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### Inefficient use of transport capacity





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mobility:

more than

cars

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### Some principles for sustainable mobility

- 1. Walk the walk: pedestrian facilities
- 2. Powered by people: bicycle facilities
- 3. Get on the bus: high quality public transport
- 4. Cruise control: car if necessary, but less space, parking restrictions
- 5. Deliver the goods: clean, small, quiet, safe vehicles
- 6. Mix it up: no separation of functions
- 7. Fit it in: not expanding but concentration
- 8. Connect the blocks: in favor of walking and biking
- 9. Get real: keep unique places
- 10. Make it last: sustainable materials and maintenance
- 11. Give options: provide several alternative modes
- 12. Support creativity: explore and test new mobility solutions
- 13. Facilitate: allow good to choices to be easy
- 14. Get Informed: use all information available to understand your city15. Power up: support electric mobility

#### Expanded and completed from 'our cities ourselves'

Institute for Transportation & Development Policy Gehl Architects Copenhagen



### 1. Walk the walk

- All our trips begin and end with walking.
- Streets that are designed to prioritize pedestrians can also improve health, economic activity and safety



New York Herald Square





## cars

### 2. Powered by people

• The more bicycle use on the streets, the safer they become. When a good bicycle network is established, people continue to bicycle regardless of age, wealth or weather.







### In Amsterdam



But this does not come without costs ...





Bike congestion causing delays

and hindrance

Overcrowding during events and regular

situations (also due to tourists)

### Active modes: pedestrians and cyclists



Not-so-seamless public transport

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Bike parking problems & orphan bikes



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Overcrowded public transport hu





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### In Lisbon

• But things will take their time ... And the infrastructure has to be accompanied by information campaigns and education.







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### 3. Get on the bus

 Comfortable safe, high-speed public transit provides the next best option to walking or cycling

An example is the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit): Stops are aligned with the vehicle

Boarding and Alighting at any door



Payment on the stop

Separate lane



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### Importing the concept to europe

• Zuidtangent line of high performance buses



# Smart Card to move in the whole Netherlands





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### The nodes



 Continue improving the experience of travelling, going beyond the network





### 4. Cruise control

 Managing traffic includes getting smart (using technology), helping cars slow down, paying for the privilege, and re-routing traffic.



People entering central London by car and motorcycle in the weekday morning peak, 1978-2011



London congestion charging effects



2-to-1 public opposition to congestion charges turned to 2-to-1 support after voters saw how a 20% drop in traffic led to a 30-50% reduction in traffic delays. Stockholm, Sweden.

#### Stockholm congestion charging



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### 5. Deliver the goods

Sustainable cities will be cleaner, quieter, and safer by creating exo-zones, slow speed zones, and regulating the times and places where goods can be delivered



Regulate delivery times and size of vehicles in city centres to lower emissions and congestion. Paris, France.

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The low emission zone, or Umweltzone, in many German cities restrict polluting lorries from entering. Only vehicles with a red, yellow or green sticker could enter the zone in 2009.

#### the zone in 2009.

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### 6. Mix it up

 Energize public space with mixed-use development and ground floor activities. Mixed use means you are closer to everything and places are safer and livelier during all hours.



San Francisco downtown



Madrid downtown





### 7. Fit it in

 Density around transit stations and within the city rather than at the outskirts (This is the concept of transit oriented development).













### Curitba



Curitiba high density around the BRT routes

### 8. Connect the blocks

• Maximize the connectivity of <u>walking trips</u> with small block sizes and permeable blocks and buildings.





### 9. Get real

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Lisbon

Distinguish by preserving and enhancing the natural, cultural, social, and historic assets of the place. Identity and cultural heritage becomes a competitive advantage.

### 10. Make it last

 Build for the long term. Sustainable cities bridge generations. They are memorable, malleable, built from quality materials and well maintained.







### 11. Give options

Carsharing is one of such options







 More options means less probability of buying a car thus less car usage





#### **Global growth of car-sharing**









**Uber systems** 



### Uber Loses at Least \$1.2 Billion in First Half of 2016



After touting profitability in the U.S. early this year, the ride-hailing company is said to post second-quarter losses exceeding \$100 million.



- Just because it's modern it does not mean it is fantastic.
- What control over quality is there?
- Can we integrate these players?



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### 12. Support creativity





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Melanie Schultz van Haegen, Minister of the Infrastructures and the environment January 2016, Wageningen University

### The declaration of Amsterdam



Connected, cooperative and automated driving developments should come together to harvest societal benefits.





14<sup>th</sup> of April. In this document the Netherlands, the European Commission, EU member states and the transport industry pledge to draw up rules and regulations that will allow autonomous vehicles to be used on the roads.



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### 13. Facilitate

• Integrate everything and allow travellers to make easy choices and easy use of the mobility options.







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### 14. Get informed

• Use all the information you can get. For example cellphone or smart ticketing.







#### Xangai metro users

Cellphone call transfers in Lisbon

cars **33** 

### 15. Power up

• Support electric mobility. EVs are more efficient and there are no local pollutants ...



Figure 1 • Evolution of the global electric car stock, 2010-15

Note: the EV stock shown here is primarily estimated on the basis of cumulative sales since 2005.



#### Networks of charging stations support not only private electric vehicles but also electric carsharing







## Let's preserve the beautiful urban heritage Europe has to offer the World!