



TA Community Advisory Committee
Meeting of September 29, 2026

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Roundabouts or traffic circles up and down highway 1 would make it much safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. So many communities have successfully done this!! Carmel, Indiana. Colorado Springs. Truckee, CA. Lots of places in CA have made communities safer with roundabouts. But along Highway 1, we keep adding more stoplights. That slows traffic, creates more exhaust, and cars run those stoplights. It's not safe to enter the highway from perpendicular roads. People get frustrated with all the stop lights and speed recklessly. PLEASE incorporate safety measures like roundabouts on Highway 1 in Half Moon Bay and up and down the coast. We have lost too many lives of bicyclists and motorists!!!

Thank you,
Amy L Risk — Half Moon Bay
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I'm one of the neighbors signing the Safe Corridor petition for Hwy 35, 84 and 9.

The record, the map, and what we're asking to be built:

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To the electeds who will be asked to put their name to this:

Access to the wonderful cycling routes in the hills of Woodside along Hwy 35 is one of the reasons I love living here. As cyclists, we are vulnerable to the vehicles we share the road with. I have had many close calls with cars that don't heed the 3 foot rule or speed past and cut me off rather than slowing down to merge and cross safely. Elected officials need to do more to protect their constituents from thoughtless drivers who put their lives in danger. Too many deaths have occurred, we are past the point when action is required.

PLEASE do what you can to make cycling in San Mateo county safer.

This adds to what I have already asked of you on Highways 35, 84 and 9. My earlier ask stands; the two below are immediate.

If Supervisor Ray Mueller's South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel recommendations reach you for endorsement, please read them first. Signing them makes a weak document the de facto standard for Highways 35, 84 and 9. My three asks are below.

ASK 1 — Strike "Longer Term." The answer is NOW.

What this corridor needs is the safety review and the systemic changes that come from it. Both are labelled "Longer Term." Please don't accept a stronger commitment to "Longer Term." Insist the section be retitled NOW. If you endorse it as written, you endorse the delay. Please

don't.

ASK 2 — Move the traffic hours to the weekend, and lock it in.

This corridor gets sheriff's traffic enforcement on the days it is quiet, and none on the days it is lethal. 2a — The immediate step is a written request from Woodside for weekend traffic rostering under its current contract, co-signed in support by Portola Valley for the residents it sends up here. 2b — And amend the agreement immediately, so this cannot quietly lapse. Please don't let this be answered with a price tag — the hours already exist. To the Sheriff: please treat this as a request you can say yes to.

ASK 3 — To Caltrans: give the community something to respond to.

For every location on this corridor with a fatality record, publish what Caltrans plans to do about it and how that decision gets made. A meeting is not a process. A process has a document, a decision-maker and a date. Reverse the direction. Right now residents bring the evidence and the agency receives it; publish a proposal and let us react to that. Make it accountable: who decides, by when, and how the public sees the outcome.

All three are within your power, and the window closes when those endorsements are signed.

Gratefully,
David Stamler — Menlo Park
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I signed the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9, and I'm following up.
The evidence base and the funding routes, together: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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My husband loves his bike rides through these corridors, and my two daughters and I want him to come home safe.

In earnest,
Kemeny — Menlo Park
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My name is on the Safe Corridor petition for Highways 35, 84 and 9.

See the crash record and the asks:

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I used to ride my bike on Skyline, but because of the reckless nature of so many drivers (cars and motorcycles) I no longer do. We need safe roads for recreation. This is one reason we live here. There must be a solution to make this road safe again. Thank you.

Signed,
Randi Bethel — Menlo Park
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I'm among the residents who signed the Safe Corridor petition for these three highways. See the crash record and the asks: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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To the elected members, and to the staff who advise them:

Further to my earlier message on Highways 35, 84 and 9: that ask stands in full, and I am adding two immediate ones.

I am told the South Coast Traffic Advisory Panel report is being taken around for signatures. What is really being decided is whether this becomes the corridor's working plan. As written, it should not. Please consider these three asks:

ASK 1 — Refuse the “Longer Term” heading. It has to read NOW. The safety review and all the systemic change that follows from it have been filed under “Longer Term.” That single label is what is wrong with this document. The fix is one word. Replace “Longer Term” with NOW. Nothing about the last five years justifies a delayed timeline. Please don't endorse the label as written.

ASK 2 — **Weekend enforcement**, first by request and then by amendment. There is no sheriff's traffic coverage on this corridor at the weekend. The crashes do not observe that schedule. 2a — Woodside: ask now, under the contract you already have. Portola Valley: back the ask — your residents are on these roads even though your patrols are not. 2b — Immediately after, amend the contract to guarantee it. Both steps are about days, not dollars. Sheriff — your office holds both halves of this.

ASK 3 — Caltrans: publish intentions, process and timelines for each segment. Set out, in public and per section, the intended action, the rationale, and the date by which

Caltrans will commit. We are not asking to be consulted again. We are asking to be told what you intend. Give the community something concrete to respond to, rather than asking us to generate the input again. The burden of proposing belongs to the agency that owns the road. The value is in the accountability: a name, a date, and a published outcome per section.

All three are within your power, and the window closes when those endorsements are signed.

My daughter, wife, parents and I live on Highway 84 between La Honda and San Gregorio, with my wife and daughter. We commute on hwy 84 to school and work in car and on bicycle.

The Weekends are horrific out here with the piercing noise and ridiculous speeds of car clubs and joy riding motorcyclists.

While they do have just as much right to use the roads as anyone else, they also need to observe speed limits, safe passing, and noise ordinance.

Thank you, honorable San Mateo County Supervisors Mueller and all, Assemblyperson Berman, Senator Becker for taking this issue seriously and keeping our citizenry safe and lawful.

You are invited to my home any weekend to witness the racetrack. Bring your ear protection!

With great respect,
Shawn Sears
— La Honda
bpositivity@gmail.com

This comes from one of the people working on the Safe Corridor Initiative (Hwy 35/84/9).
The crash record, the map, and the fixes we're asking for: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

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Subject: One more voice: don't wait for the next death on Skyline, La Honda Rd & Hwy 9
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 9:24:37 AM

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Dear local government officials,
A lifelong cyclist, I have stopped bicycling on many of the roads near my Half Moon Bay home because I do not feel safe. The numbers of pedestrian and cyclist accidents are too high - and many are preventable. Please prioritize our safety and establish safer corridors to and along our coast.
In appreciation,
Lorin

Thank you,
Lorin Fries — Half Moon Bay

Please count me among the signers of the Safe Corridor petition for Hwy 35, 84 and 9. The petition, crash data, map, and every proposed fix: <https://safecorridorinitiative.com>

From: [Giuliano](#)
To: [Giuliano](#)
Subject: Slides from CAC meeting item 10a, the need for mode shift to meet Measure A and W Goals and Core Principles.
Date: Thursday, September 3, 2026 12:45:40 PM
Attachments: [2026-09September-01 CAC Meeting Mode Shift Presentation by Watkins.pptx](#)

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Thank you to the Board for providing the CAC the time for this item. Thanks especially to Dr. Kari Watkins and Dr. Susan Pike from the UC Davis Institute for Traffic Studies for presenting!

While this item was unfortunately much truncated by the loss of quorum, it was still a very interesting presentation and a productive discussion.

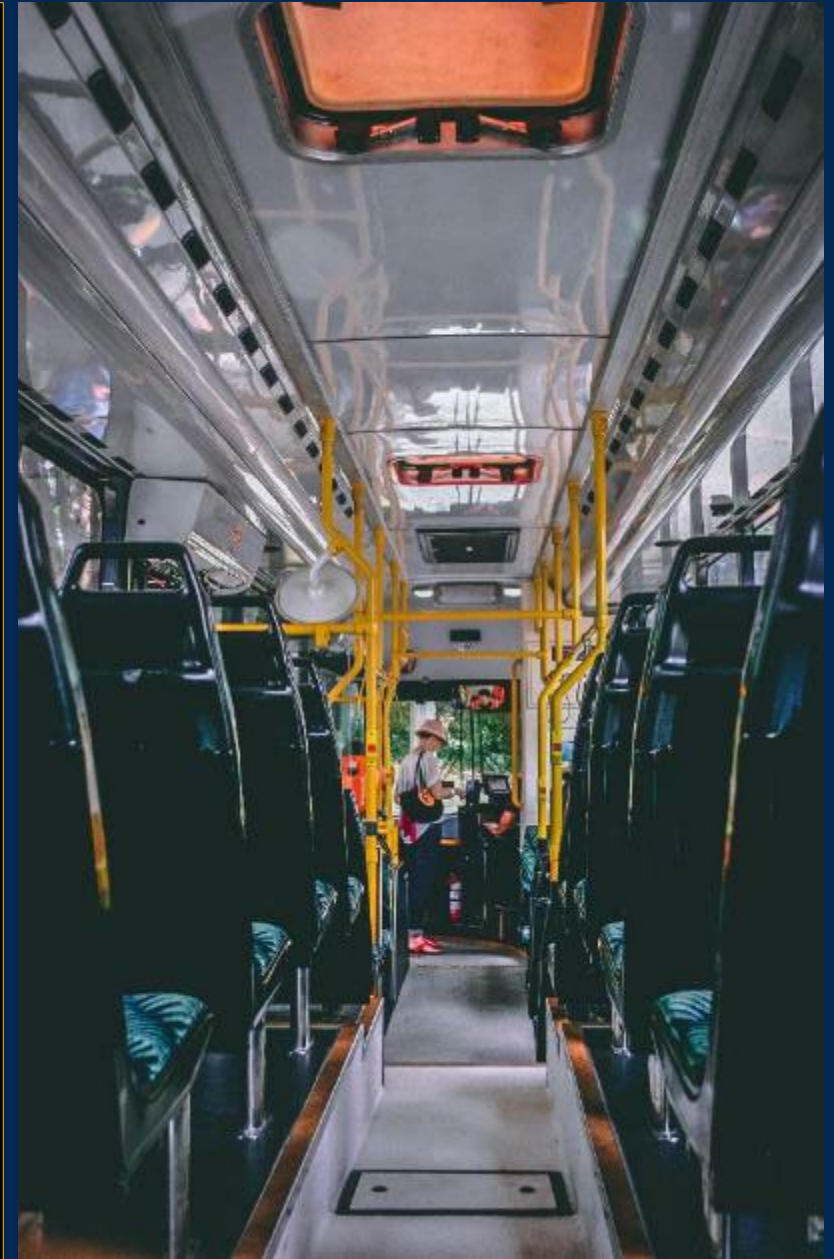
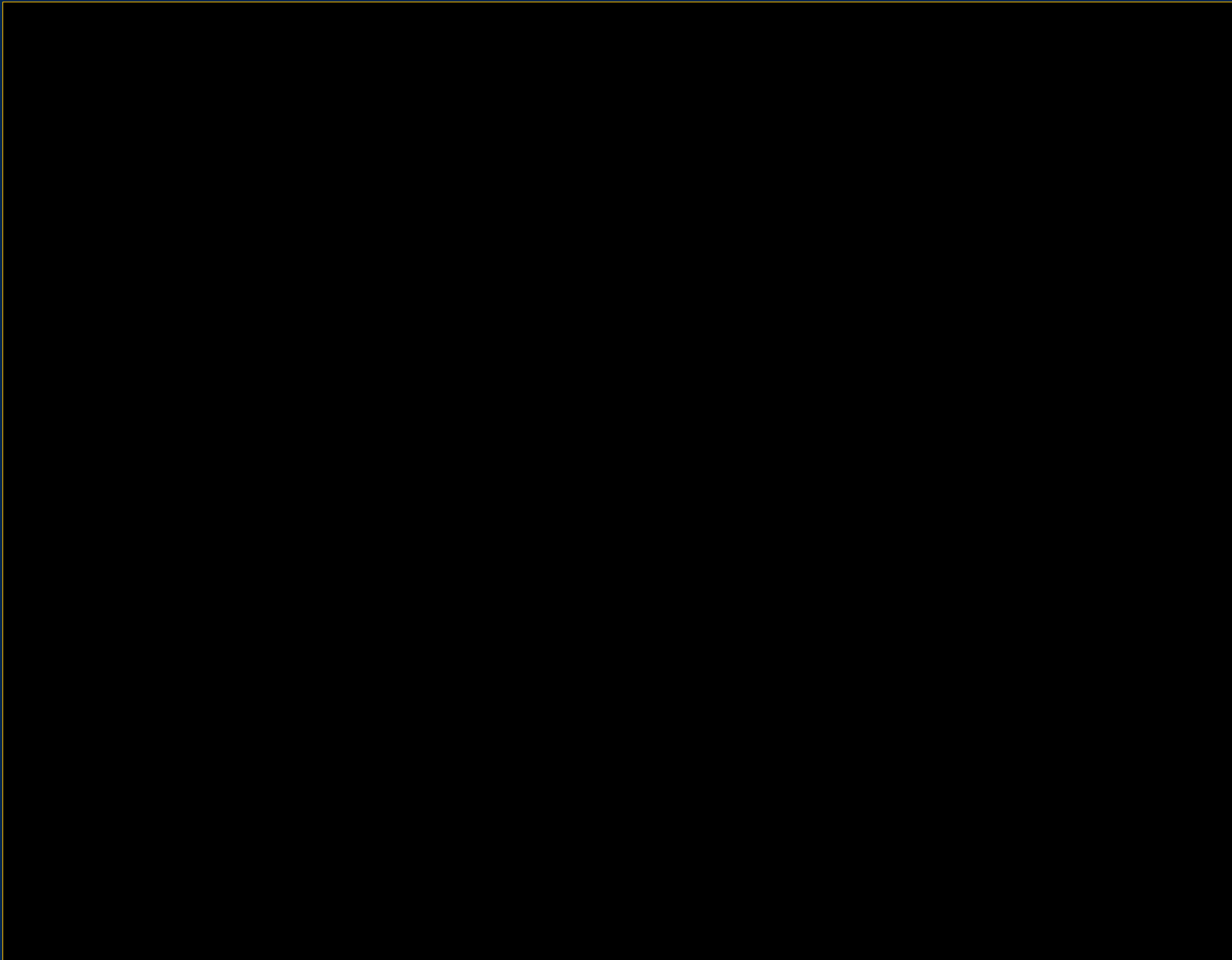
Slides are attached. You can also watch the meeting video for the full context: https://samtrans.granicus.com/player/clip/1531?view_id=2&redirect=true. Granicus is currently down, so I can't find the exact time, but I believe that 10a started at about 6:15 or 6:20PM.

Thank you again,

giuliano

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Drive a bike a bit more often and cars a bit less. You'll be healthier and happier, and so will our world.

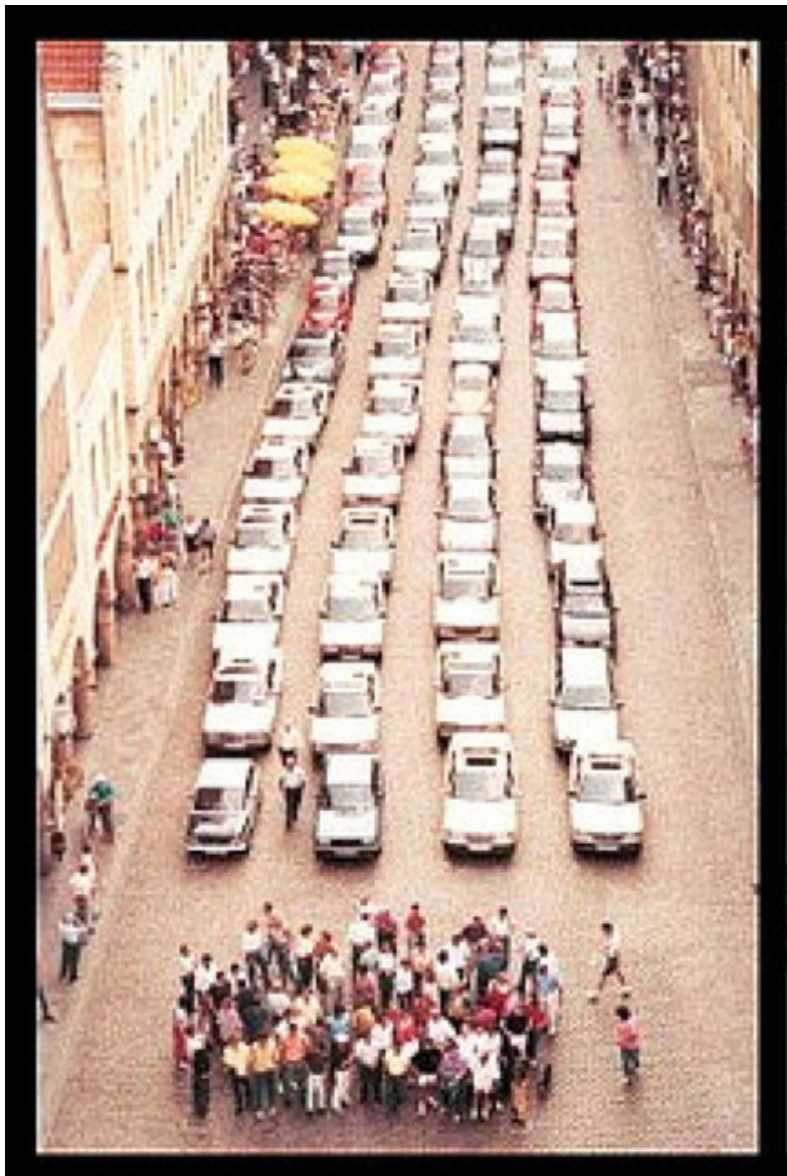












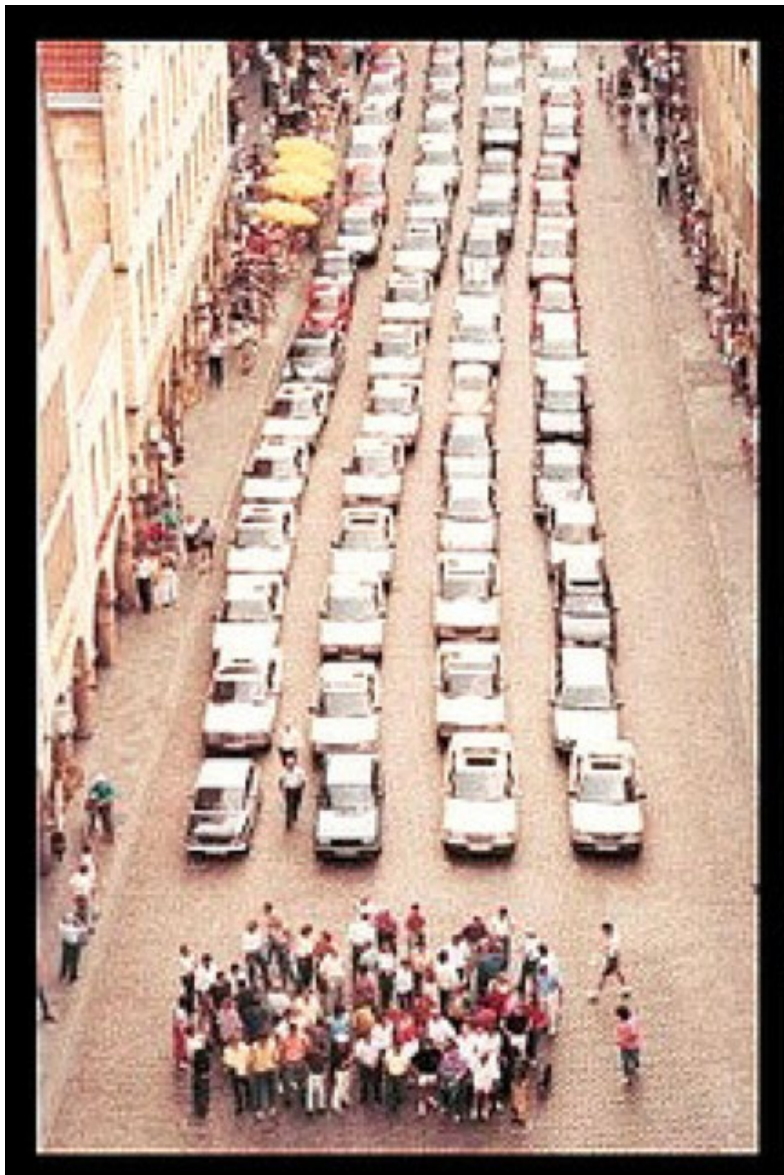
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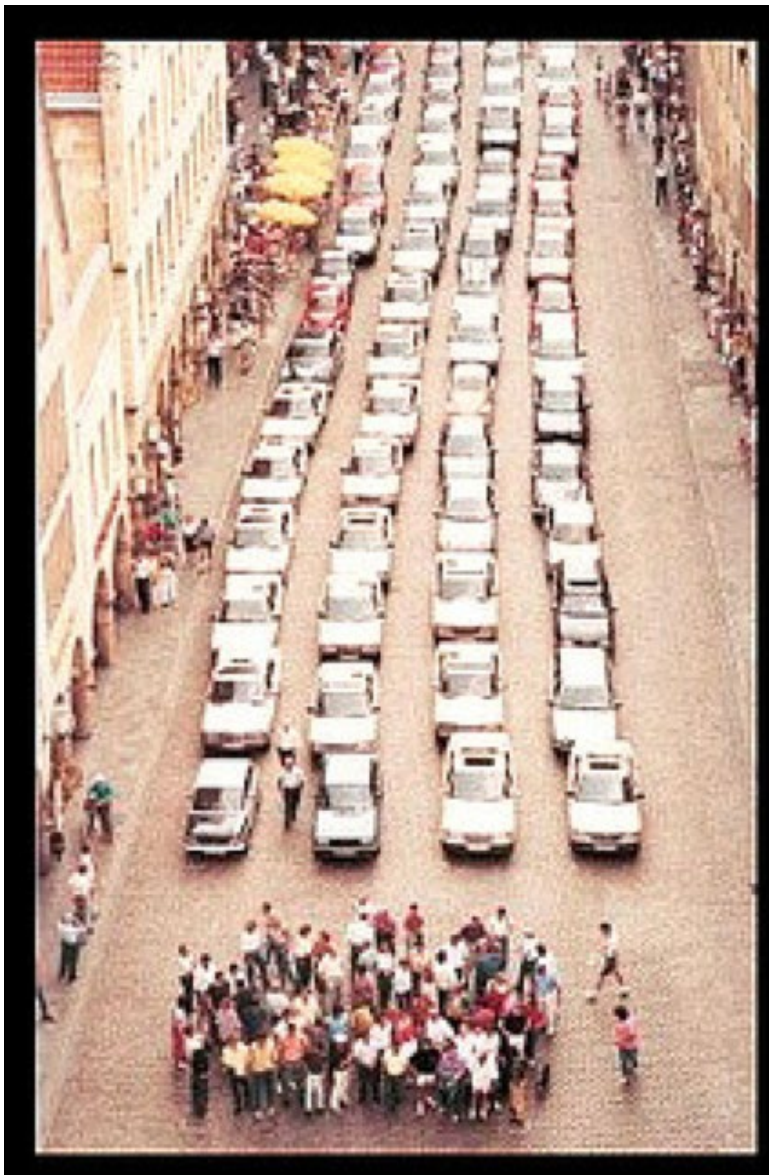
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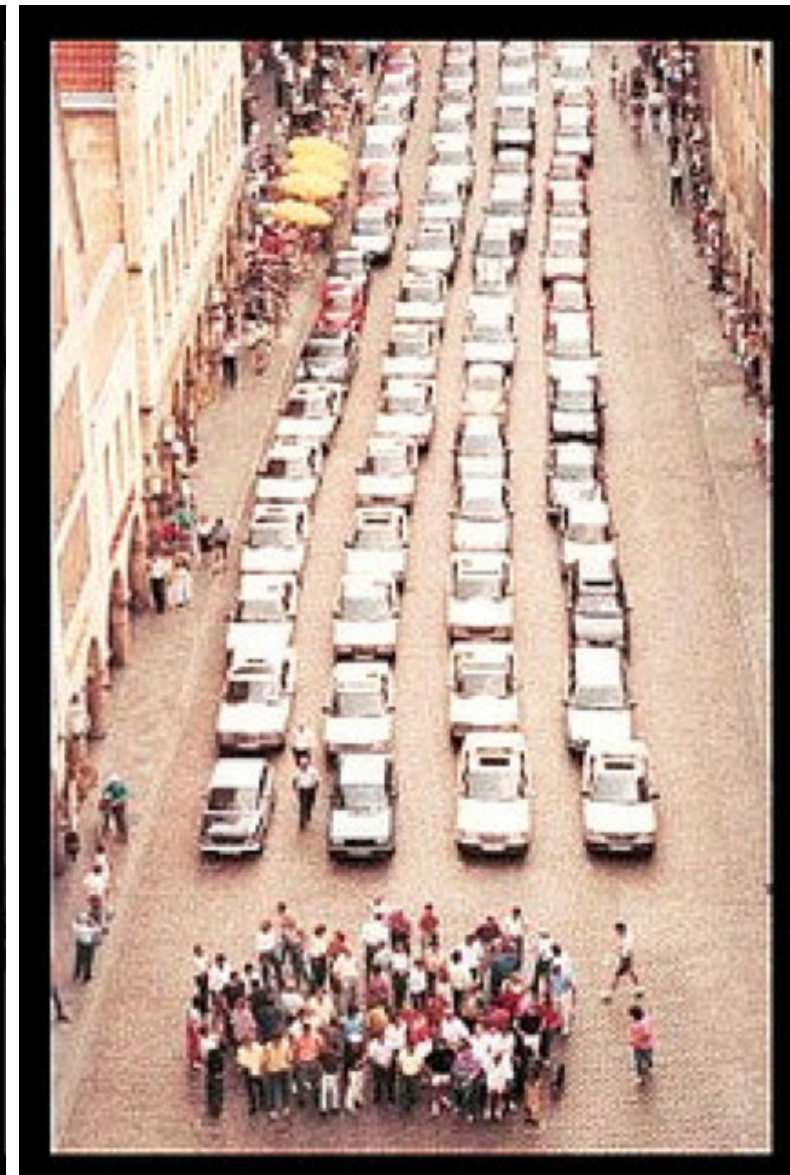
Bike



AV



EV



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How we use our physical space
and the priority and separation we give
to active and public transportation
is critical to the future of our
transportation system.

A photograph taken from the interior of a transit vehicle, looking out through a large window. The scene outside is a snowy street. In the immediate foreground, the rear of a red car is visible. Further down the street, a white car is parked. The background is heavily overexposed, appearing as a bright white wash. The text "Getting people to ride transit" is overlaid on the right side of the image, with a horizontal line underneath it.

**Getting
people to ride
transit**

Needs for Transit

If travel is a utility, then mobility must be a service

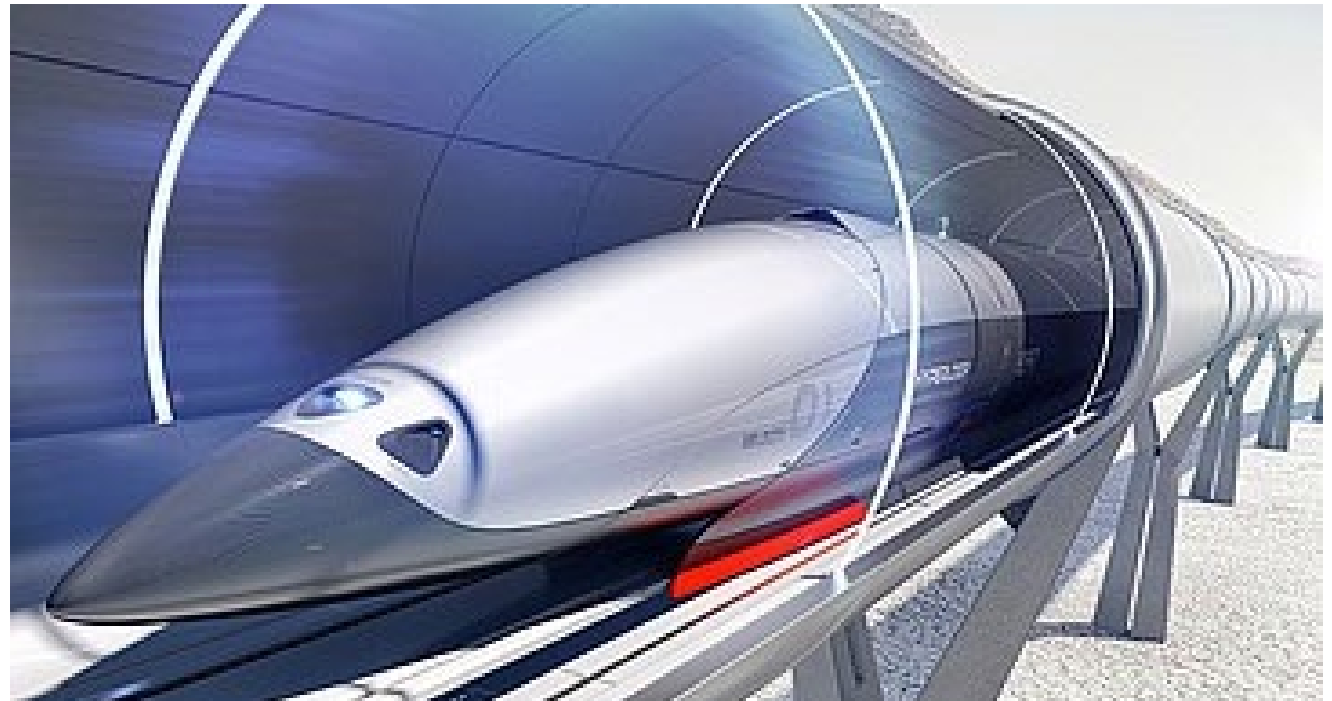
- Seamless travel with collective transportation as the backbone
 - Best of high-capacity public transportation for the bulk of travel distances
 - Localized services for short trips and first-mile, last-mile connectivity
- Mobility must be transformed to be seen more like a high-quality utility
 - Connection from one service to another must be efficient and pleasant
 - Rethink fare payment as travel patterns change



Needs for Transit

Focus first on service,
then on technology

- Streetcar? Gondola? Hyperloop? Don't chase technology
- First create a **connected, accessible transit network**
- Link major nodes with frequent service

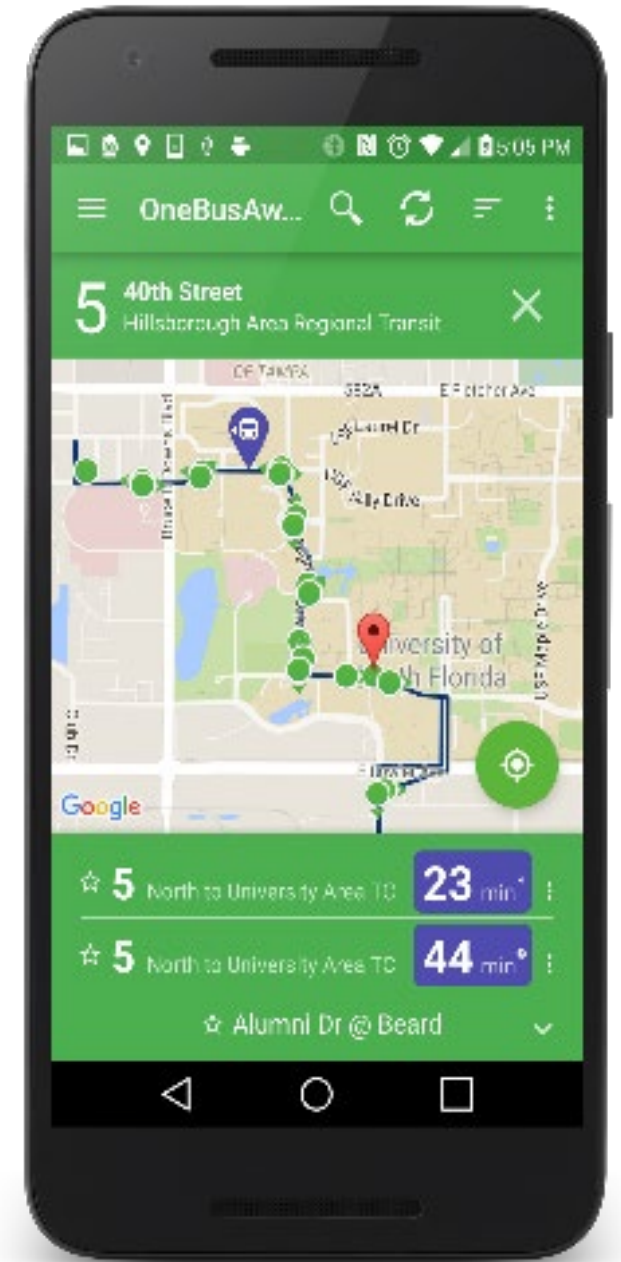


Needs for Transit

“Scientia potentia est” - knowledge is power

- Information intense society
- Inform customers in real-time
- Service disruption alerts
- Customer feedback mechanisms

More here: Watkins, K. “Does the Future of Mobility Depend on Public Transportation?”, *Journal of Public Transportation*, Vol. 21: 1, pp. 53-59, 2018.



Needs for Transit

Spatial priority must be given to public transportation modes

- Transit + carpooling mixed with general traffic = no incentive to share
- Exclusive right-of-way to transit modes
- Spatial allocation for transit mode much more important with driverless vehicles





**Getting
people to ride
bikes**

User Preference Analysis

Sharrows on road without parking

Sharrows ("share arrows") show that motorists and bicyclists will be sharing the road. Please mark your reaction to **each** statement below:



Bicycling on a road like this is ...

Completely disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Completely agree

☐
☐
☐
☐
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☐

mes

☐ Often

☐ Not sure

Bike lane on road without

A bike lane is a dedicated lane for bicyclists



Something I'd try

☐
☐
☐

Agree

Completely agree

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How often have you bicycled on a road like this?

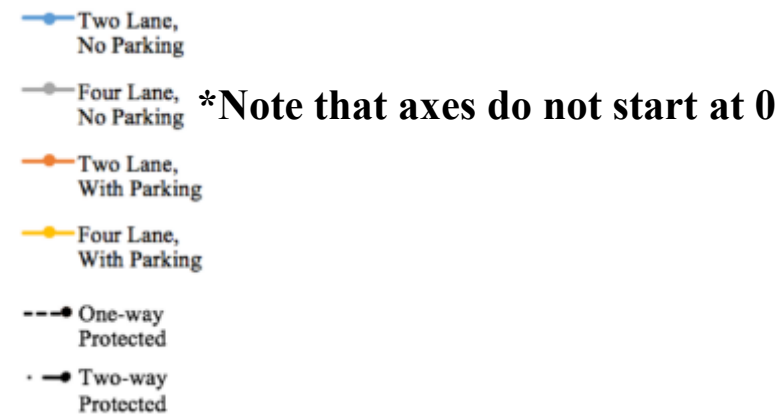
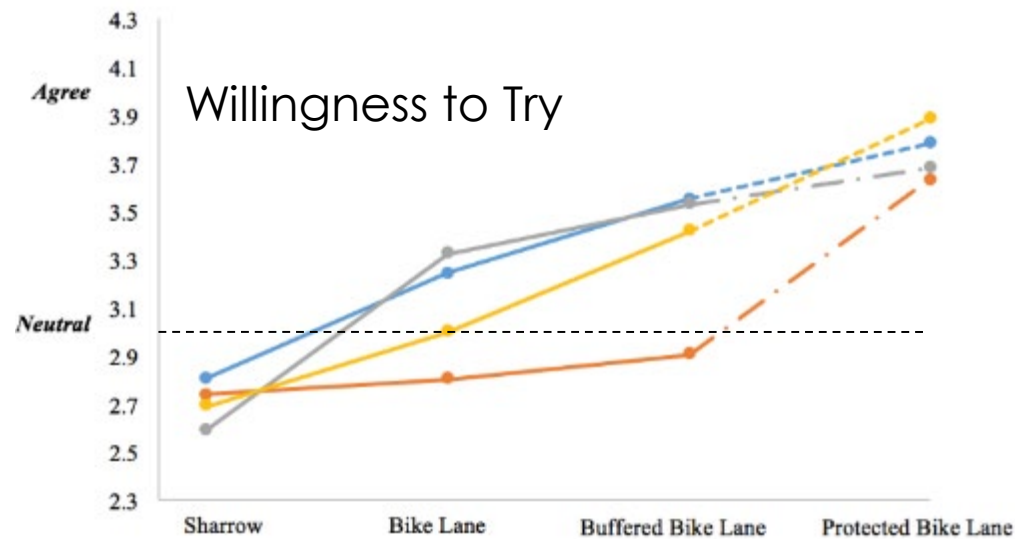
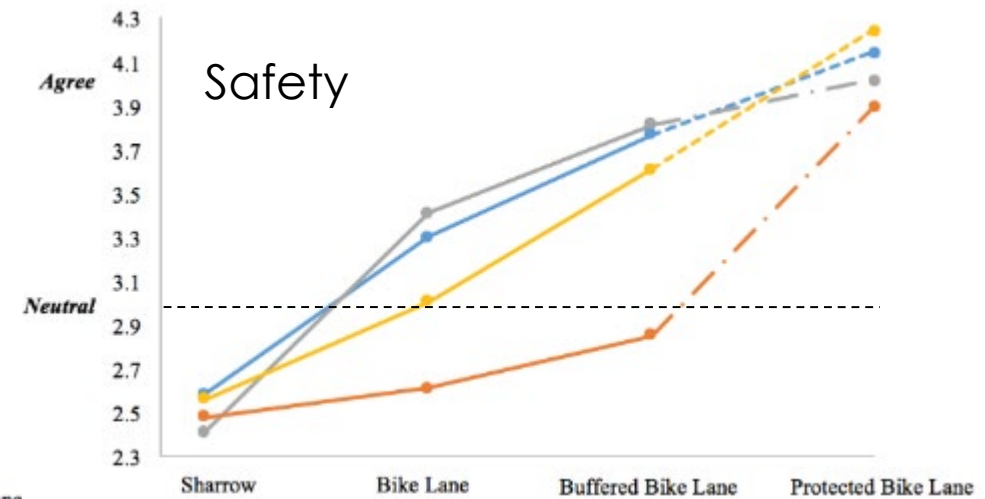
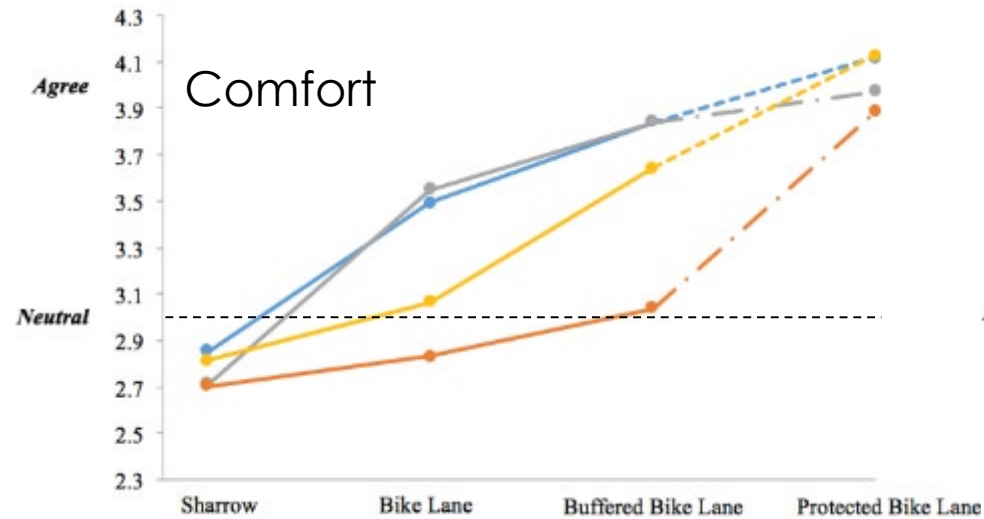
☐ Never

☐ Sometimes

☐ Often

☐ Not sure

User Preference Analysis



Instrumented Bicycle Data Collection

**1. Front
Component**
Compute
Functions
Arduino Uno

**2. Rear
Component**
Sensors
Raspberry Pi



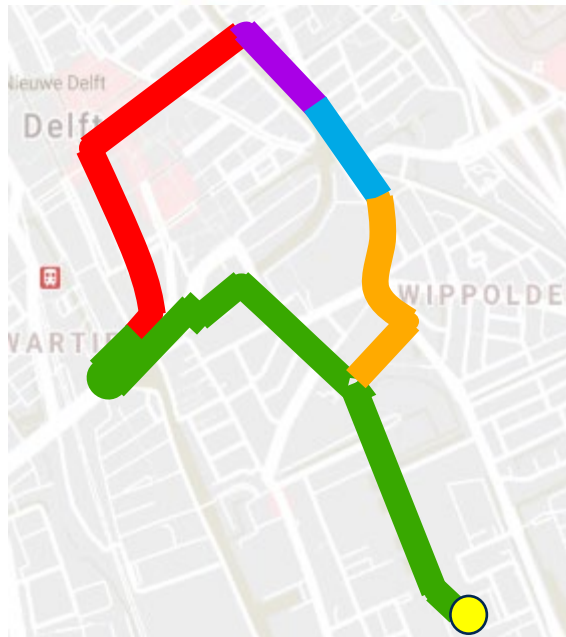
Instrumented Bicycle Study Area

Delft:

Small city, 100,000 population

~40% cycling modal share

28 participants



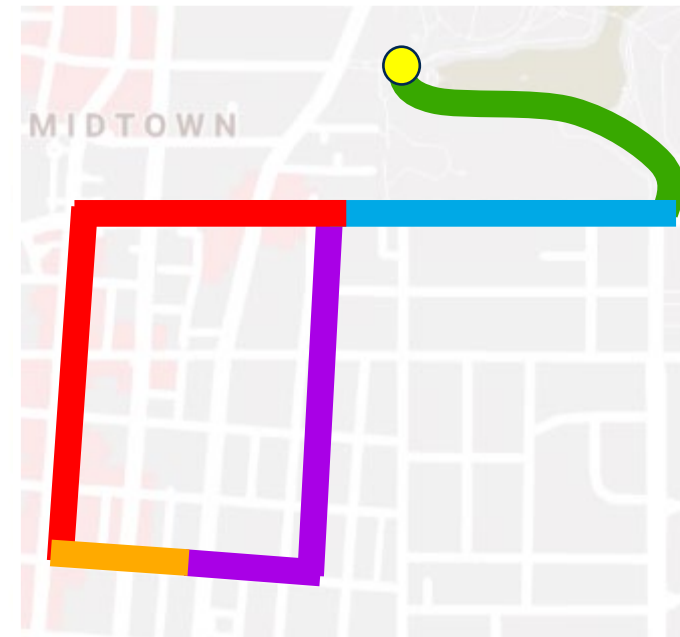
- Separate Facility
- Barrier Separated
- Residential
- Bike Lane
- Mixed Traffic
- Start/End

Atlanta:

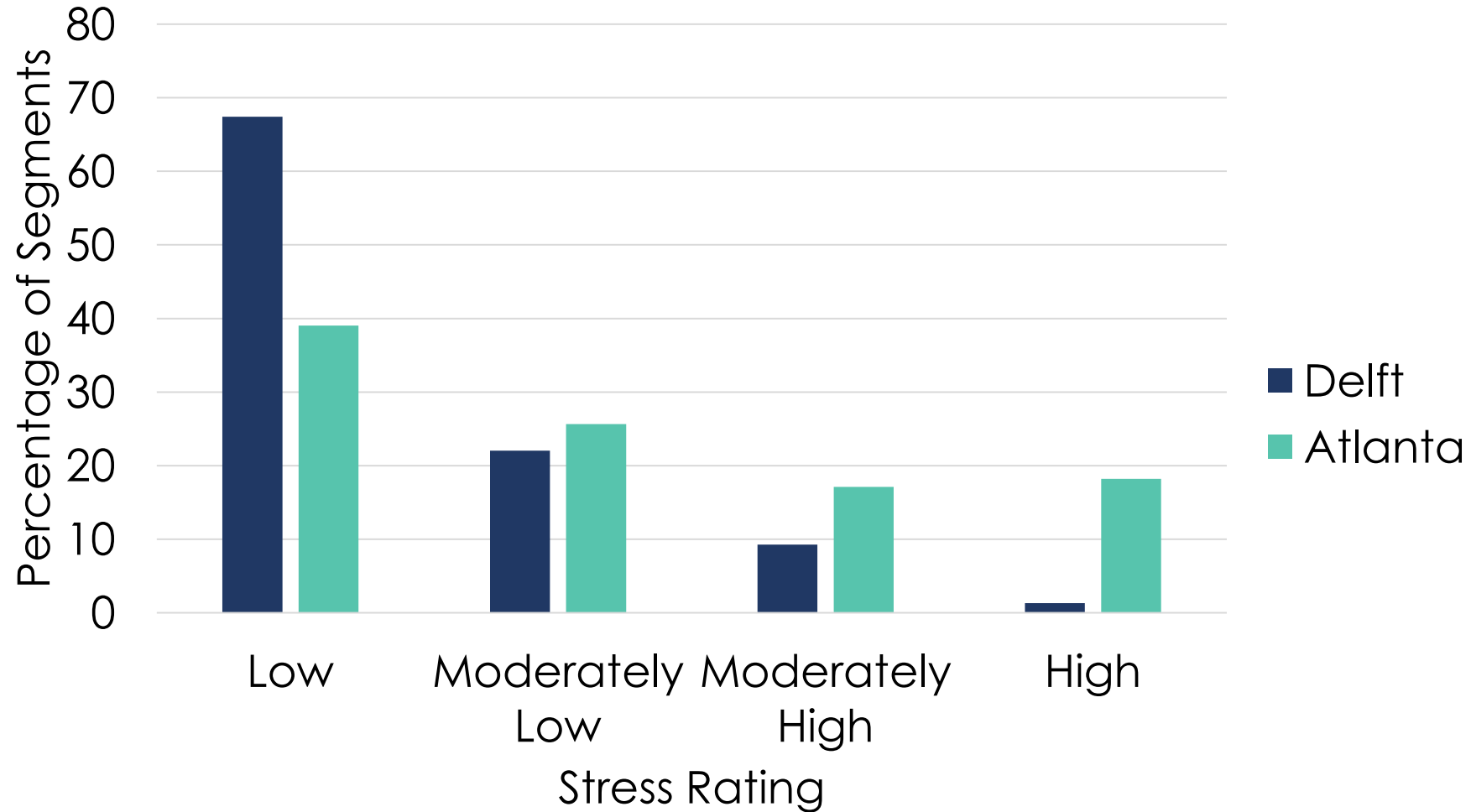
500,000 people, 6 mil in metro area

~1.5% cycling modal share

41 participants



Stress Rating



Thematic Analysis of Stress Survey

Causes of Stress

Theme	Delft	Atlanta
Motor Vehicles	68%	93%
Poor Pavement	54%	71%
Poor Infrastructure	32%	78%
High Volume	29%	54%
Anticipation	4%	46%
Speed Differential	18%	34%
Lane Restriction	32%	22%
Surprises	32%	17%
Bus/Truck	21%	22%
Pedestrians	32%	15%
Cyclists	36%	0%
Intersections	14%	10%

Stress Reducers

Theme	Delft	Atlanta
Quality Infrastructure	93%	80%
Low Volume	89%	71%
Familiarity	75%	29%
Speed Differential	29%	41%
Lack of Motor Vehicles	29%	37%
Good Pavement	32%	17%
Ambiance	11%	17%
Lack of Pedestrians	4%	5%
Lack of Intersections	7%	0%

Bicycle Research Conclusions

- **Separated / Protected facilities** should be a priority in bicycle facility design.
- **Minimize** impact of **parking** adjacent to bike lanes.
- Make **limited** use of **sharrows**.
- Main components of cyclist stress
 - Presence of motor vehicles
 - Poor pavement
 - Poor infrastructure (Atlanta)
 - Cyclists (Delft)
- Cyclists prefer to go at their ideal speed. Atlanta cyclists experienced higher, more stressful speed differentials pressuring them to go faster than their ideal speed.

More here:

Gadsby, Hagenzieker, & Watkins, "An international comparison of the self-reported causes of cyclist stress using quasi-naturalistic cycling", J of Transport Geography Vol. 91, 2021.

Gadsby, Tsai, & Watkins, "Understanding the Influence of Pavement Conditions on Cyclists' Perception of Safety and Comfort: Using Surveys and Eye Tracking", *Transportation Research Record*, Vol. 2676(12), 2022

A vibrant, sunlit city street scene. In the foreground, several cyclists are riding towards the camera. Behind them, a large crowd of pedestrians is walking across a crosswalk. In the background, three red double-decker buses are visible, partially obscured by the trees and the crowd. The scene is set against a backdrop of lush green trees, suggesting a park or a tree-lined urban area. A semi-transparent circular overlay is positioned on the right side of the image, containing the text 'Transit plus Bike' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with a horizontal line underneath the word 'Bike'.

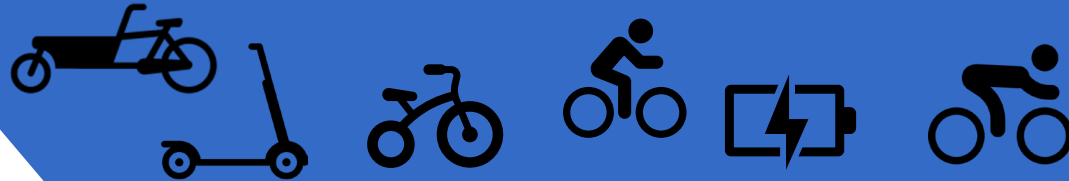
Transit plus Bike

Dutch STOMP Principles

Stappen
(Walking)



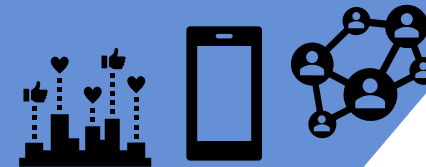
Trappen
(Bicycling)



Openbaar vervoer
(Public Transport)



MaaS (Mobility as a Service)



Privéauto (Private cars)



Bike + Train

- Bicycling increases the catchment area of stations.
- Half of all train trips in NL begin with a bike ride.
- 25% of all bike trips are to / from a station





THANK YOU!

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Many thanks to research partners too numerous to mention!