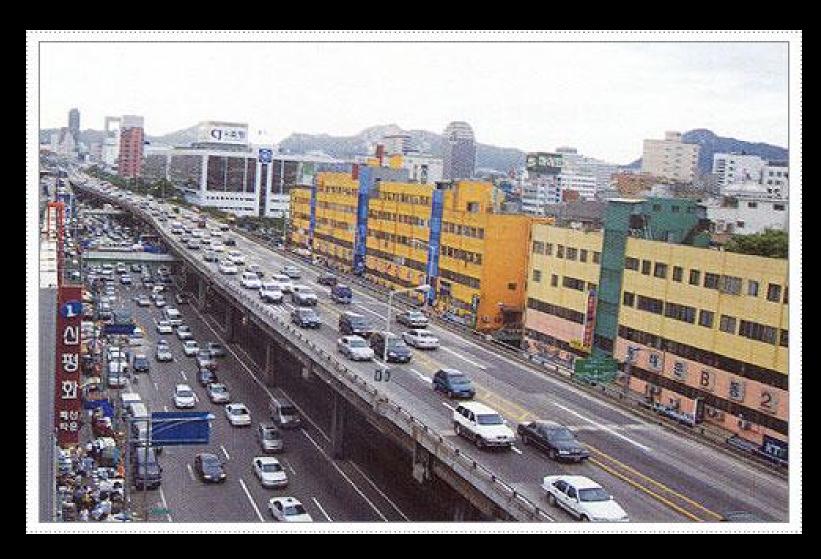
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Repair and Regenerate....

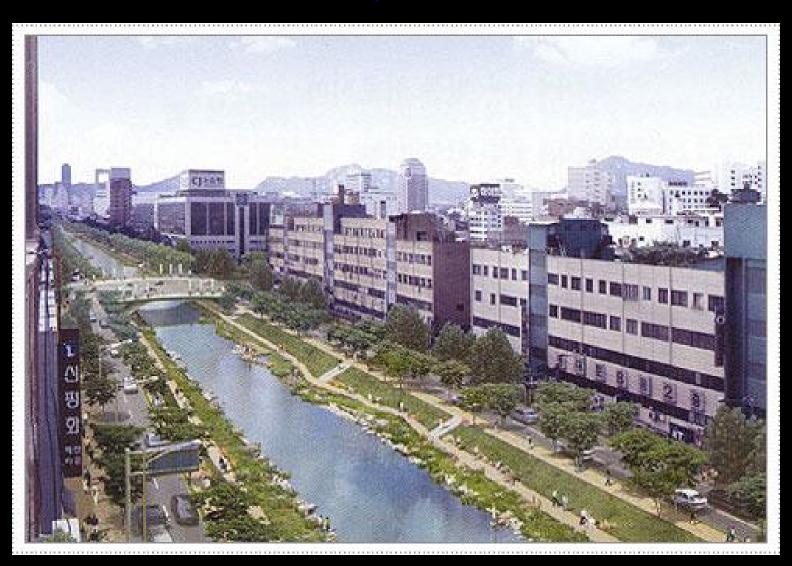
 Regenerate the urban fabrics to work more effectively in their walking, transit and carbased functions within a sustainability framework.

Restoring a walking city, eg River in Seoul, buried under freeway



Cheonggyecheon Area after Restoration

http://www.metro.seoul.kr/kor2000/chungaehome/en/seoul/2sub.htm/





Shanghai 1990 and 2010



1990's - Flirting with the American model...



It didn't work...

So what can be done?



Shanghai Metro...12 lines, 273 stations, 420km covering 80% of metro area...

Built mostly since 2000; carries 8 million per day







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Walk this way

Political donor probed in false identifications

Christi businessman is under investigation on suspicion of impersonating a lawyer and a sheriff's deputy. The Republican state attorney



Your guide to York, U.K.

Eltahawy: Thank you, Musharraf (yeah, right)



more lively, attractive, healthy the avenues. One can wonder, what is the role of Broadway?"

number of parking meters, bu there are many streets where it's free to park. One should be more

Barbara Adler, president of the olumbus Avenue Business aprovement District, would like sidewalks with more greenery, bike racks, benches and even

water fountains.
Will it happen?
"A lot of it depends on whether
the DAT wants to have Columbus
Avenue as a model," Adler said.
Gehl would not comment on

think they must stop here, to look in a window, talk to a friend or sit on a bench," he said, "When they stop walking, [it] is a signal of good public space. In New York, it's about getting from A to B and not enjoying the space so much."



Tuesday, November 13th thru Friday, November 16th, 5pm-7pm



Jan Gehl the walkability magician...



when it paid to be friends with Mauricio Cells, who matled up chents for Eraal's wasgering trial lawyers and contributed generously to Democratic candi-dures, including Hillary Clinton. But now, Cela friends are run-ning for com-

ning for cover.
The luxury-loving Corpus
Christi businessman is under

MTA readies for text alerts

Planner points city, groups toward an unclogged New York

able streets. He's been working with the He's been working with the Dept of Transportation to design streets that are safer, easier and more enjoyable for pedestrians and cyclists. But yesterday, Gehi gave a media tour here for another popicit he's working on with the Upper West idee Street. Realissance Campaign to make the neighborhood the most walkable and bike-friendly in the nation. "Everyone wants to have a

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Transformation of Broadway







Melbourne.





Places for People 1994 Report by Jan Gehl

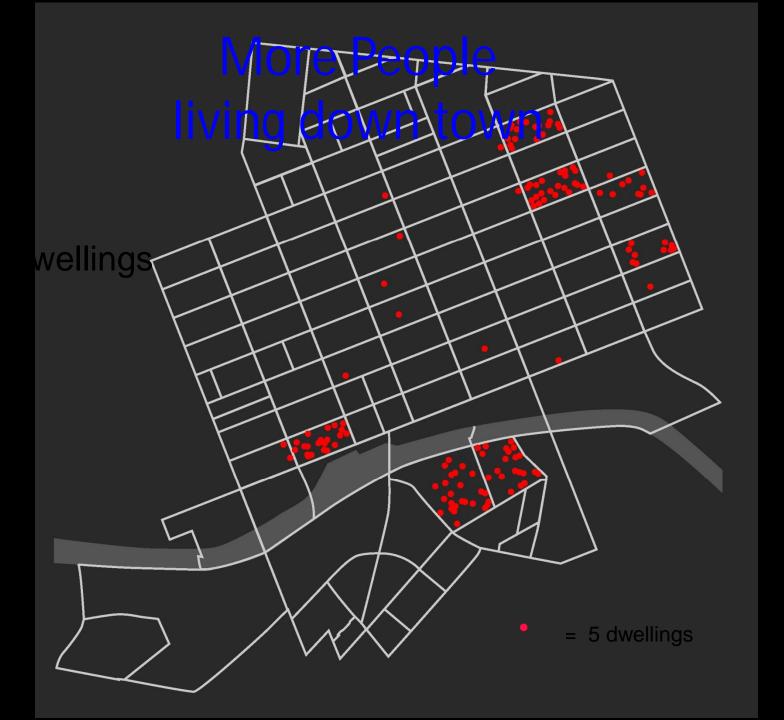
Places for People 2004

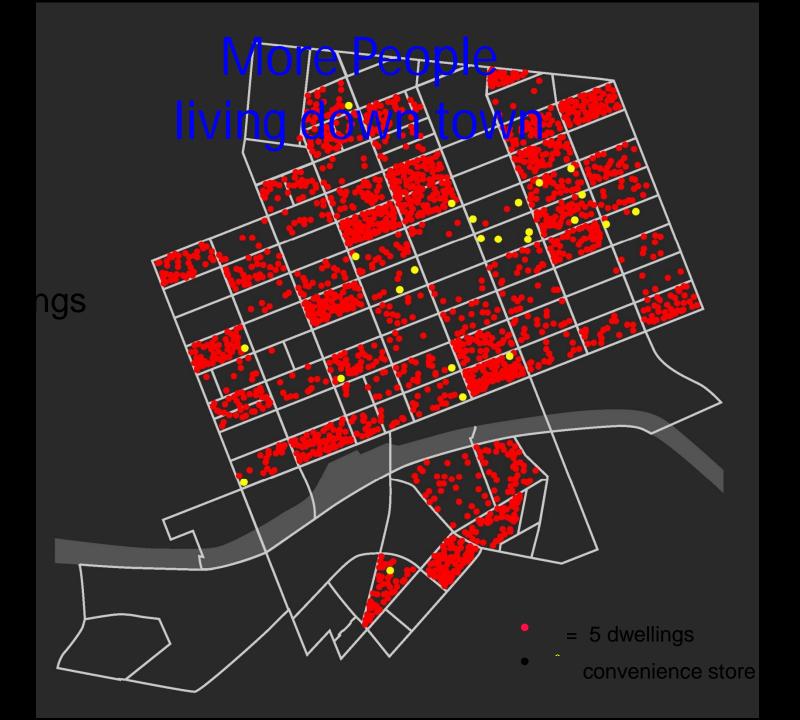
Report Gehl Architects

www.gehlarchitects.dk

















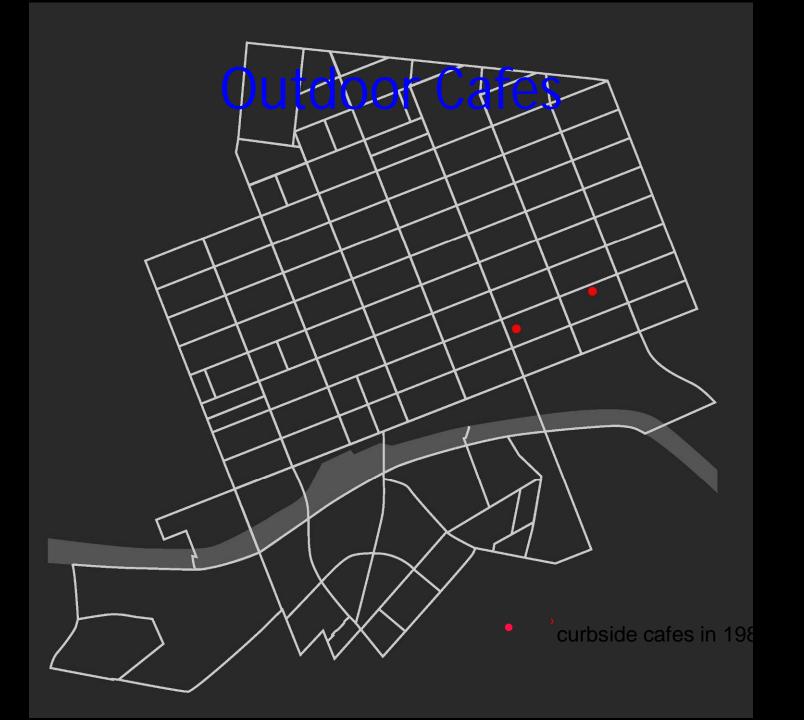


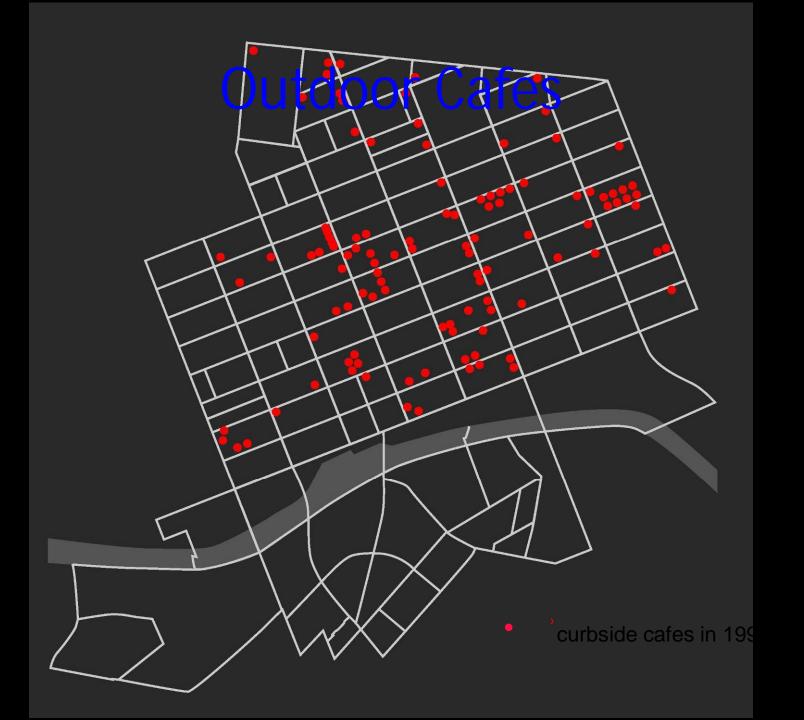








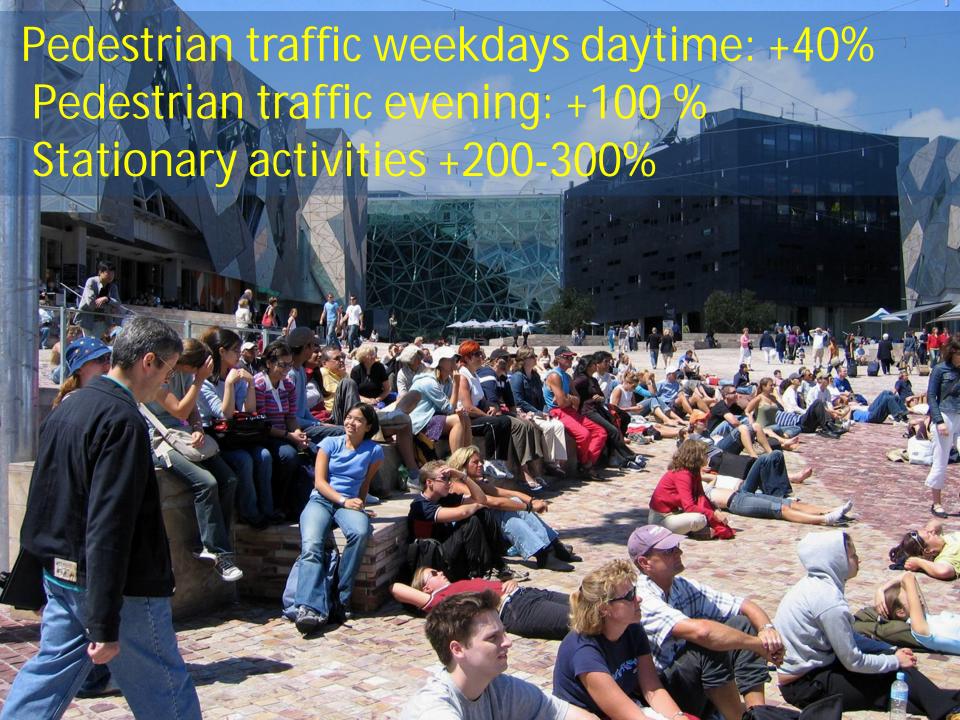






New life in the lane ways



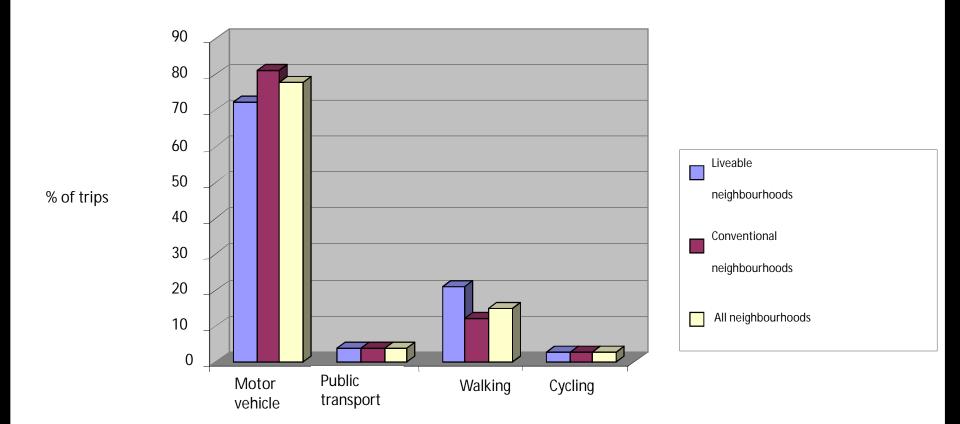


What about the Automobile City?

New Urbanism experiments in Perth....









Frankland Springs LN

Brighton





Even with permeable streets and footpaths, the car remains king.

Landsdale Gdns

So can you do anything?



Year Route Km 1982 42km 1983 63km 1993 92km 2004 96km 100km 2005 2006 172km

172km

Total



Southern Rail

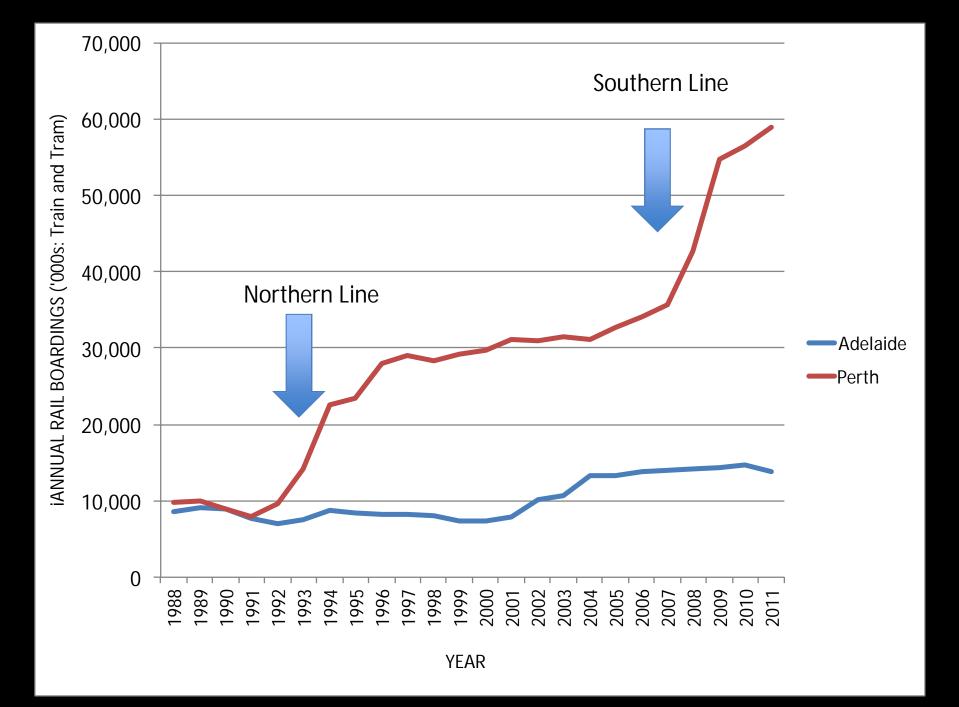
- built deep into automobile city fabric

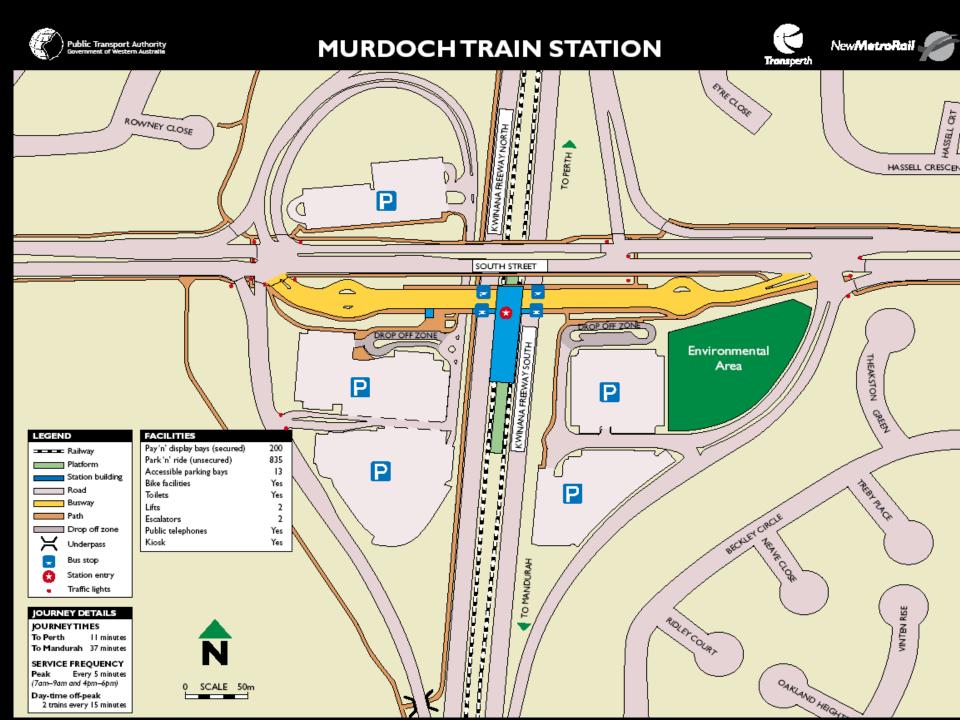
78,000 passengers a day, cf 14,000 on buses, 16% growth pa



National and global model... \$17-22 mill per km. Carrying 8 lanes of traffic.













Will it help build transit city fabric?

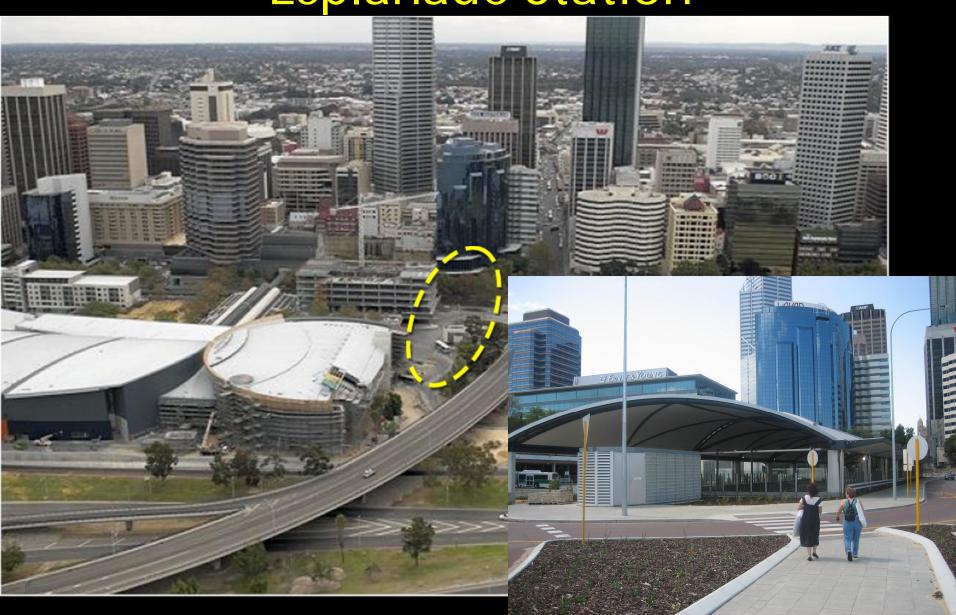
New Central Station under government building....



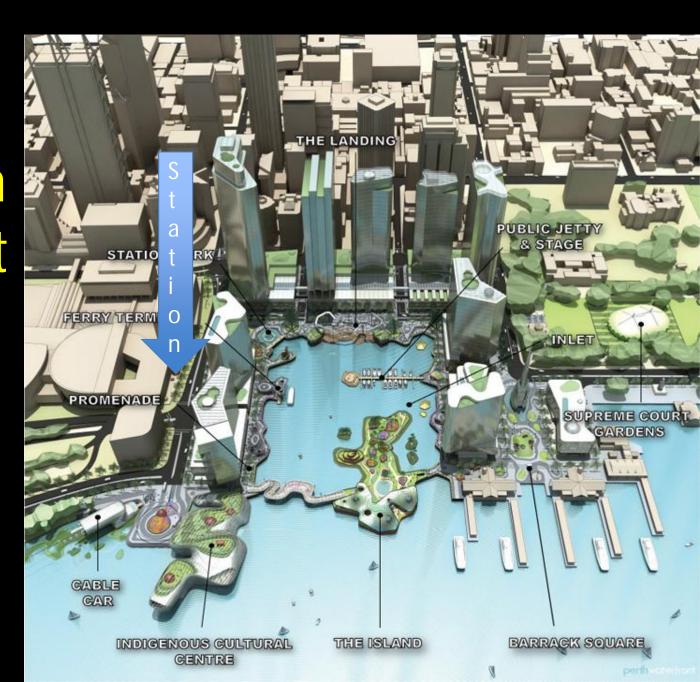
Next development over the sunken rail line



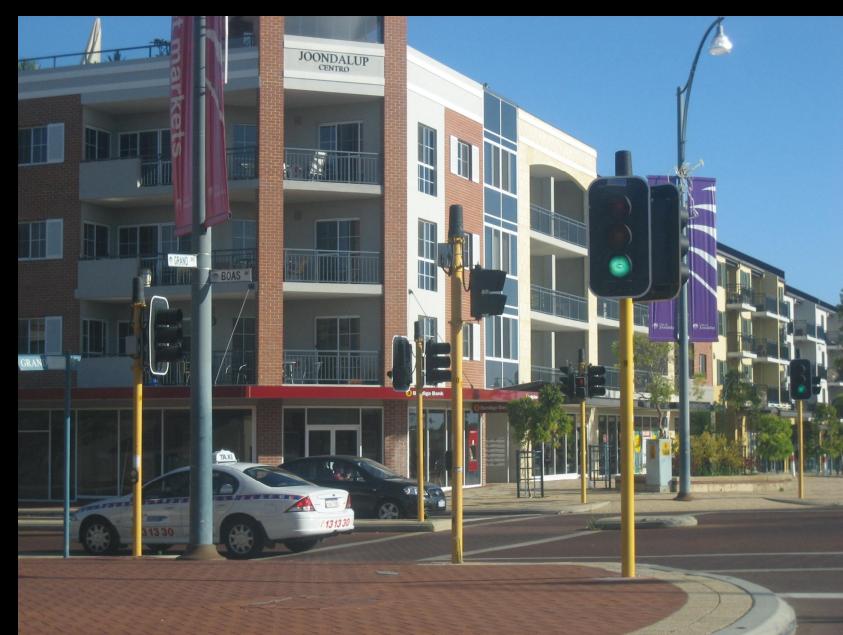
Esplanade Station



New Perth waterfront TOD



New sub centre 33 kms out...



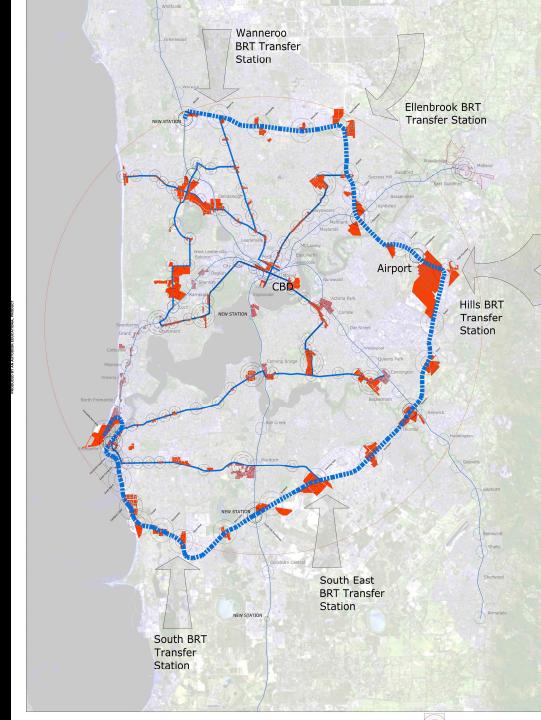


The land value near rail stations on the Southern Rail increased by 42% in 5 years....thus beginning to create transit city fabric....



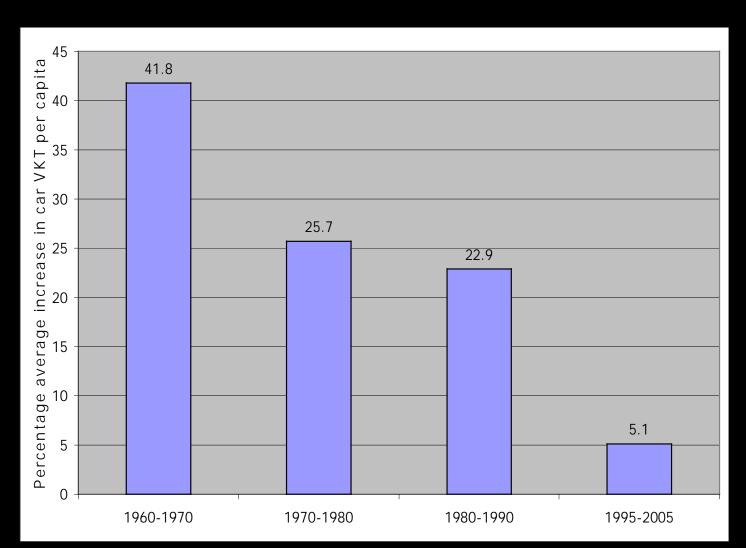


The Ring Rail, LRT and BRT plus development sites for the next 30 years growth in Perth – all in transit fabric



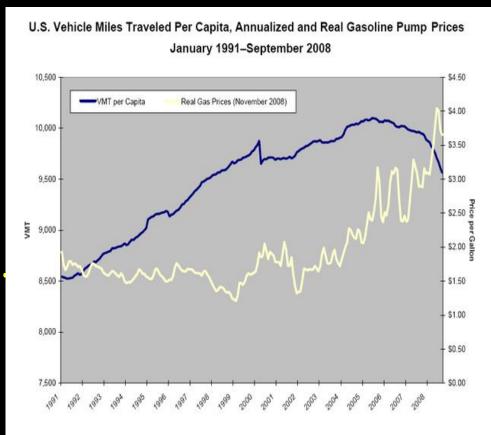
The growing global demand for walking and transit city fabric....

Car use growth trends in developed cities from 1960 to 2005 using Global Cities Database.

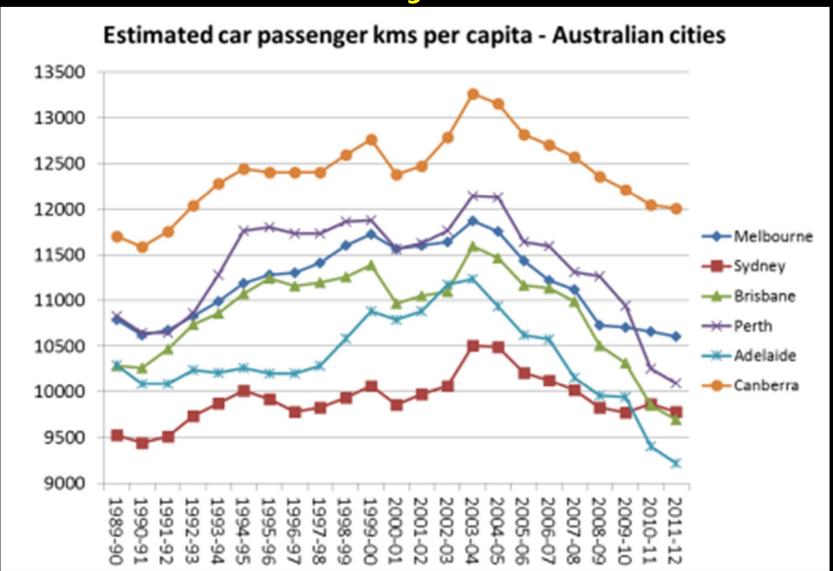


Peak Car Use - US cities...

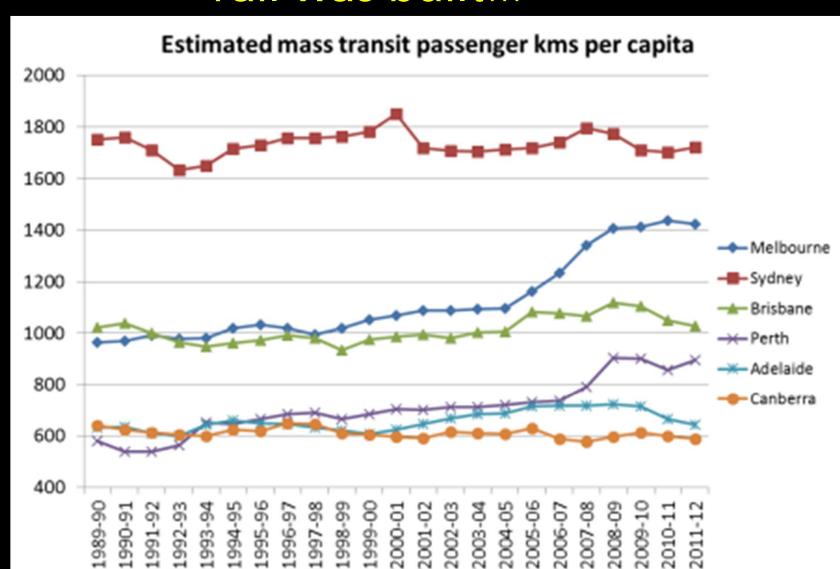
- Declining in car use –
 4.3% in past year,
 plateau over the past
 years.
- Increasing transit use
 6.5% in past year.
- Cities coming back in.



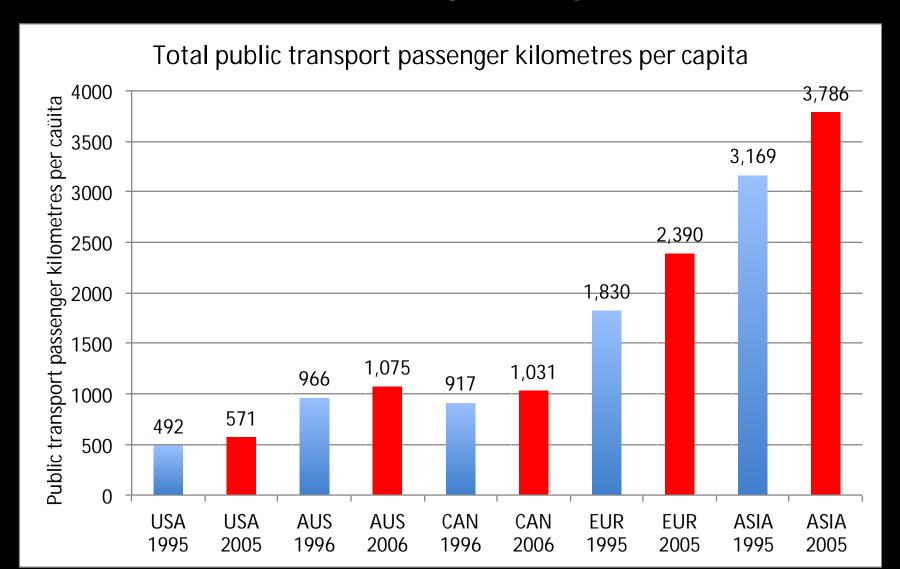
Australian city car use peaked the same year...



Australian city transit use grew where rail was built...



Public transport – especially rail – is now booming everywhere



Global growth now in rail...

- 82 Chinese cities building metros and high speed rail between cities
- 16 Indian cities building metros
- Middle east cities building rail for first time

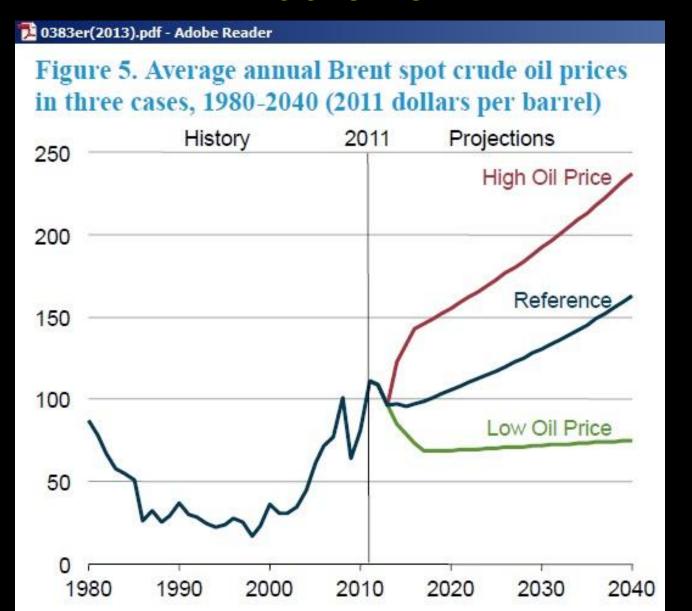




Global demand is now for walking city and transit city fabric with less automobile city fabric...

Why?

1. Price of oil....



2. Density is going up after 100 years of decline....

Cities	1960	1970	1980	1990	1995	2005
	Urban	Urban	Urban	Urban	Urban	Urban
	density	density	density	density	density	density
	persons/h	persons/	persons/	persons/h	persons/h	persons/h
	a	ha	ha	a	a	a
Brisbane	21.0	11.3	10.2	9.8	9.6	9.7
Melbourne	20.3	18.1	16.4	14.9	13.7	15.6
Perth	15.6	12.2	10.8	10.6	10.9	11.3
Sydney	21.3	19.2	17.6	16.8	18.9	19.5
Chicago	24.0	20.3	17.5	16.6	16.8	16.9
Denver	18.6	13.8	11.9	12.8	15.1	14.7
Houston	10.2	12.0	8.9	9.5	8.8	9.6
Los Angeles	22.3	25.0	24.4	23.9	24.1	27.6
New York	22.5	22.6	19.8	19.2	18.0	19.2
Phoenix	8.6	8.6	8.5	10.5	10.4	10.9
San Diego	11.7	12.1	10.8	13.1	14.5	14.6
San Francisco	16.5	16.9	15.5	16.0	20.5	19.8
Vancouver	24.9	21.6	18.4	20.8	21.6	25.2
Frankfurt	87.2	74.6	54.0	47.6	47.6	45.9
Hamburg	68.3	57.5	41.7	39.8	38.4	38.0
Munich	56.6	68.2	56.9	53.6	55.7	55.0
Zurich	60.0	58.3	53.7	47.1	44.3	43.0

Table 2. Trends in urban density in some US, Canadian, Australian and European cities, 1960-2005

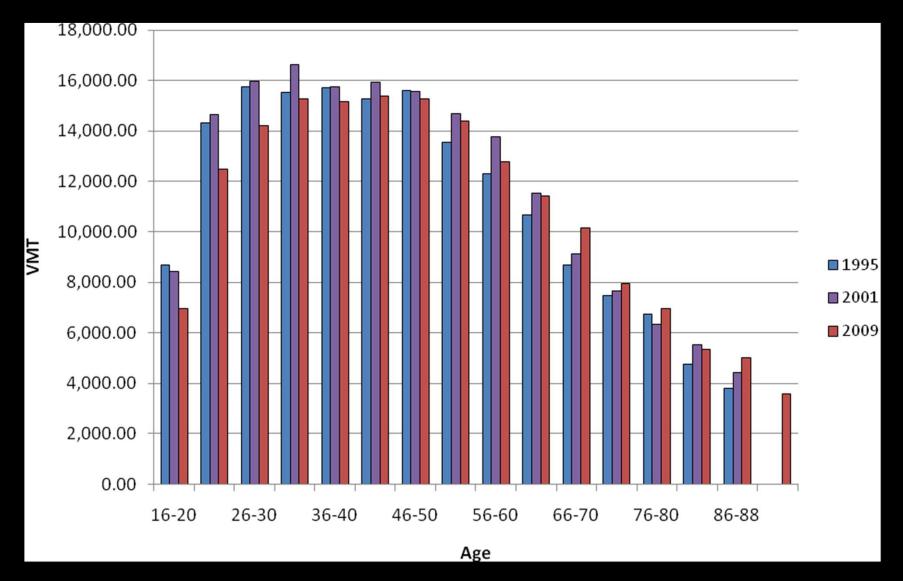
Sydney is coming back in after a century of going out

Table 1: Population Change in Sydney, 2001 - 2011

	Population ('000)					
	2001	2011 (provisional)	Change			
Inner Sydney	991	1144	+152	+15.4%		
Middle Sydney	2289	2559	270	+11.8%		
Far outer Sydney	848	903	55	+6.5%		

Inner Sydney is defined here as Waverley, Woollahra, Randwick, Botany Bay, City of Sydney, North Sydney, Mosman, Lane Cove, Manly, Willoughby, Ryde, Canada Bay, Strathfield, Ashfield, Marrickville and Leichhardt; Far outer Sydney is defined here as Camden, Campbelltown, Wollondilly, Penrith, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Gosford and Wyong. Middle Sydney is defined as the remaining SLA's. Source: ABS.

3. Cultural change, especially in the young...









'Cars are so yesterday: young and rich leave guzzlers behind'



And increased:

Public transit 100%

Biking 122%, and

Walking by 37%

AND MOVING BACK

INTO CITIES

From 2001 to 2009, car use by 16 to 34 year olds decreased from 10,300 miles to 7900 miles per capita – a drop of 23 per cent.

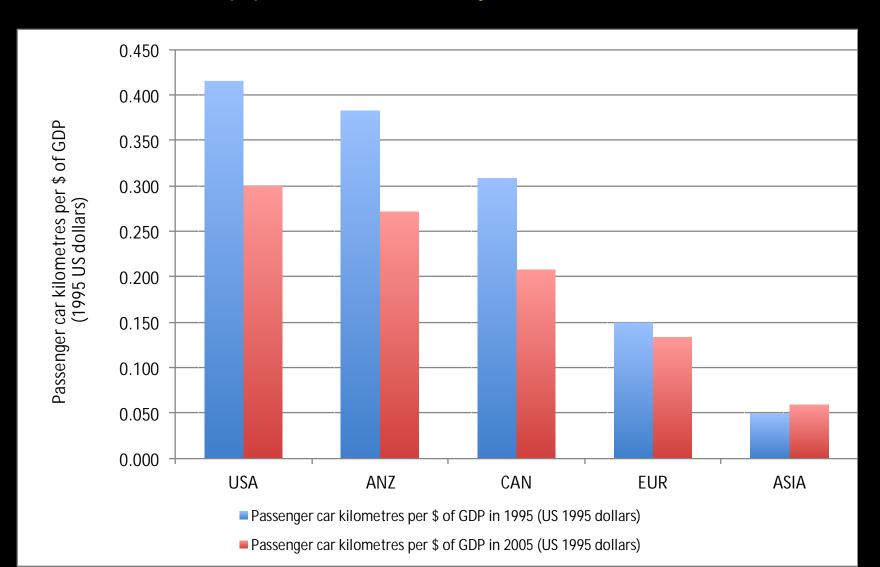
In Central London, traffic fell by 19 per cent between 2000 and 2009. The Times Nov 6, 2012

'café culture replaces car culture'

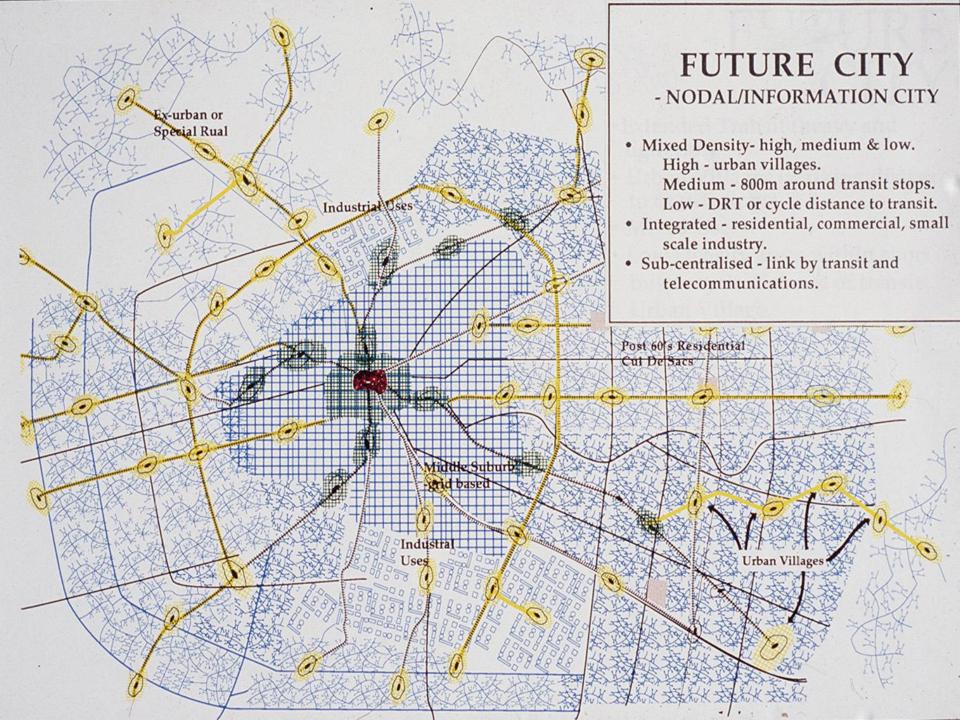


4. Its economically more efficient

We have turned the corner on the car...Decoupling car use and GDP – new paper from Jeff Kenworthy, WTPP



New urban form emerging?



All cities indicate the three city fabrics...







Do pedestrians need some help in cities like Pune?





Old Jaipur where streets are for people











