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Cycling in hilly cities: A case study of Bern, Switzerland

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Postcards from Bern



Population 142`000

Metro Area 400`000

UNESCO-Heritage

Hilly City

Capital of a mountainous

Country







5%



95%

Where do People live?



How do they come to the city centre?



An aerial photograph of a city built on a hillside. The city is densely packed with buildings, and a prominent church spire with a cross on top is visible in the center. A river flows through the city, and there are many trees in the foreground. The sky is a pale, hazy color, suggesting a clear day.

hilly and narrow?
Yes... 500m-700m



Too hilly and narrow for
a good cycling
infrastructure?

Which bridge is wider?



a) Dronning Louises Bro, Copenhagen



b) Lorrainebrücke, Bern

Which narratives do we tell? And what does it mean for cycling policies?



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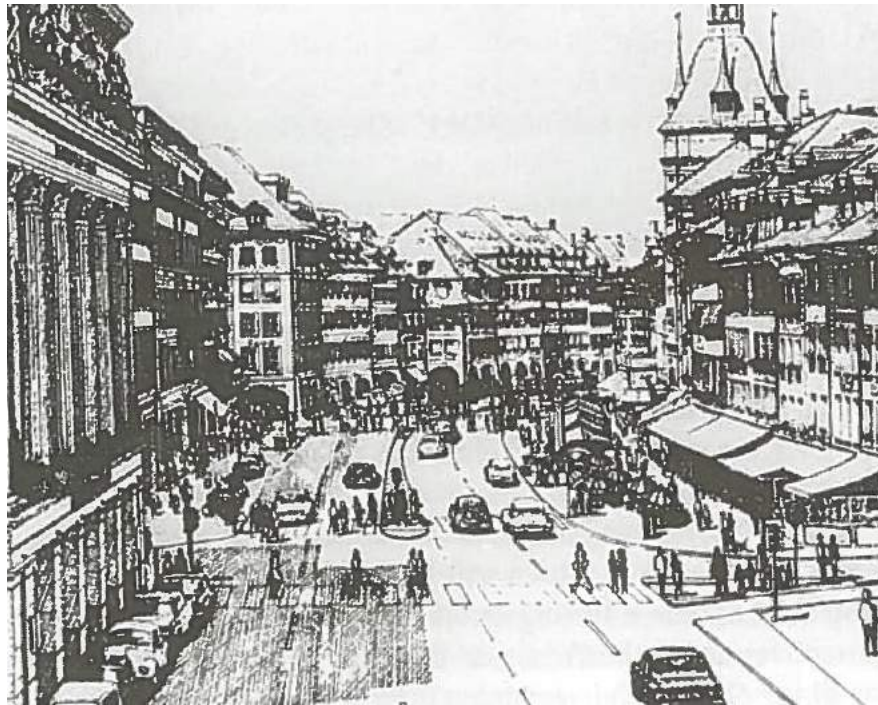


A brief history of mobility policies of Bern

1930`s / 1940`s / 1950`s



1960-1970`s



1980`s



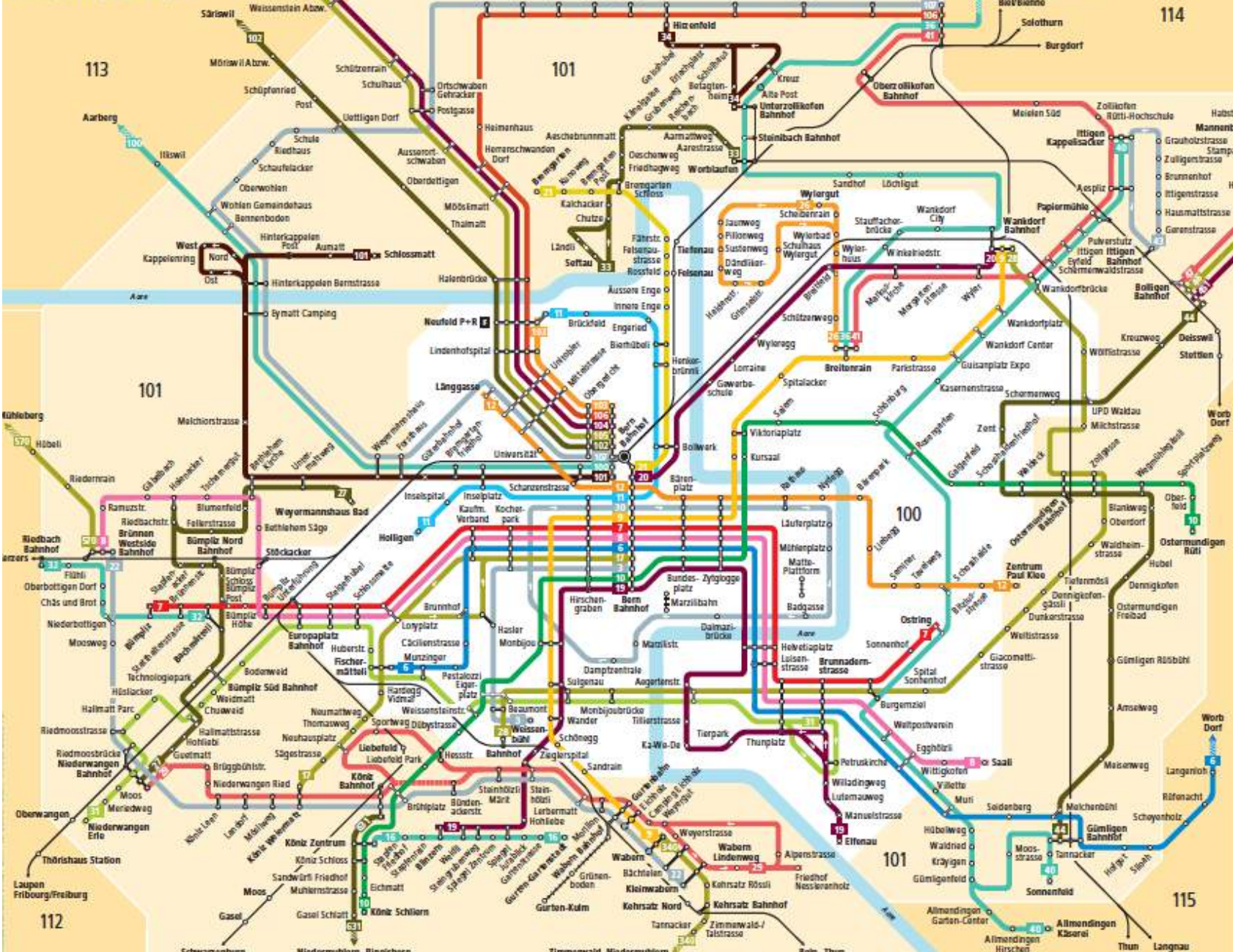
Since the 1980`s



Since the 1980`s



Liniennetz Bern



Zeichenerklärung

- 100** Tarifzone
- 101** Bus fährt in angegebener Richtung
- 102** Bus fährt nur in angegebener Richtung
- 103** Richtungsanzeige, Linienwahl liegt ausserhalb des Preiss. Info zu den Tarifzonen entnehmen Sie dem Libero-Plan.
- 104** nur Abo und Tageskarte gültig
- 105** S-Bahnlinie
- 106** Taxibus

Zonen Bern

The map shows the geographical distribution of tariff zones across Bern. Zone 100 is the central city area, while zones 101-115 cover the surrounding districts and suburbs.

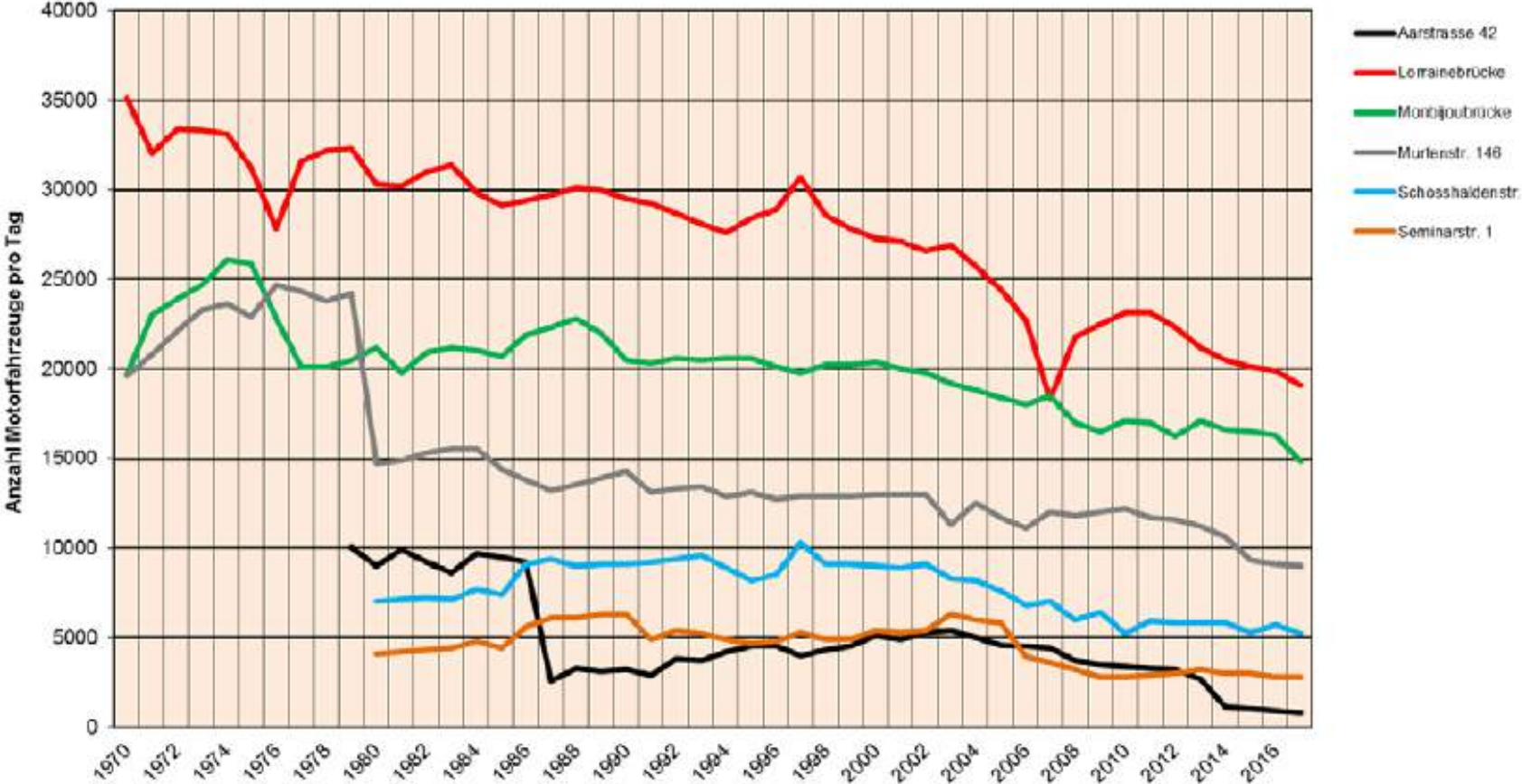
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Inner city car traffic since the 1970



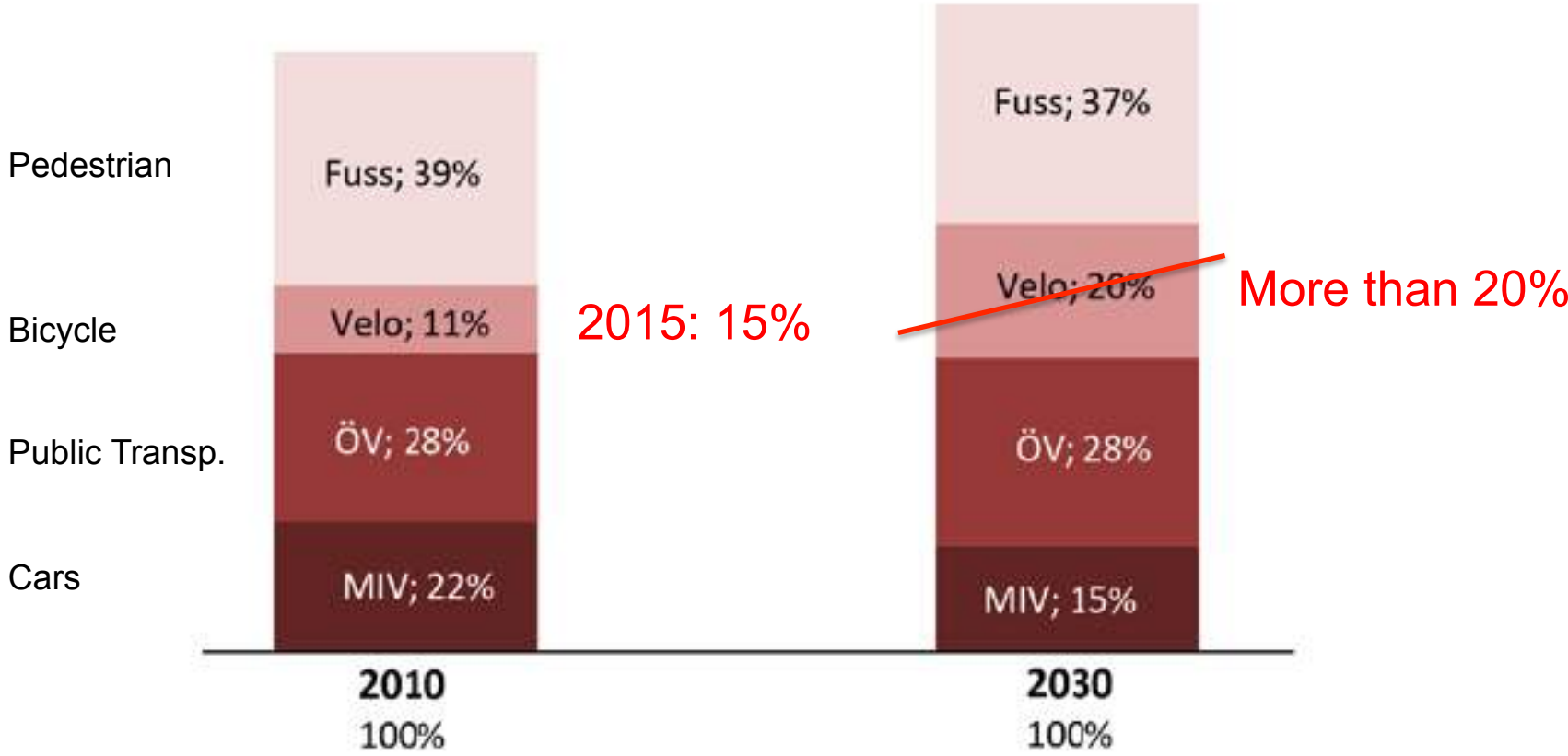
2015:
57% car-free households







Modal Share

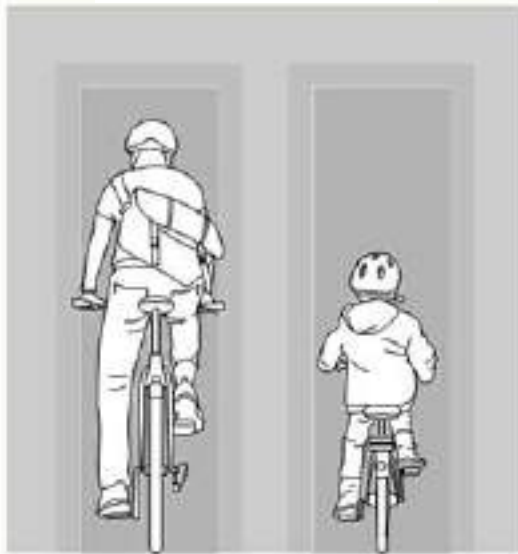


what narratives do we tell?

Yes we can 

Standards

Neu



Nebeneinander/Überholen
2.50 m

-> *stets anzustreben*

Neu



Veloanhänger
1.80 m

-> *Minimum für Haupttrouten*



Stadtvelo
1.50 m

-> *Minimum*



From 8 to 80



2.50m



Cycle Tracks

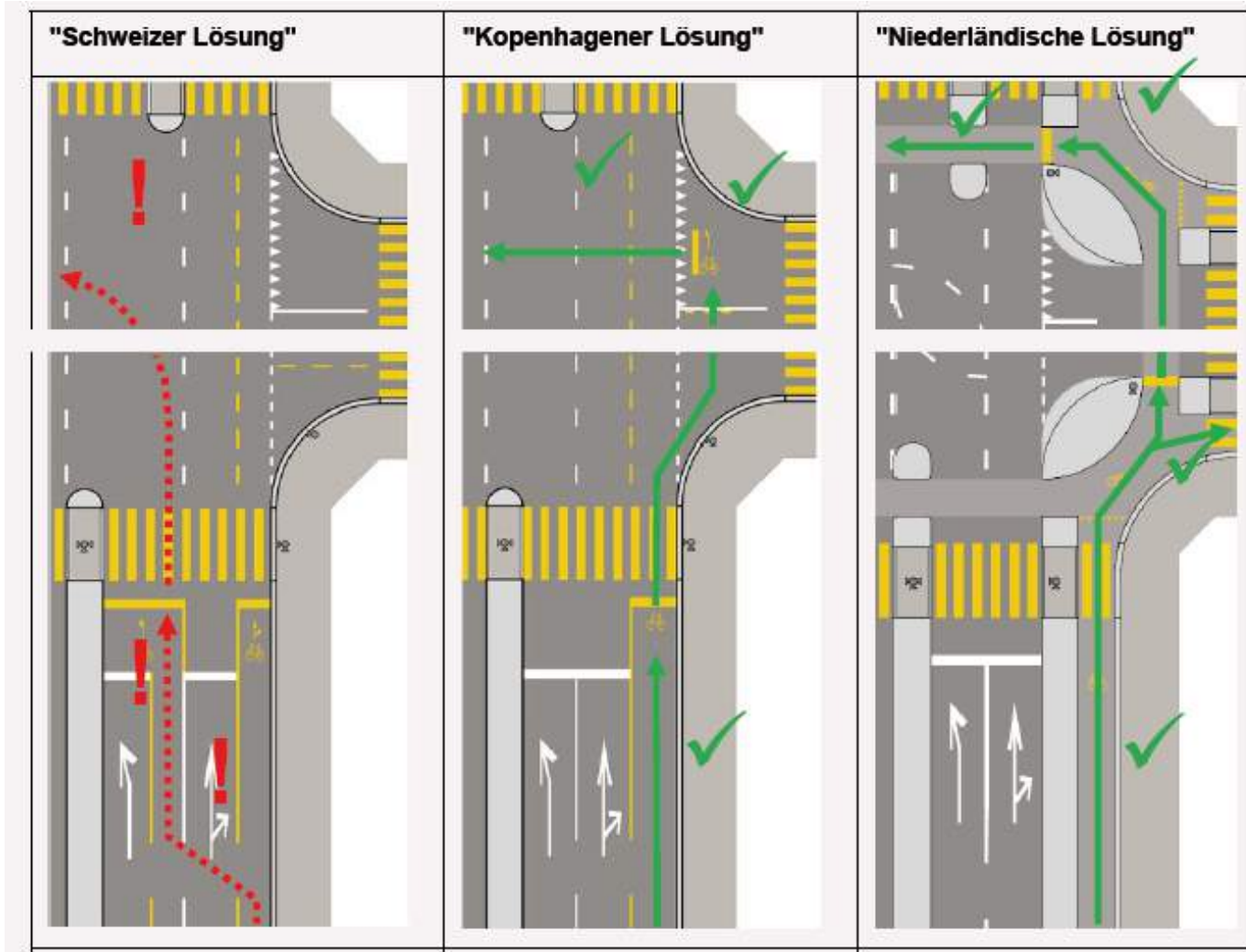


Cycle Tracks



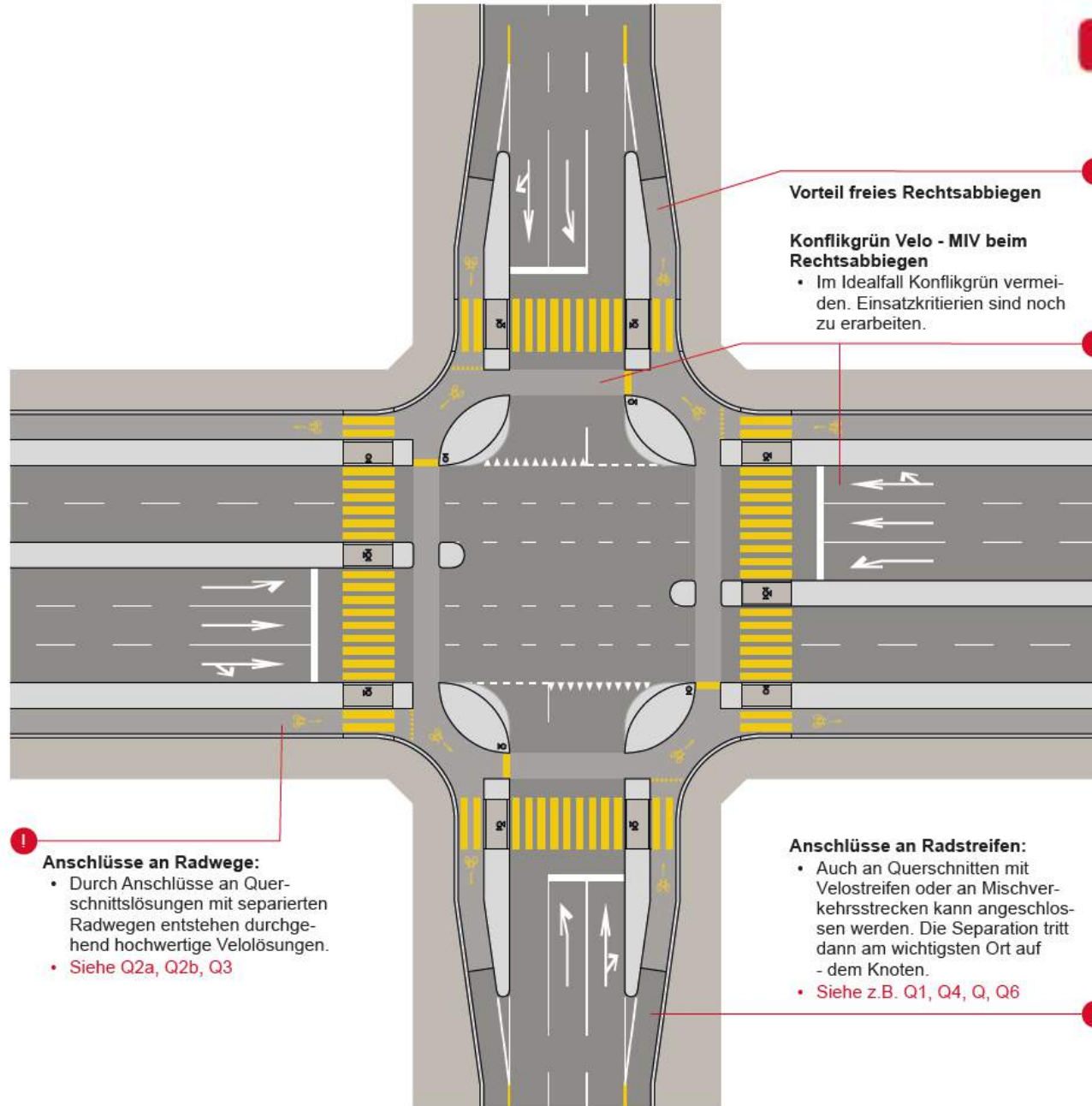
Cycle Tracks

New Layouts





Neu





**Copenhagen-style
left turn**



**Copenhagen-style
left turn**

A landscape photograph taken from a bridge. In the foreground, there is a dark asphalt road with white dashed lines. A metal railing runs across the middle ground. Behind the railing, there is a dense line of green trees. In the background, a large, rounded hill covered in green forest rises against a clear blue sky. Some buildings are visible on the lower slopes of the hill. The overall scene is bright and clear.

**But what about the
topography?**







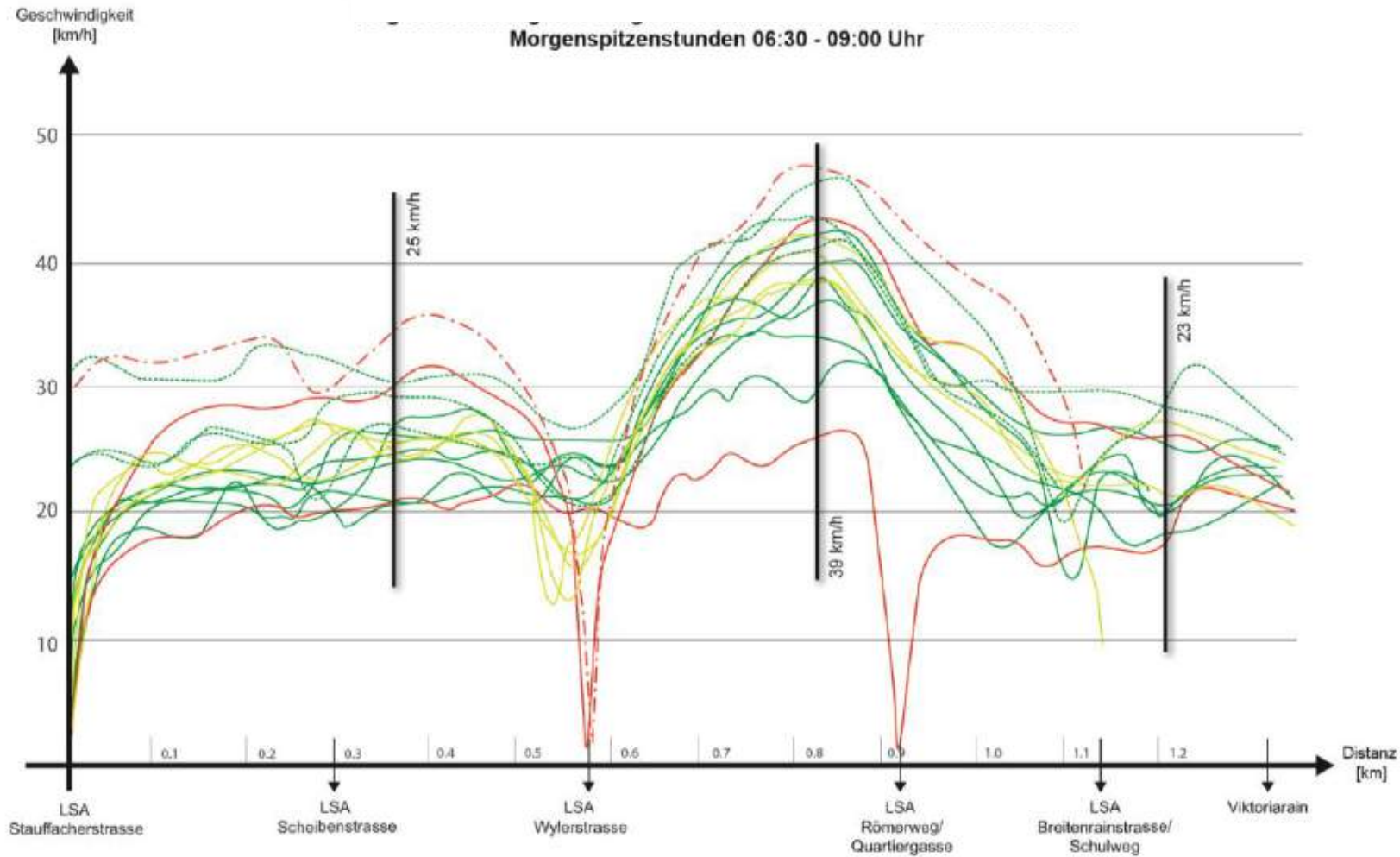
Nr 3: bike boxes

„Green wave“ for cyclists



speed depending on topography

median speed (flat): 22km/h (without e-bikes)





Nr 5: e-bikes



**45km/h in
a city?**





Bike-Sharing System Bern:

50% E-Bikes



Nr 6: alternatives

Foto: Adrian Moser / Der Bund

Education, Culture and Campaigning





E-Cargobike-programme for local shopkeepers

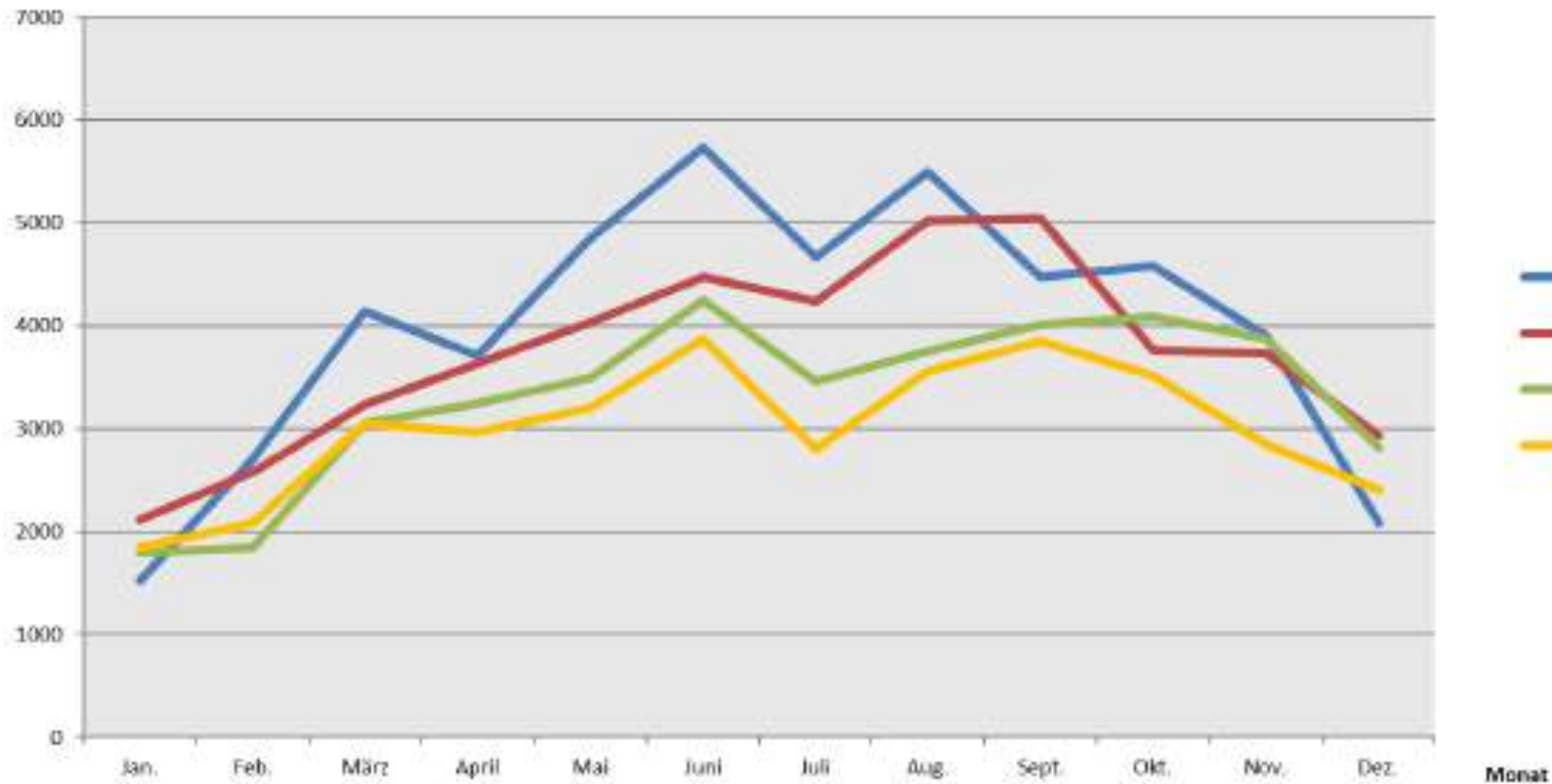
Free use during six month



Private initiative: Cargobike-Sharing-System Carvelo2go



Successes: +35% increase in bicycle traffic in 4 years



Challenges



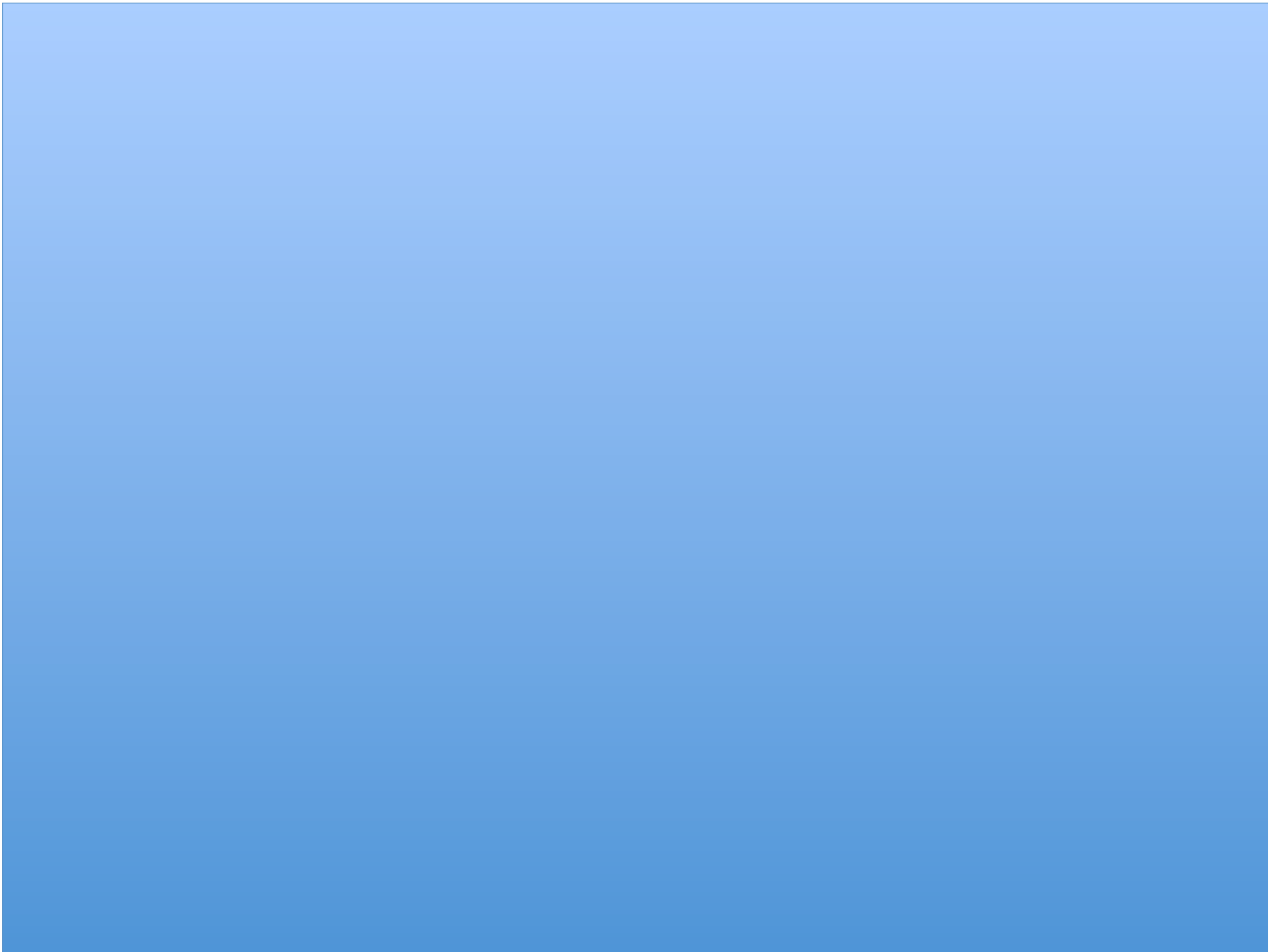
What is all about?

Lifeable Cities



An aerial photograph of a European city, likely Bern, Switzerland, taken during the golden hour. The city is built on a hillside, with a dense cluster of buildings and a prominent, tall, dark spire of a church in the center. A river flows through the city, bordered by lush green trees. The sky is a soft, hazy orange, suggesting sunset or sunrise. The text "Lifeable Cities" is overlaid in the center of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Lifeable Cities





Safety by numbers

Killed cyclists
per 100 million km

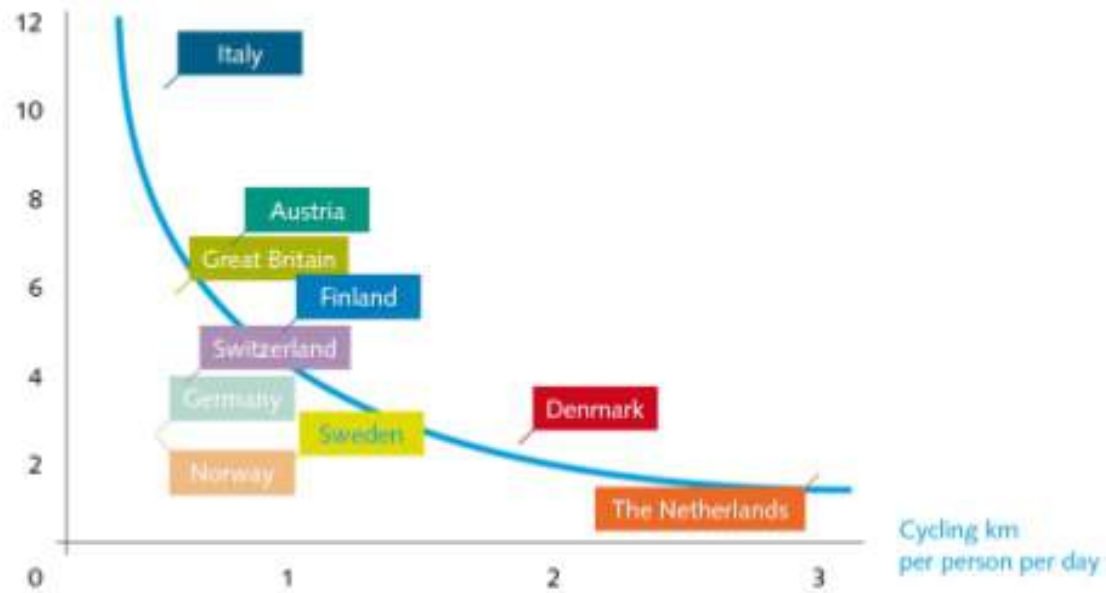


Figure 8: Relation between accidents and bicycle usage

Dutch Cycling Embassy

Narratives

Facts & Figures

Mobility policies since the 1980`s

Current Cycling Strategy

Looking forward...