

The People dimension in City Planning



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Wanted:

- Lively City
- Attractive City
- Safe City
- Sustainable City
- Healthy City



4 decades of research



"Life Between Buildings"
1st edition 1971
Published in many
versions
15 languages



"New City Spaces" - 2001

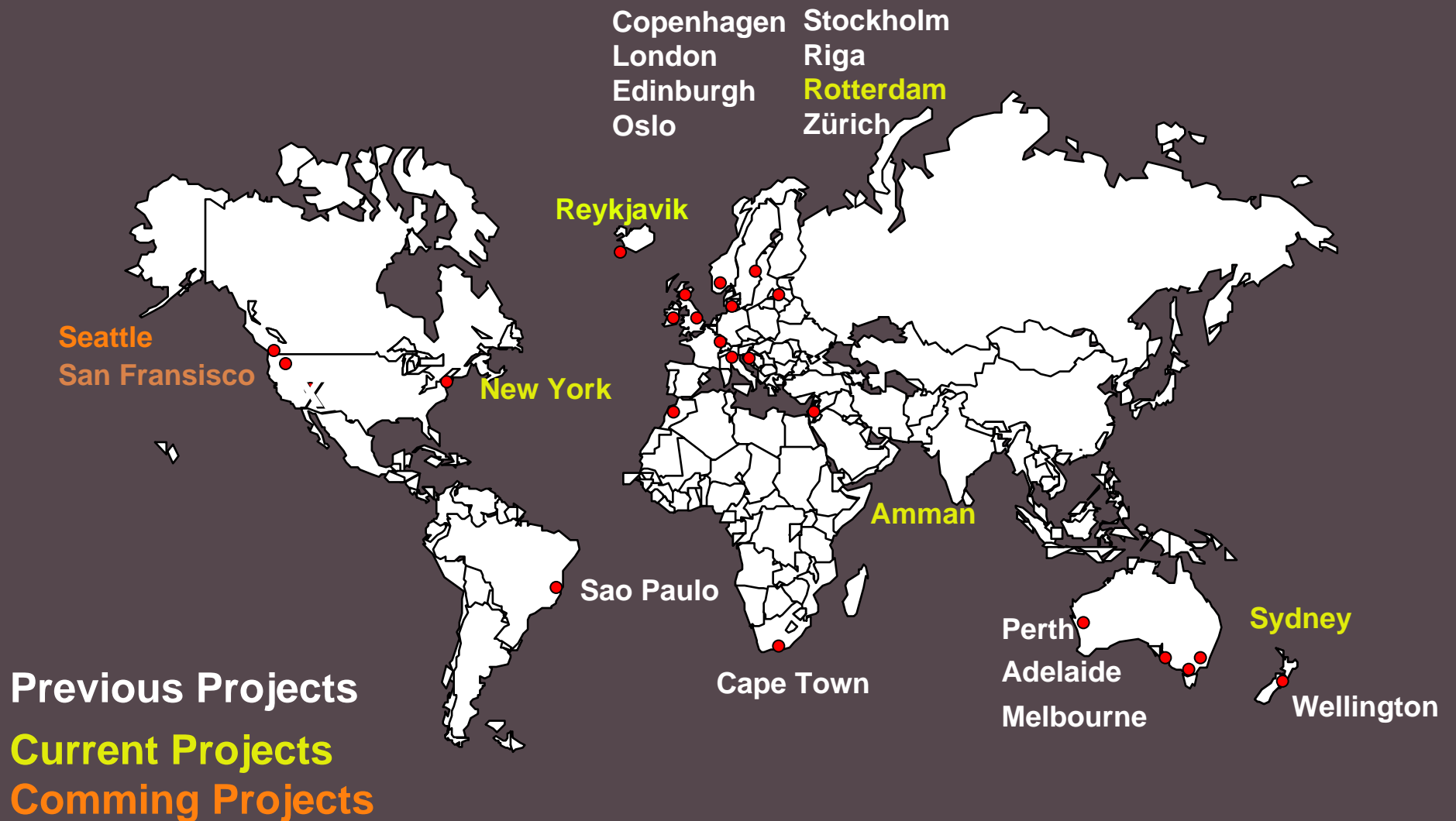


**"Public Spaces
Public Life"**
- 1996

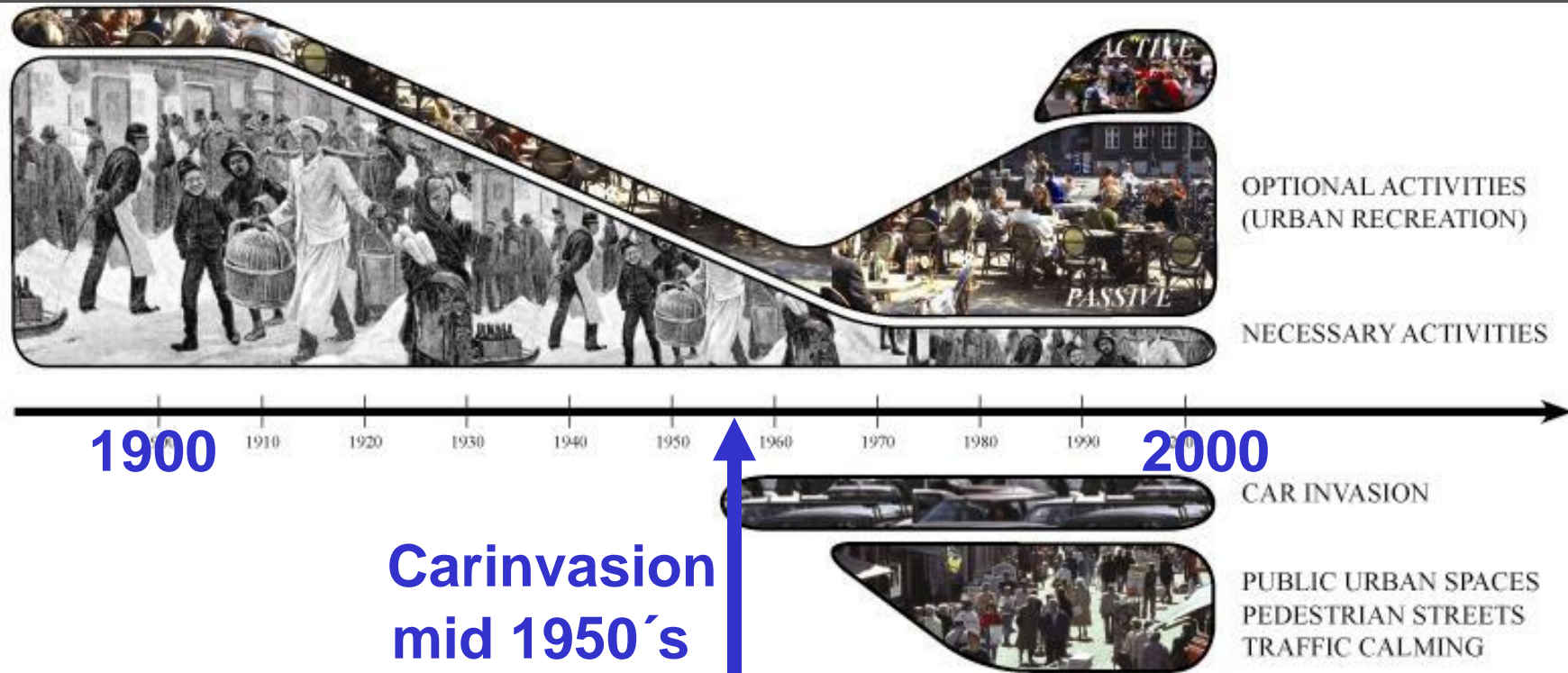


"New City Life" -
2006

Major City Improvement Projects:



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A photograph of a crowded city street with many cars parked and moving. Pedestrians are visible on the sidewalks. The image is used as a background for text.

**All Cities have Traffic
Departments and perfect
statistics concerning traffic
and parking**

**The cars are very *visible* and
everpresent in the planning
proces**

A photograph of a busy city street, likely in Chicago, showing a line of cars parked along the curb and several pedestrians walking. The text is overlaid on the image.

Do you know of any City department
for pedestrians and public life?

Hardly any City have statistics and
data concerning the people who use
the city

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The people in the City tends to be
very *invisible* and poorly
represented in the planning proces

MAKING PEOPLE **VISIBLE**

IN THE PLANNING PROCES



Gehl & Gemzøe: New City Spaces



Publ.2001



Public Space as Meeting Place



Public Space as Market Place



Public Space as Connection Space

The traditional city.....forever



The invaded city....from 1950s





Saturday morning, Westport, Ireland



**The Carinvasion gets worser every day,
until someone puts their foot down and
decides to do something about it.**



Bogota, Colombia - 6 mio. Inh.

The abandoned city..from 1970s







Miami by night -bring your headlights!





Is er ikke kun i Houston, folk er store, selv om byen så gerne i træk er udmærkt til "Den fedeste by i Amerika". Dette foto er taget i Florida. Arkivfoto: Claus Bonnerup

Houston er de fedes by

"Houston -the City with the fattest people of the World"

**Or
-Running for your Life -
every Lunchtime!**



A fully mecanized world!



Venice 2005



Dubai 2005

The reconquered city...from 1980s



9 Reconquered Cities

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- Strasbourg
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***Willingnes to put constraints to the vehicular traffic**

***realisation of the importance of public life**



Transport dimension



Getting from A to B - simple, cheap, low noise

Social dimension

The City as meetingplace



People watching - the number one attraction in any city



People watching - the number 1,2,3...10 attraction in any city



Sustainability dimension



A good Public Realm is a crucial factor for good Public Transportation

Health dimension



Democratic dimension "Open Society" dimension







NO
HAWKERS
ANIMALS
PUSHBIKES
SCOOTERS
SKATES
SKATEBOARDS
ROLLERBLADES
PERMITTED WITHIN THE CENTRE

**NO
SMOKING**

WELCOME

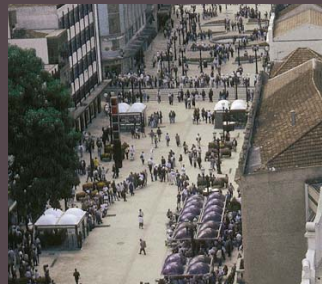
**A heartfelt
welcome to a local
shopping center
(Australia)**

Friendly, safe city dimension



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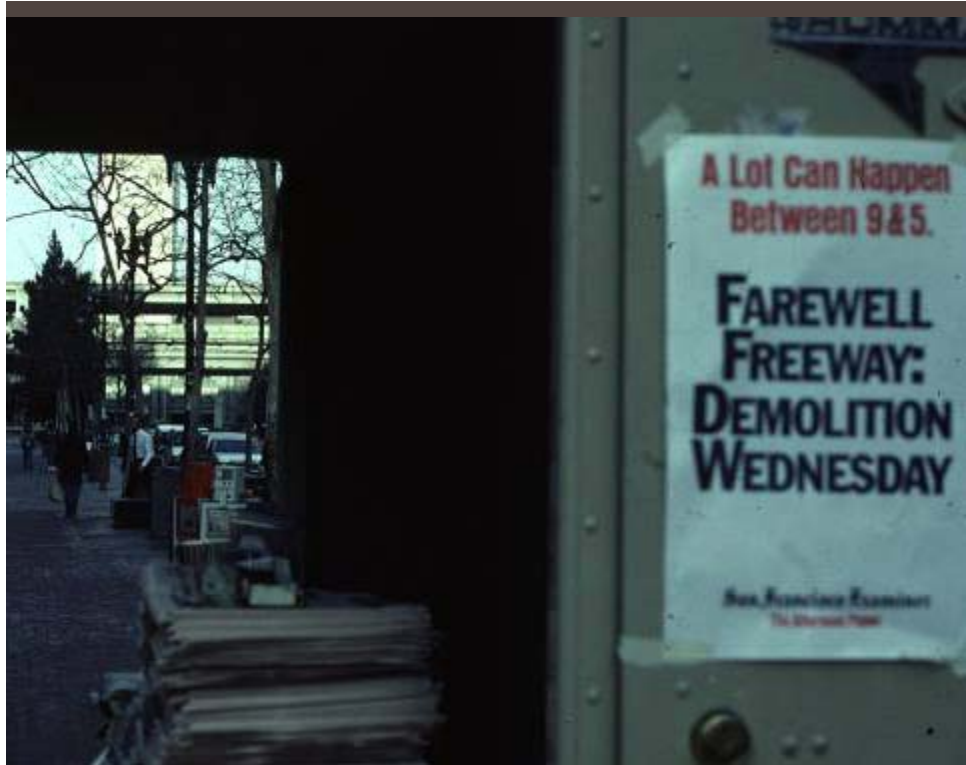
INVITATIONS

TO

THE CITY

More Roads = More Traffic





Taking down Freeways, San Fransisco, USA



Seoul, Korea

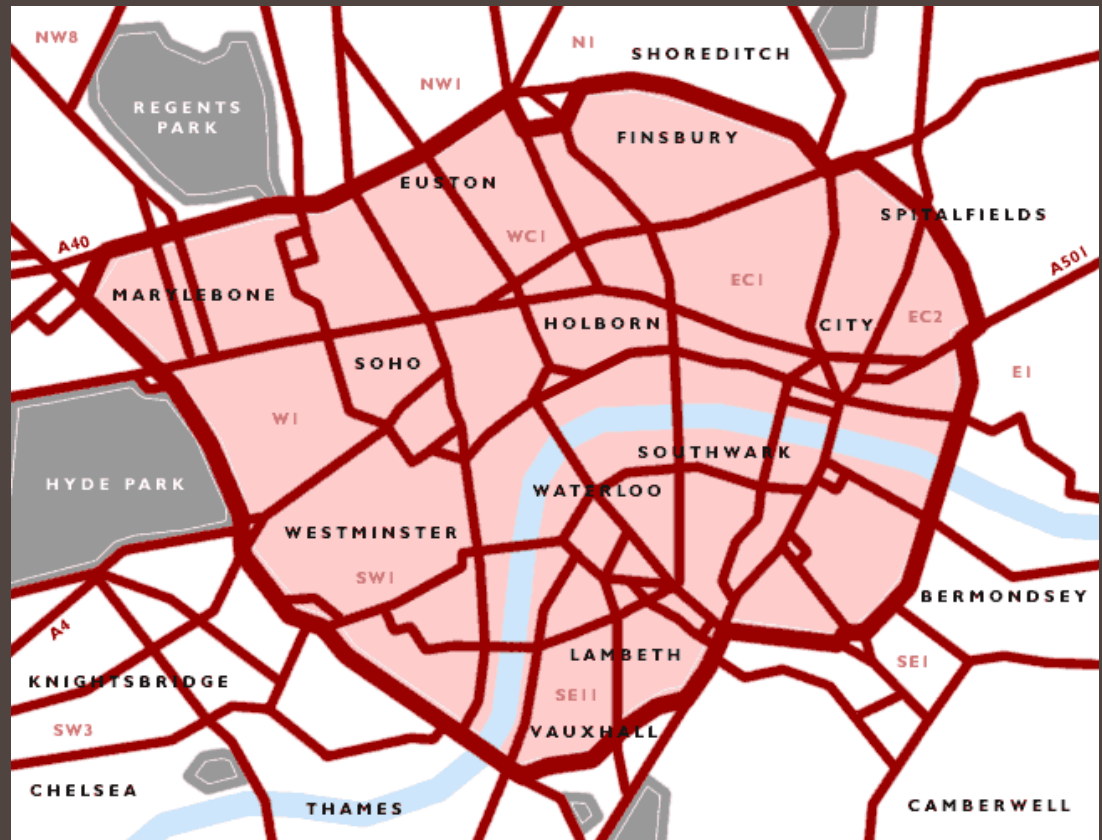


before



after

London – Congestion Charge 2003



Congestion charge area-24 square kilometers