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# Better Growth, Better Climate: cities and the new climate economy

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# CITIES AND THE NEW CLIMATE ECONOMY

## the role of transport and urban form



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**THE NEW CLIMATE ECONOMY**

The Global Commission on the Economy and Climate

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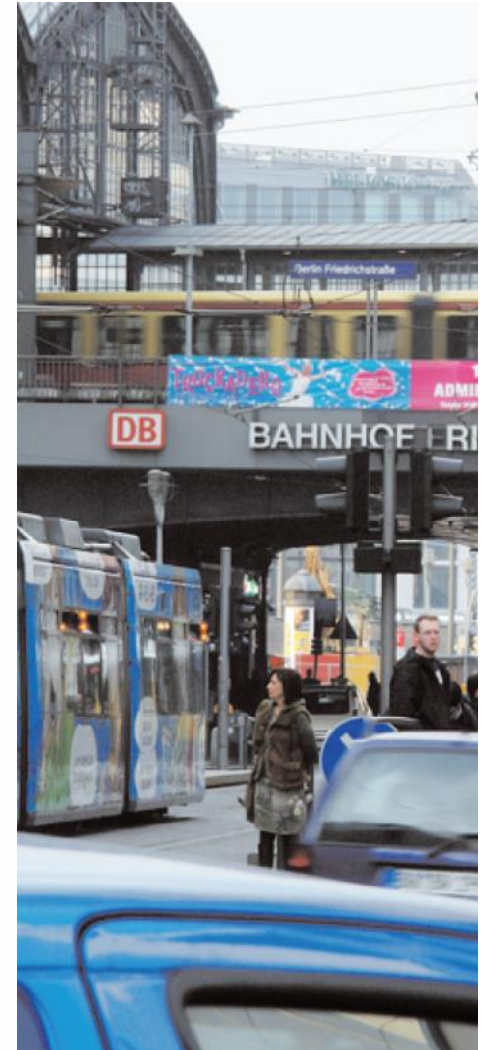
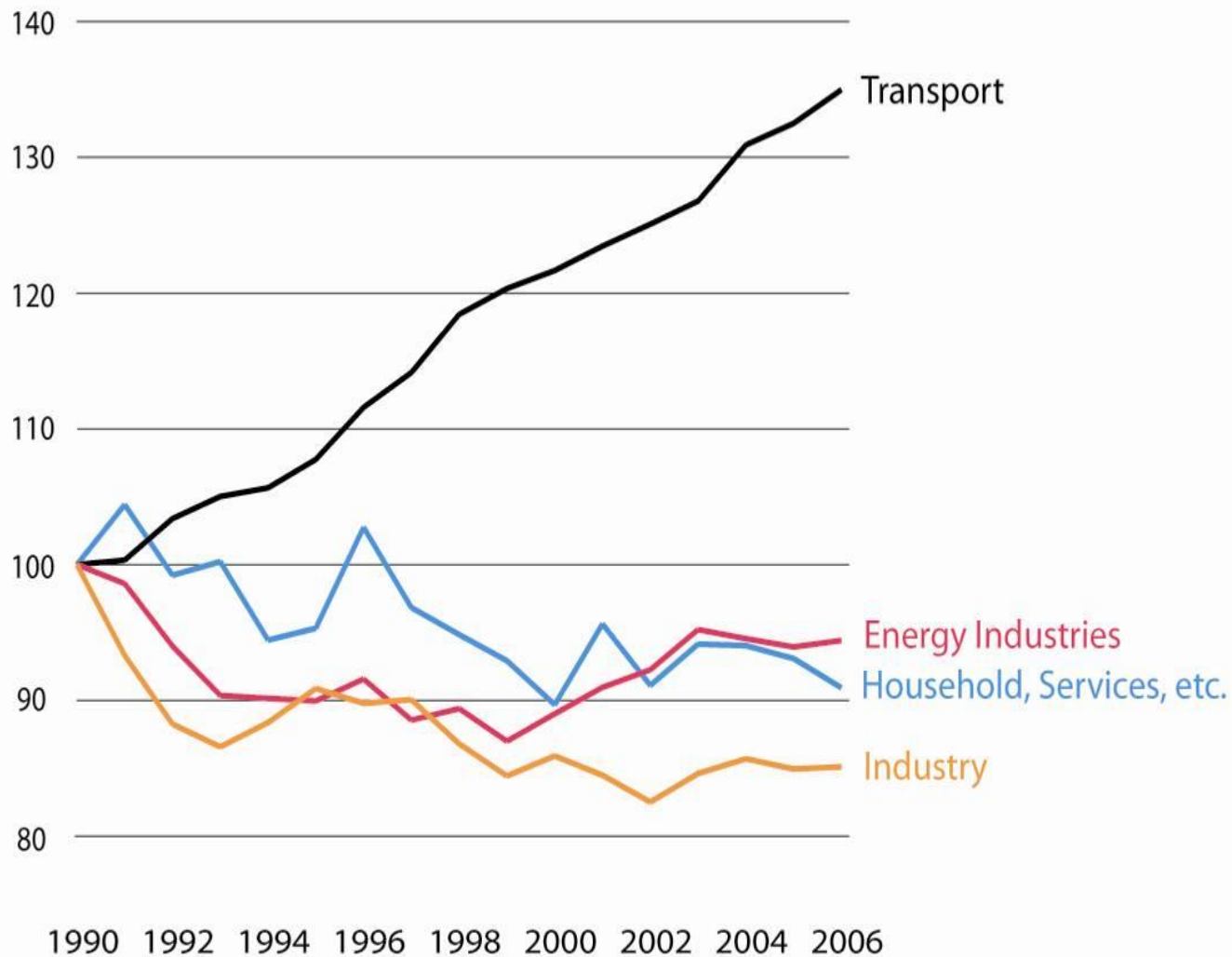
An aerial, high-angle photograph of a busy city intersection. A red tram is moving diagonally across the frame from the top left towards the bottom right, creating a motion blur. A red bus is visible in the upper right corner, stopped at a traffic light. Numerous pedestrians are walking on the sidewalks and crossing the street. The scene is captured in a high-contrast, slightly desaturated style.

23% of global CO<sub>2</sub> [energy related]  
from transport

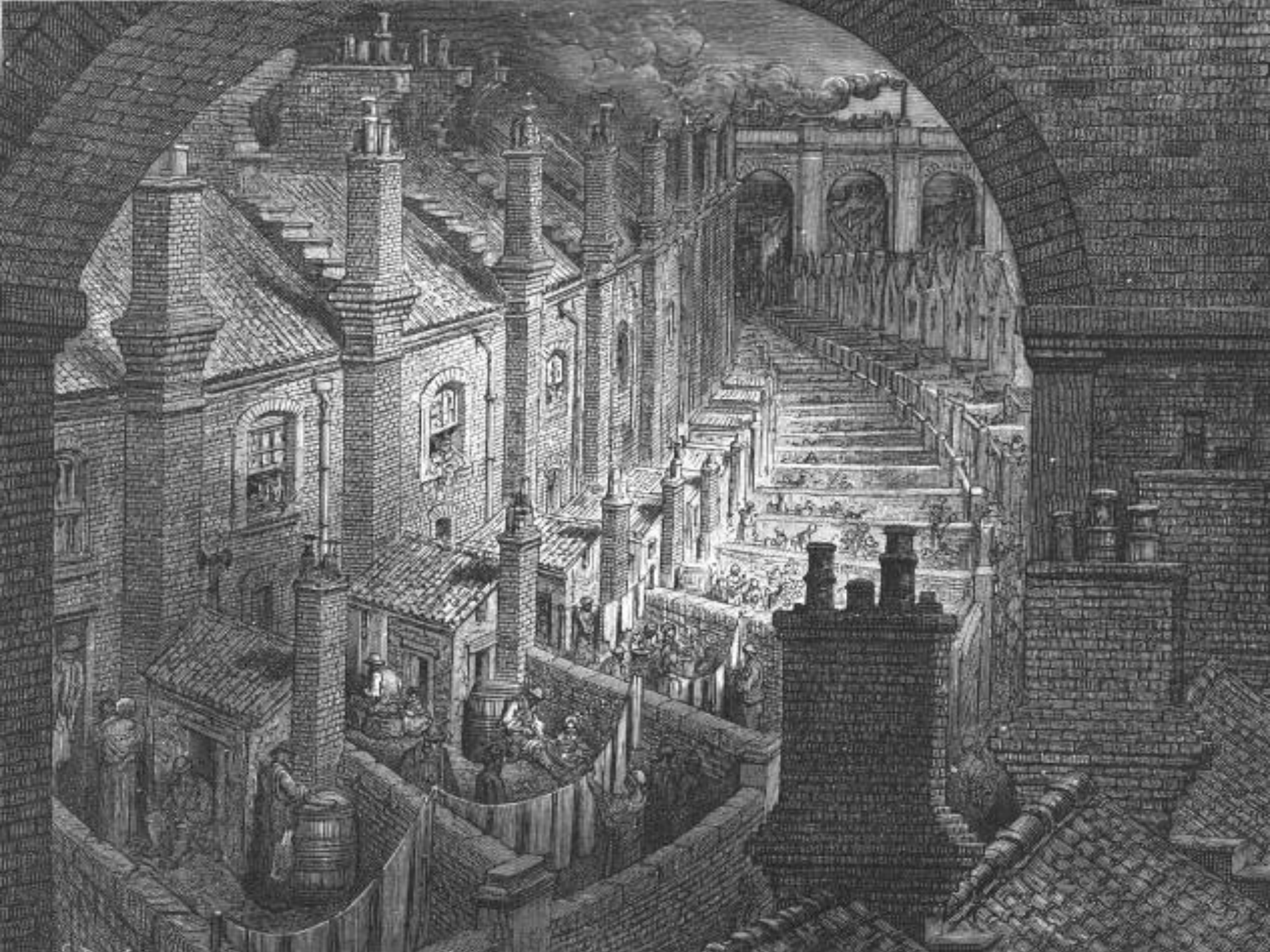
doubling of emissions by 2050  
emissions from transport under BAU / fastest growing emissions

10 billion trips per day  
in urban areas worldwide / increasingly motorised

# EU27: INCREASING CO2 EMISSION ONLY FOR TRANSPORT

















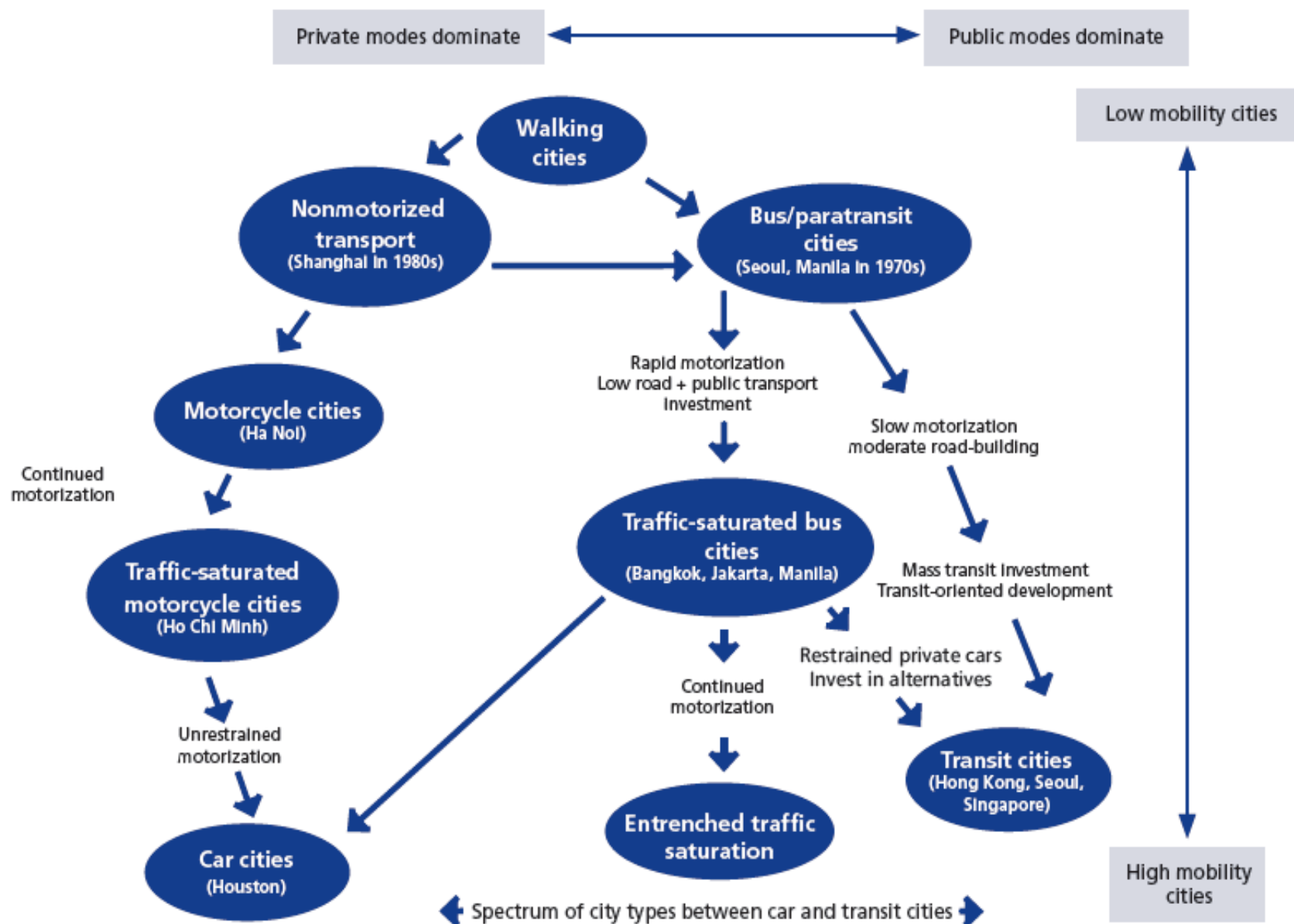






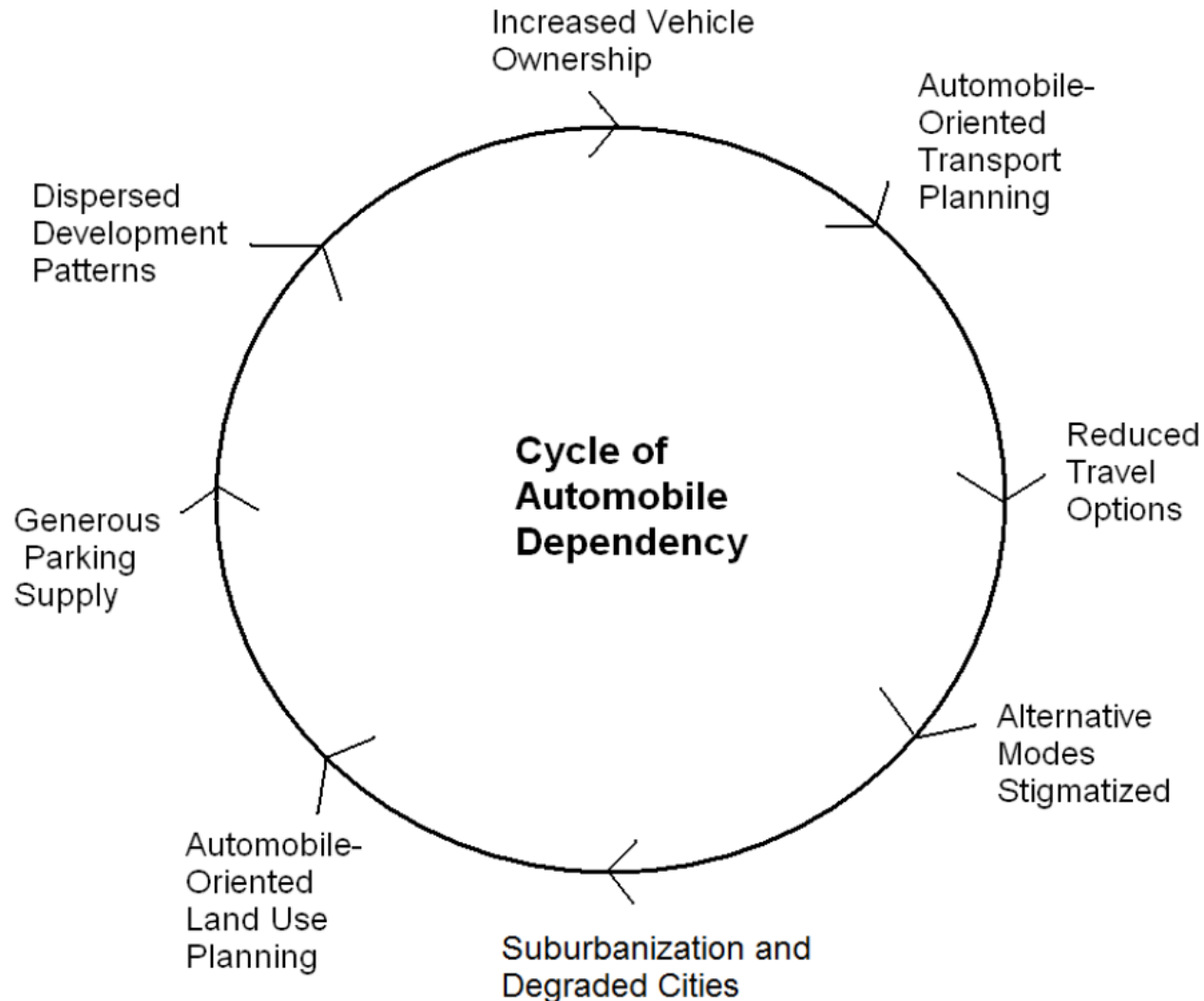
# THE EVOLUTION OF URBAN ACCESSIBILITY PATHWAYS

Source: ADB 2009 based on Barter



# THE SELF-REINFORCING CYCLE OF SPRAWL AND AUTOMOBILE DEPENDENCE

Source: Litman 2014





# URBAN FORM AND INFRASTRUCTURE: LOCKING IN MOBILITY PATTERNS

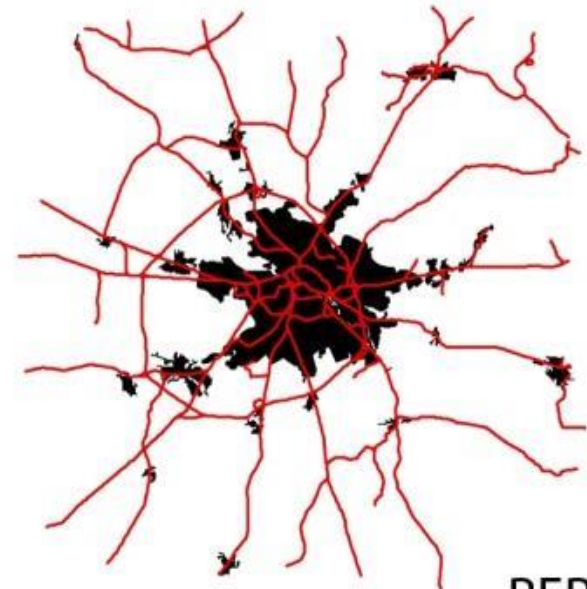
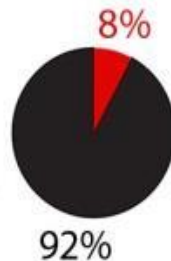
Source: LSE Cities 2014



Pop 5,430,549  
GDP per capita 54,853\$

580 people per km<sup>2</sup> (average)  
5% population living 500m from rail based public transport network

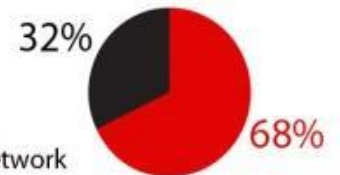
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Pop 4,280,544  
GDP per capita 37,147\$

3,930 people per km<sup>2</sup> (average)  
33% population living 500m from rail based public transport network

BERLIN



LEGEND:

■ urban area  
— rail based public transport network

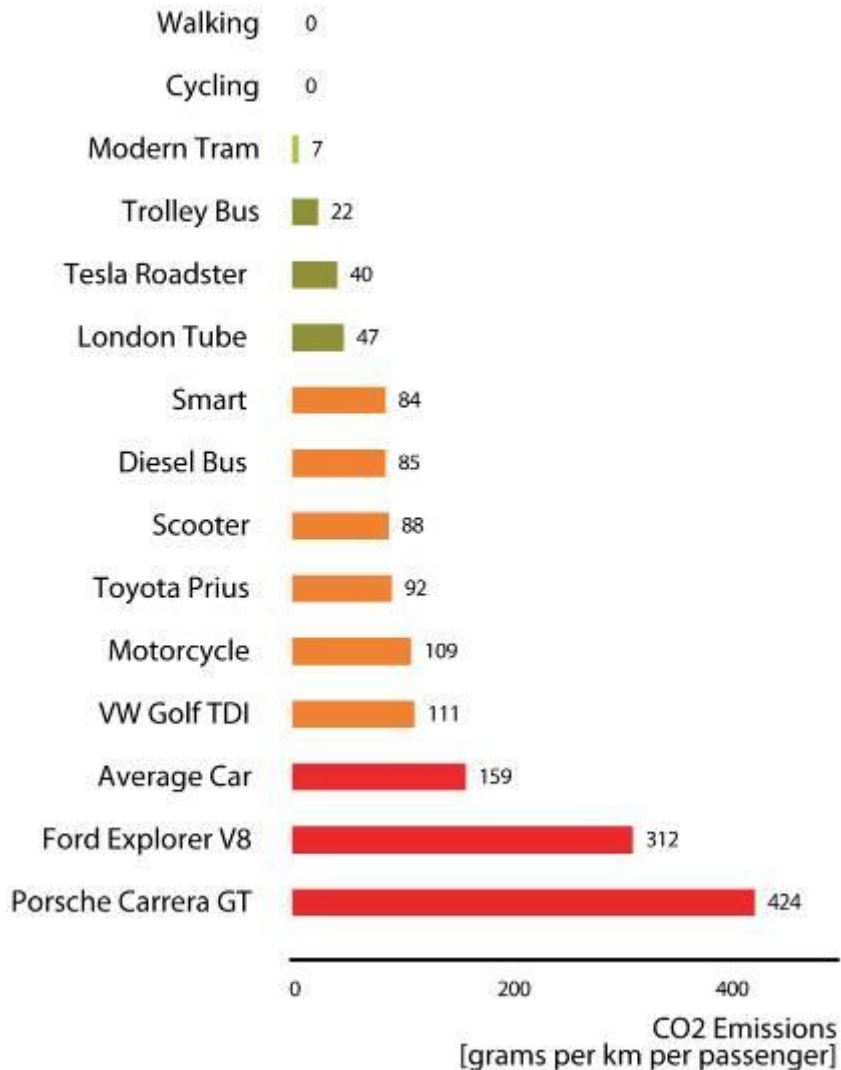
0 15 60 km

Modal share in political city:

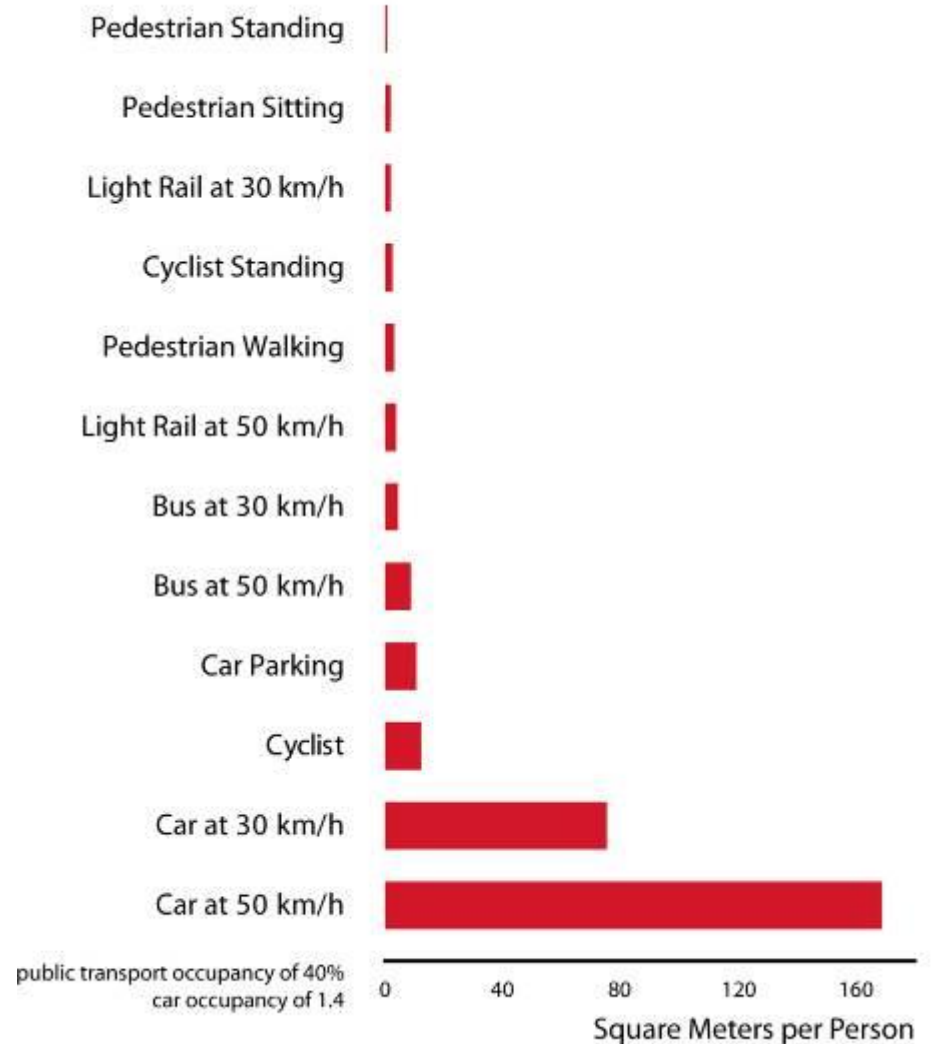
Public transport, walking and cycling  
Private motorised

# IMPACTS OF URBAN TRANSPORT MODES

## Environmental impact



## Space Consumption

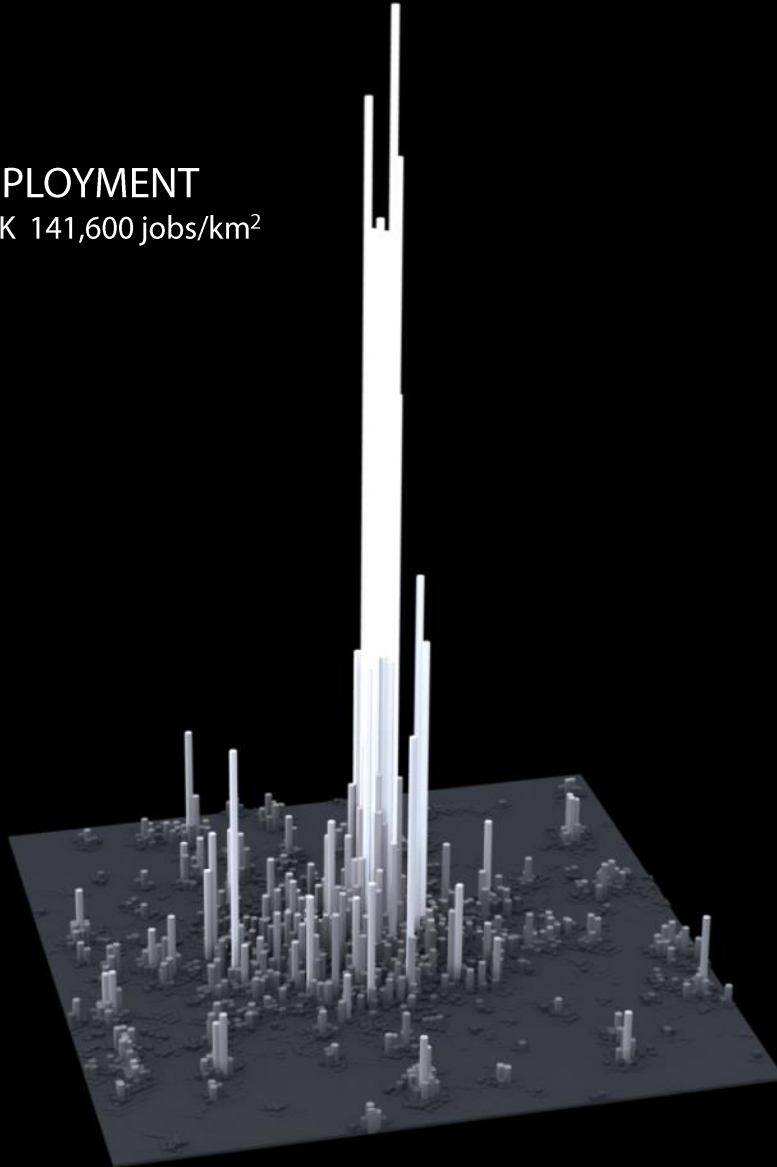




# LONDON | LOCATION OF WORKING AND LIVING

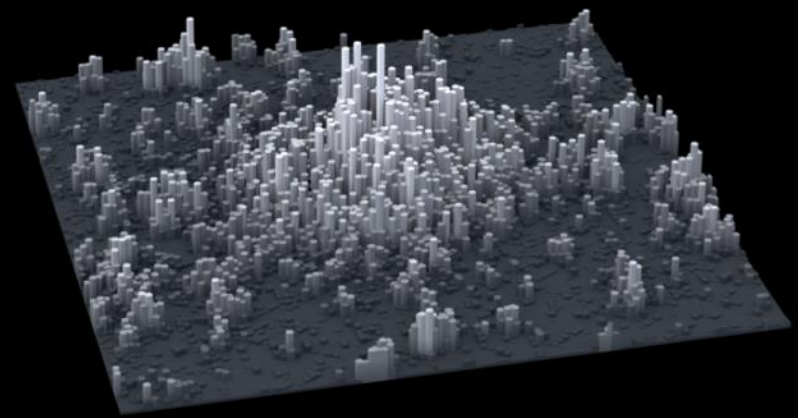
## EMPLOYMENT

PEAK 141,600 jobs/km<sup>2</sup>



## RESIDENTS

PEAK 27,100 pp/km<sup>2</sup>





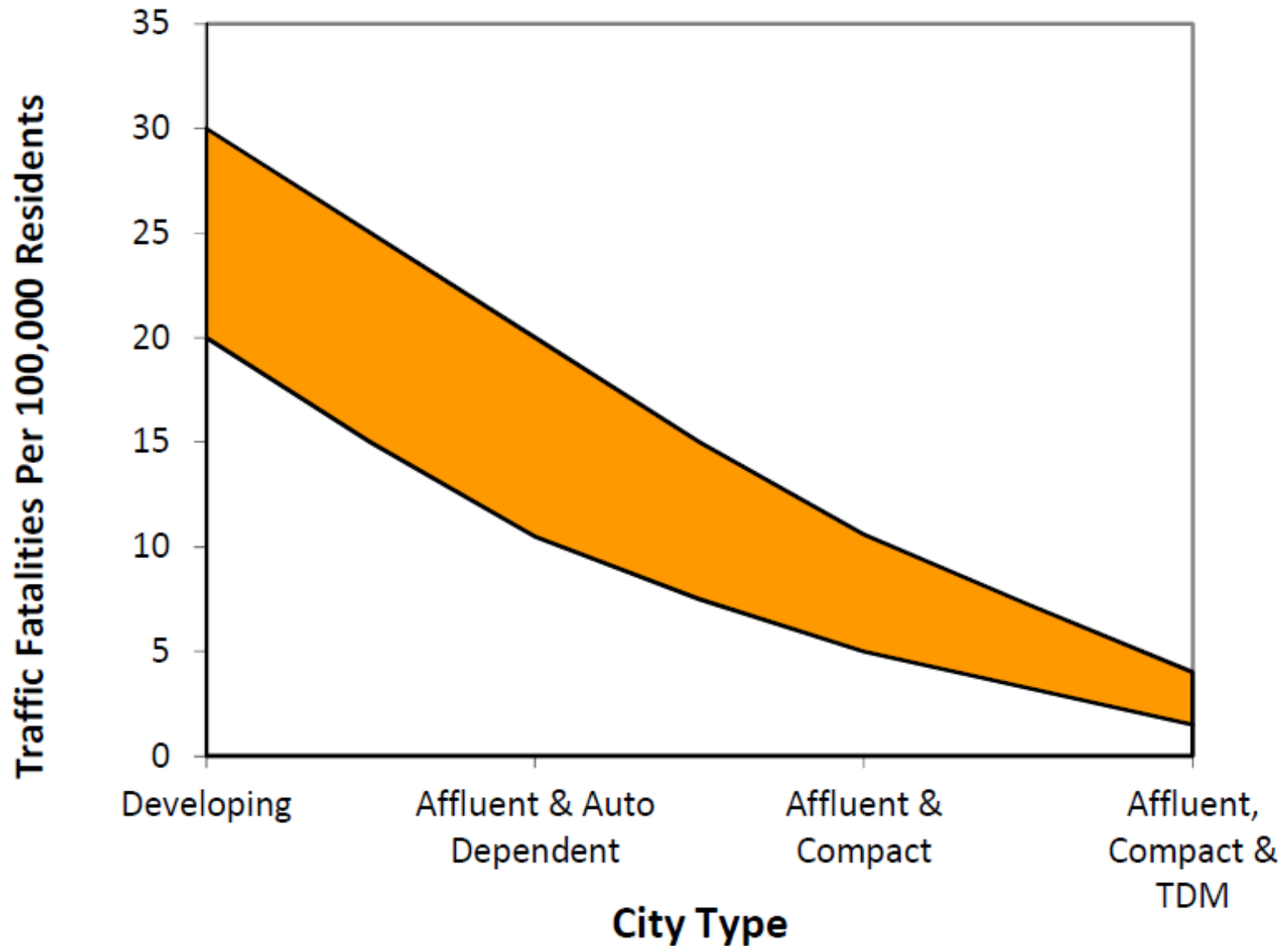
## **CONGESTION: LOSS OF PRODUCTIVITY IN URBAN AREAS**

Up to 15% of GDP in Beijing (Creutzig and He 2009);  
Buenos Aires 3.4%, Mexico City 2.6% and Dakar 3.4% (World Bank 2002)



# TRAFFIC FATALITIES

Source: Litman 2014



# HEALTHIER LIFESTYLES

- It is estimated that physical inactivity accounts for 3.3 per cent of all deaths globally and for 19 million disability-adjusted life-years
- About 60 per cent of the world population do little physical activity
- 40 million Americans classified as obese
- Two 15 minutes trips by bicycle every day are enough to satisfy basic cardiovascular health
- Copenhagen and Munich rank amongst the top 10 healthiest and safest cities

[tfl.gov.uk/cycling](http://tfl.gov.uk/cycling)



**EXTEND  
YOUR LIFE.  
CYCLE.**

**You're better off  
by bike**

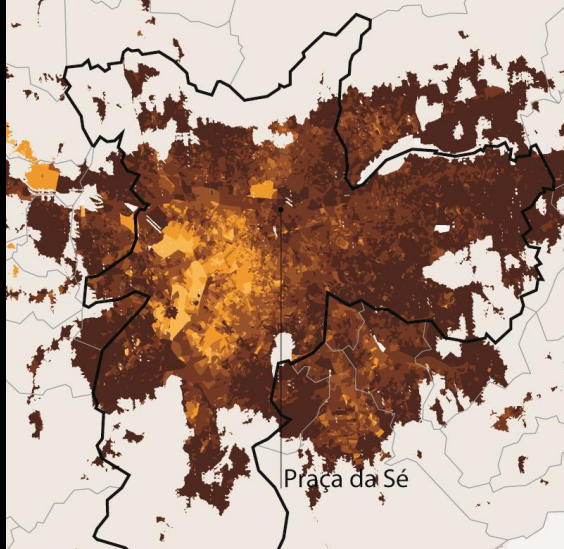
MAYOR OF LONDON

Transport for London

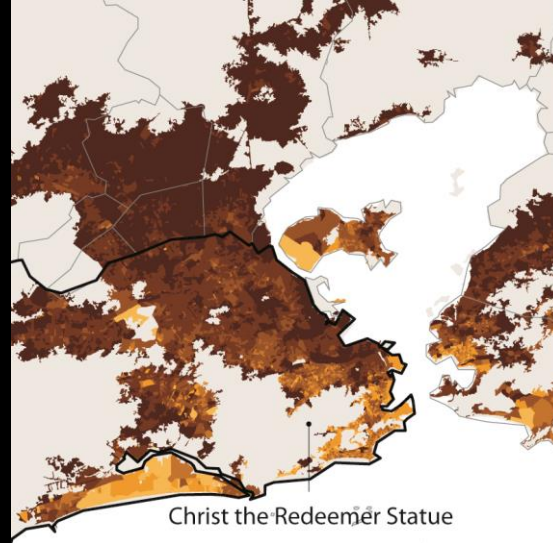




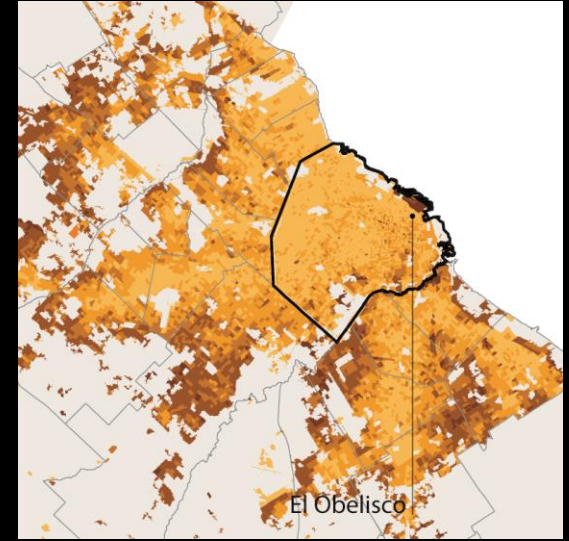
# SOCIAL EXCLUSION: PERIPHERALISATION OF THE DISADVANTAGED



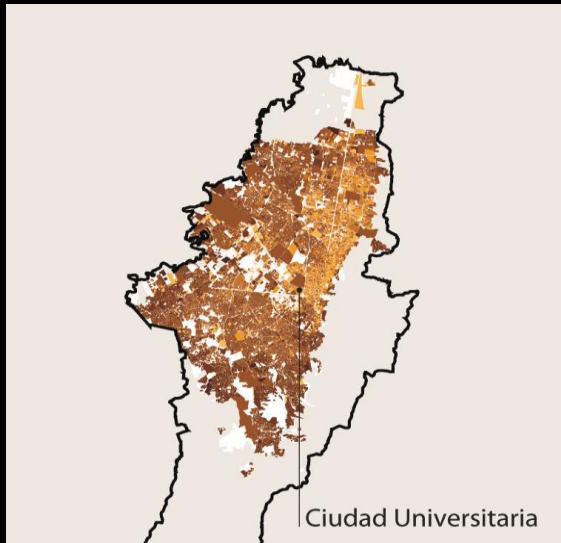
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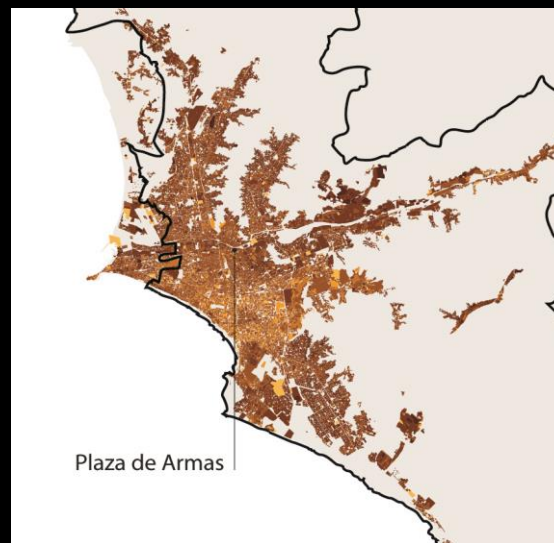
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**BUENOS AIRES**



**BOGOTÁ**



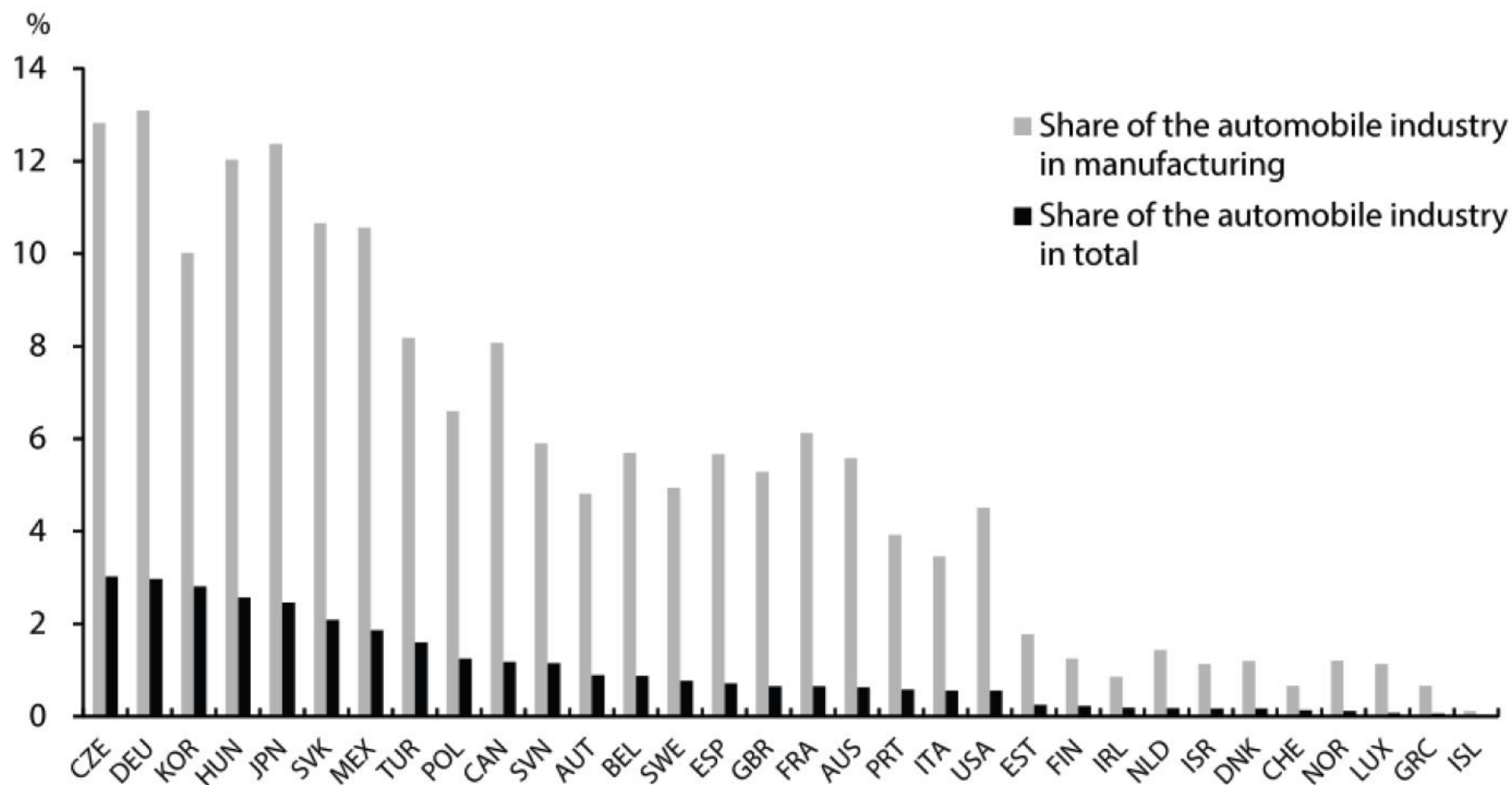
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# AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY VALUE ADD AS % OF TOTAL

Source: OECD 2011





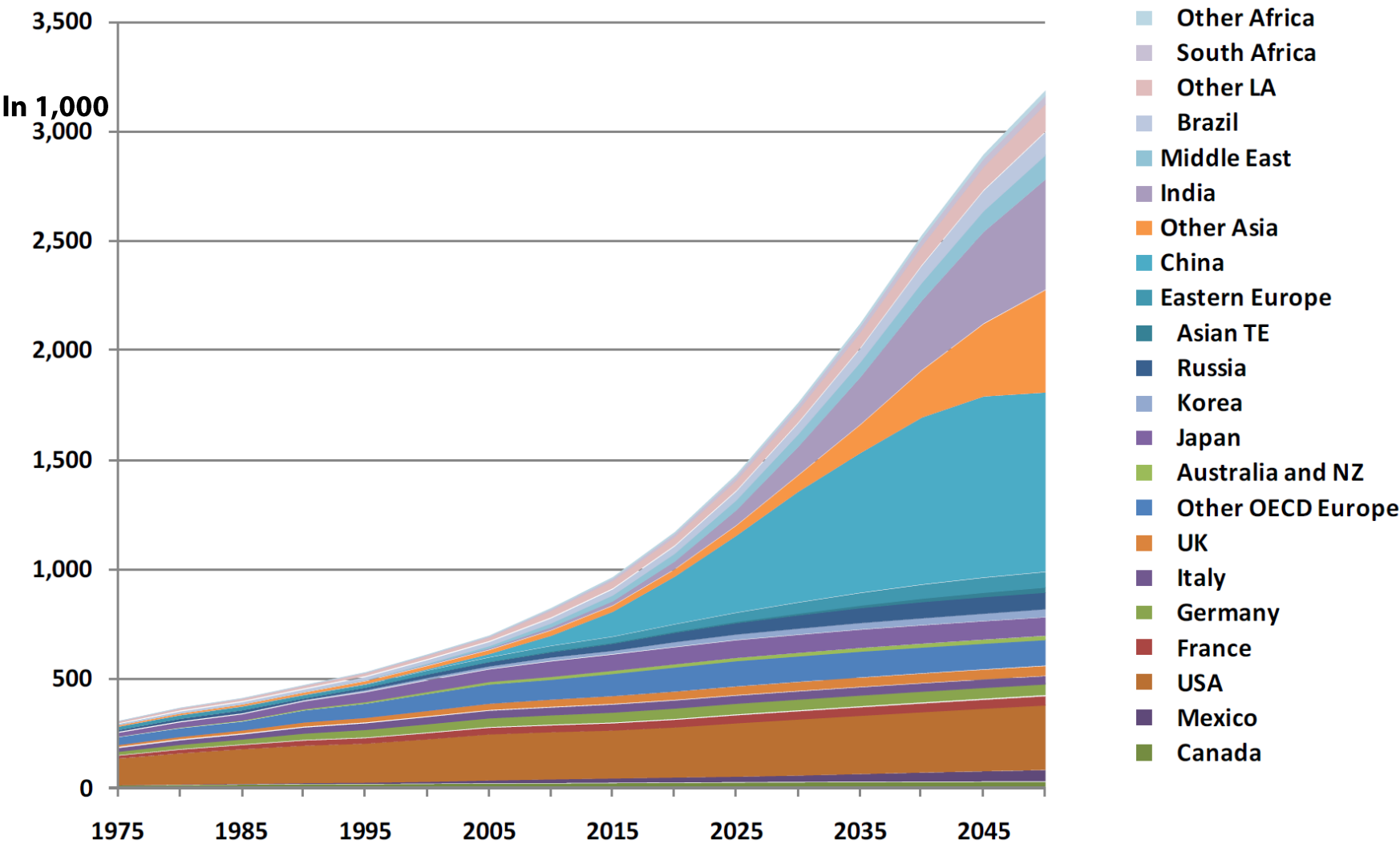
# 3x increase

of urban land from 2000 to 2030 (Seto et al 2012)

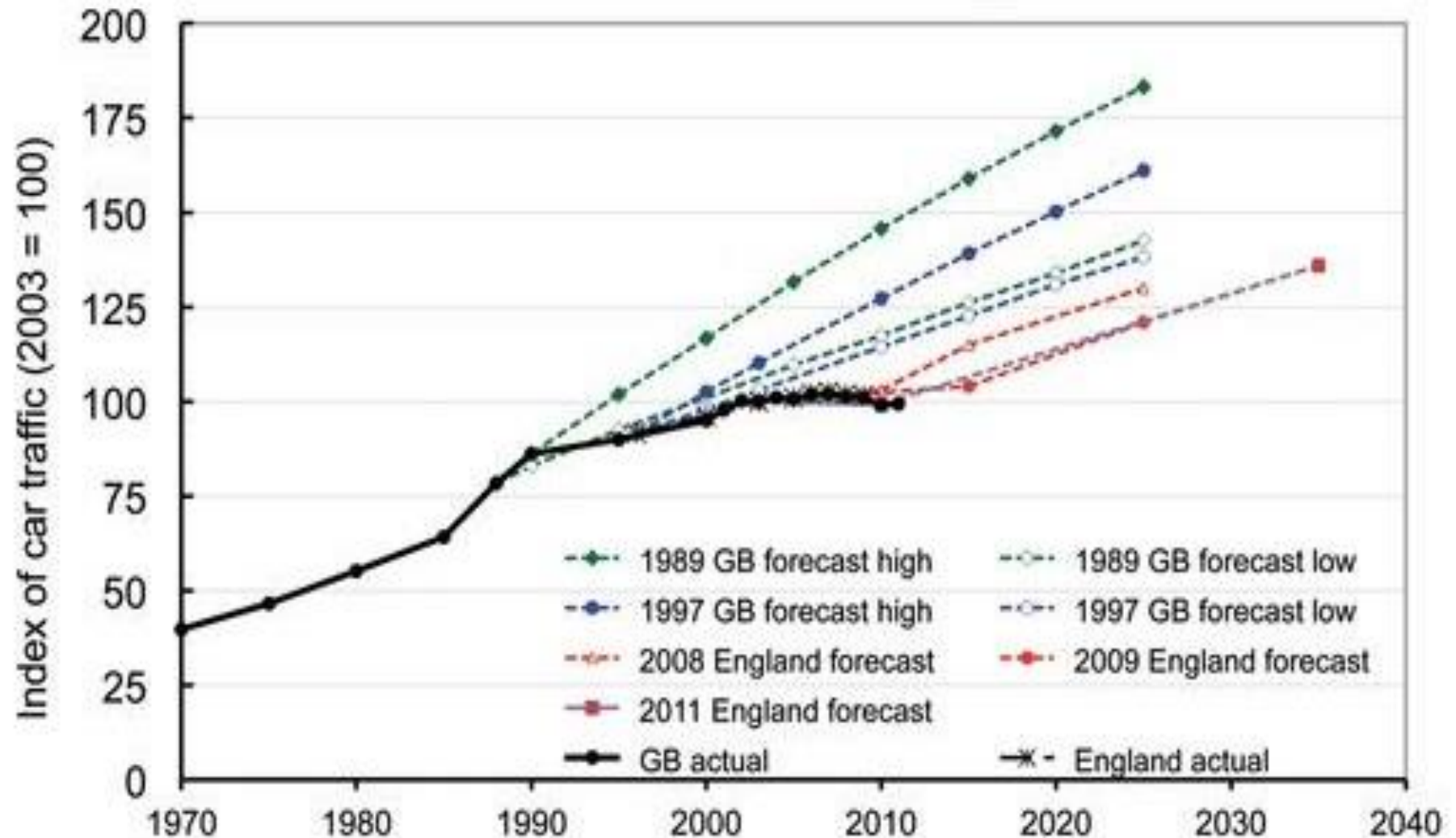


# TOTAL STOCK IN MOTOR CARS

Source: Fulton/IEA 2008



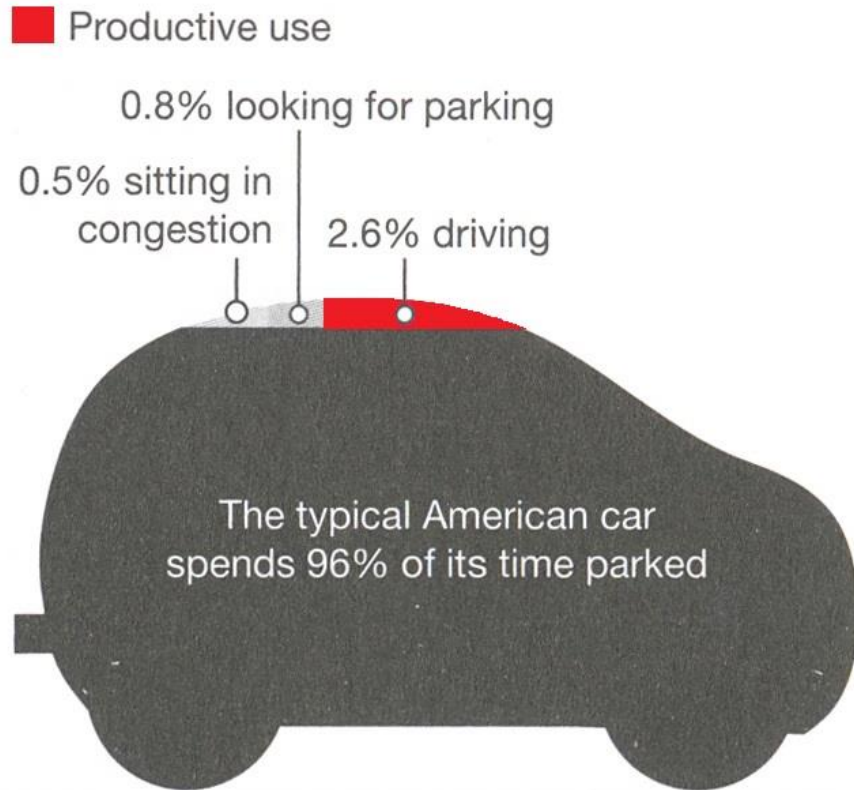
Source: Goodwin 2012 and Williams Derry 2013



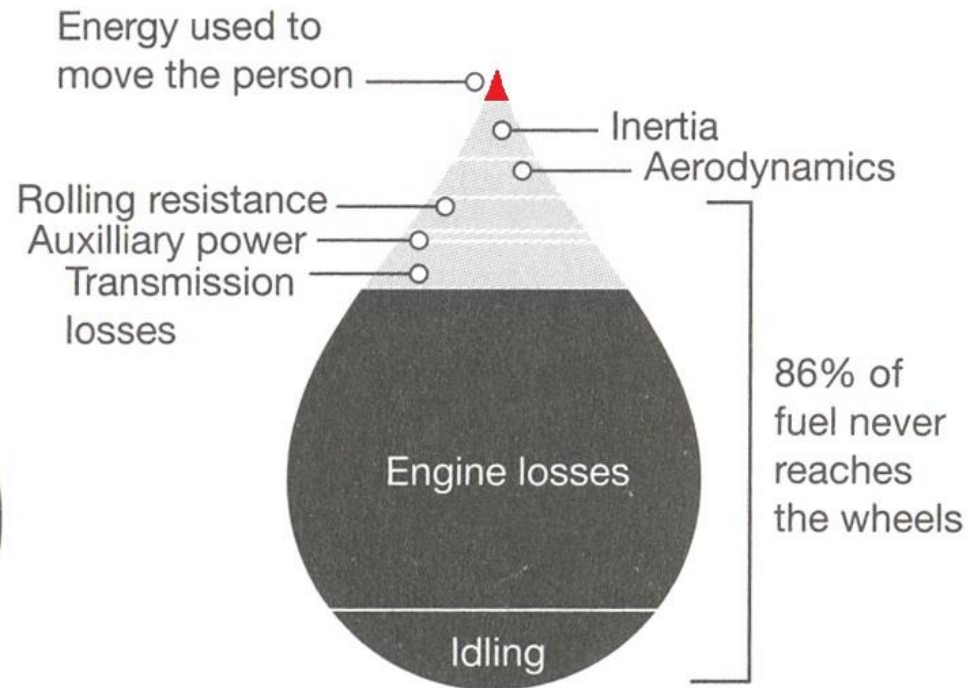


# WASTE IN FUEL, CARS, AND ROADS CAUSED BY AUTOMOBILITY

Source: Heck and Rogers 2014



## Energy flow through a combustion engine



An American road reaches peak throughput only 5% of the time... and even then, it is only 10% covered with cars

This diagram shows a cross-section of a road. A small red segment at the top represents 'peak throughput', which is only 5% of the time. The rest of the road is dark grey, representing the time when the road is not at peak throughput. A bracket on the right side of the road indicates that 'even then, it is only 10% covered with cars'.





## **AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES: FULL MOBILITY, 1/3 OF VEHICLES**

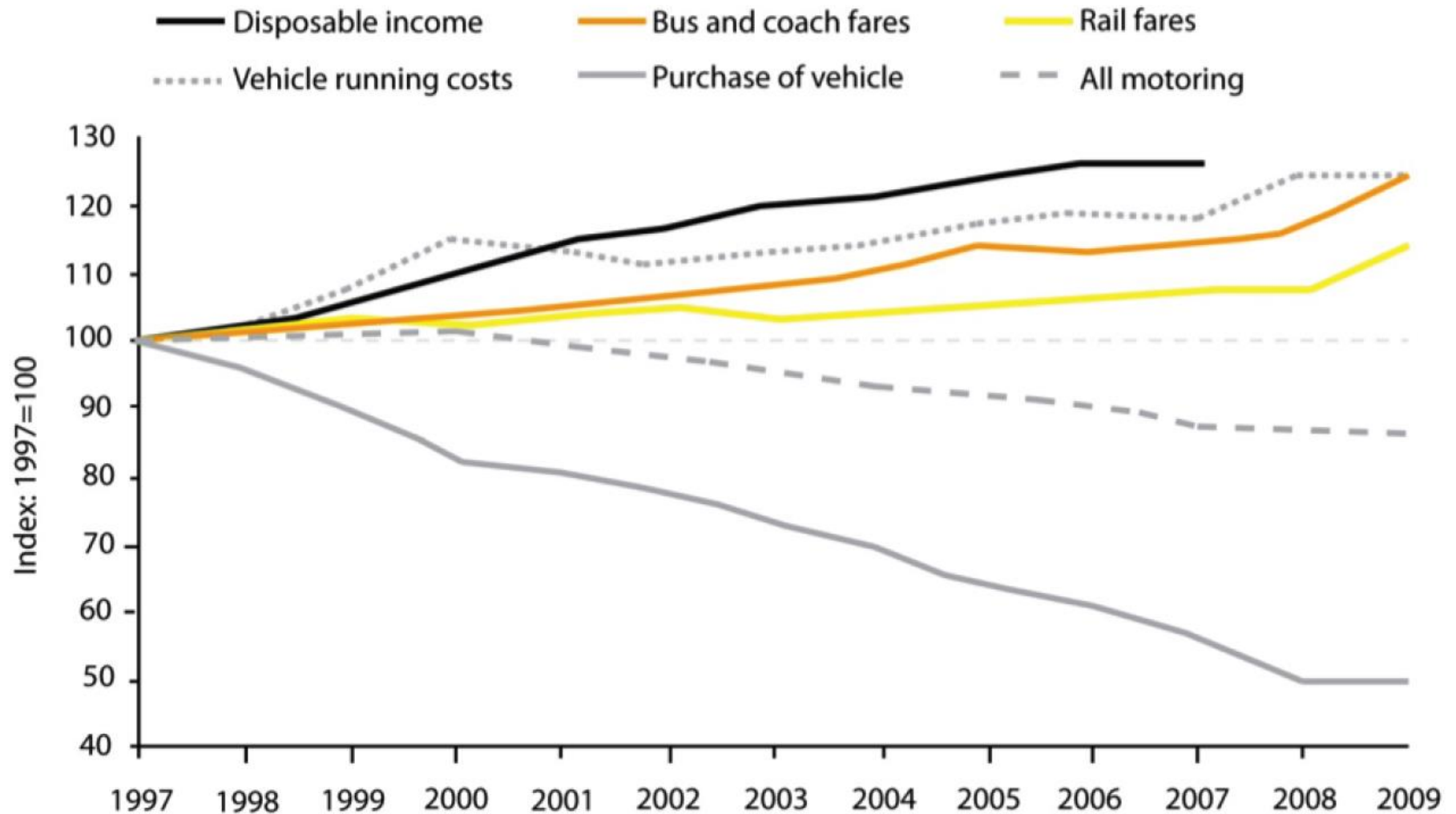
MIT Study (Spieser et al 2014) suggests that a shared-vehicle mobility-on-demand systems can meet the personal mobility needs of the entire population with a fleet whose size is approximately 1/3 of the total number of passenger vehicles currently in operation.





# UK REAL COST OF TRANSPORT AND INCOME

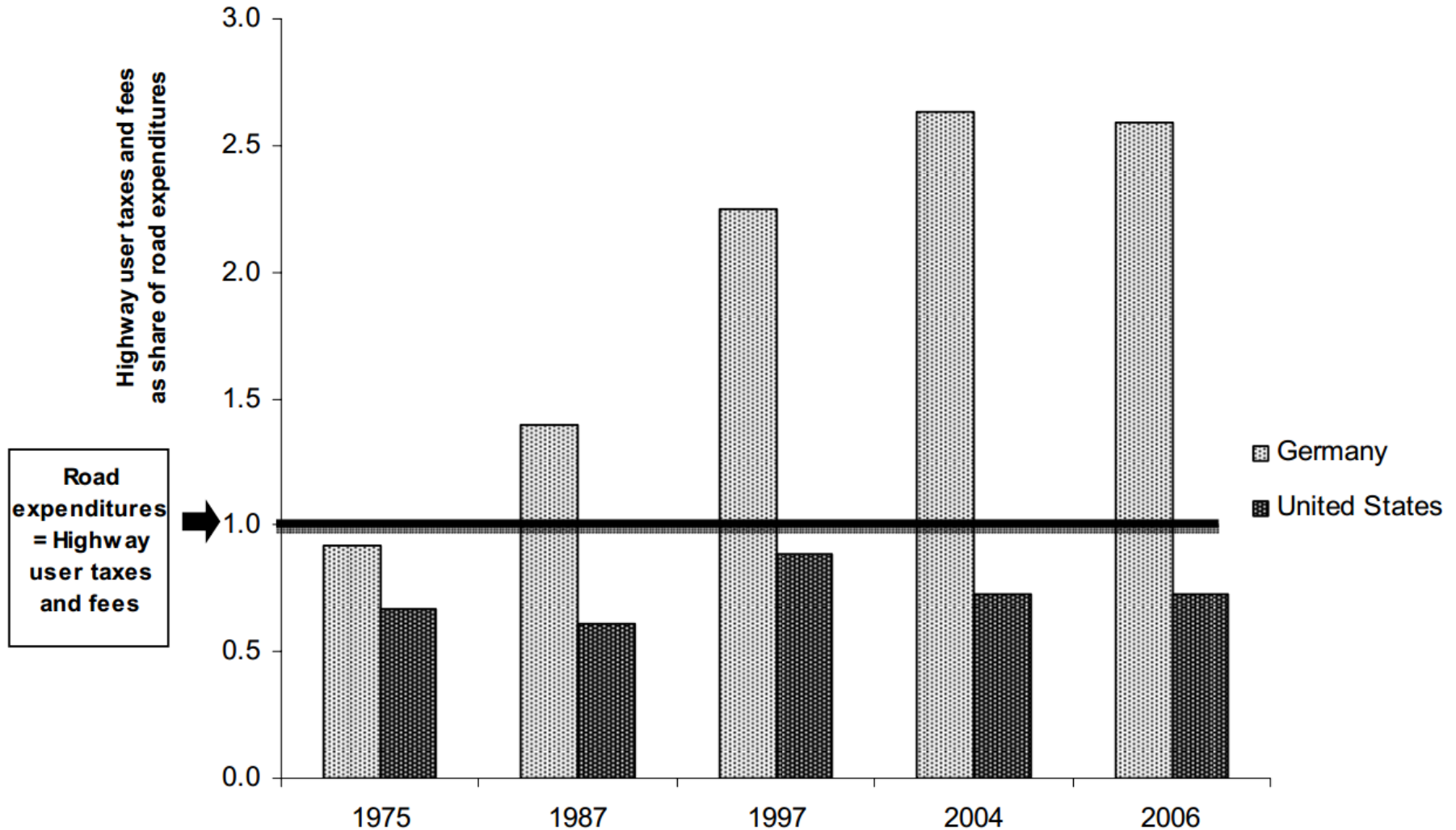
Source: Office of National Statistics (2010)





# HIGHWAY TAXES & FEES AS SHARE OF TOTAL PUBLIC ROAD EXPENDITURES

Source: Buehler, Pucher and Kunert 2009







**COPENHAGEN  
CYCLING**



**MEDELLIN  
METROCABLE**



**PARIS  
VELIB**



**BOGOTA  
TRANSMILENIO**



**LONDON  
CONGESTION CHARGE**



**HONG KONG  
RAIL PROPERTY POLICY**



**SAO PAULO  
BUSES**



**BERLIN  
E-MOBILITY**



**ZURICH  
TRAMS**



**DELHI  
BRT**



**NYC CYCLING**

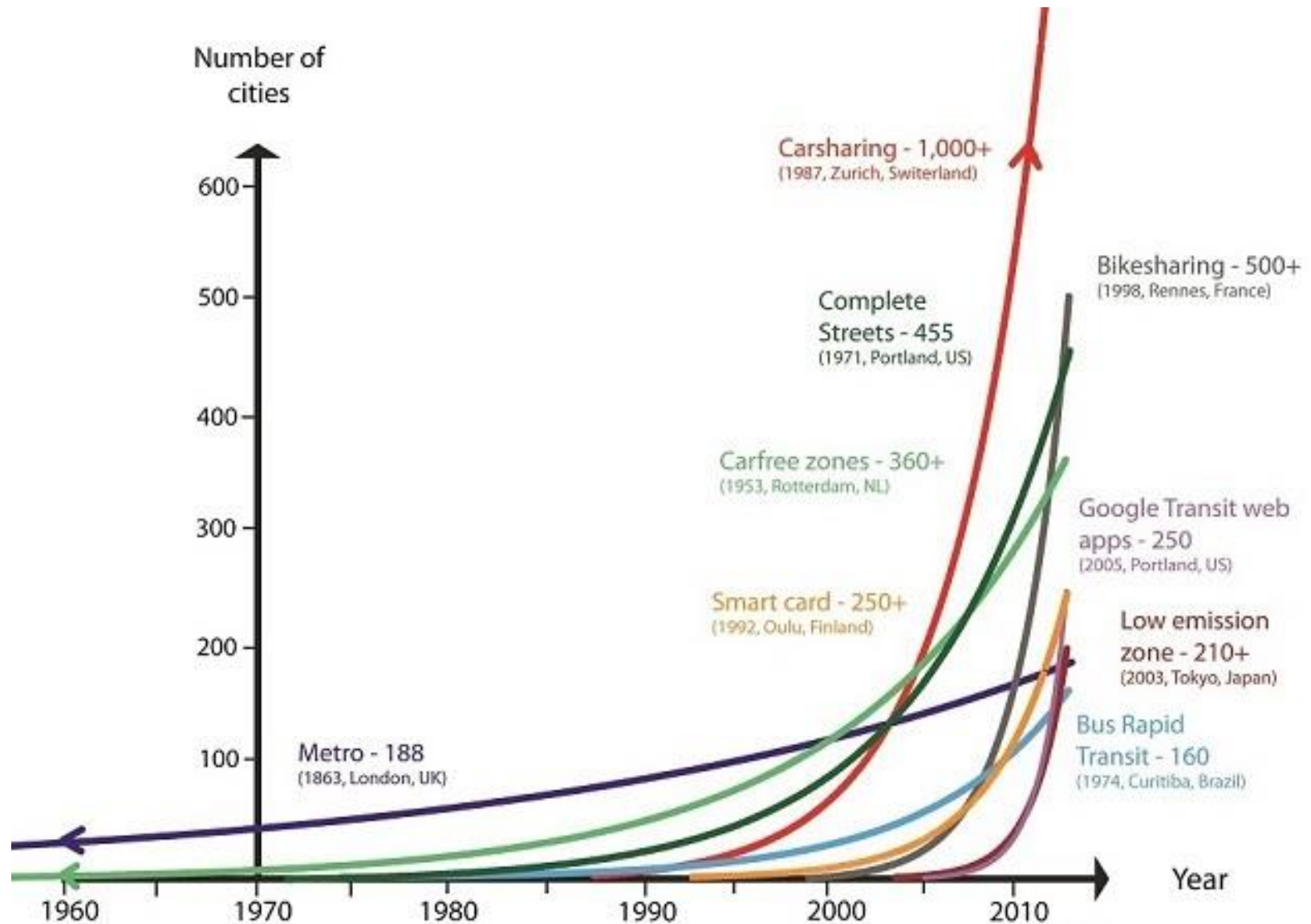
# ADDRESSING MARKET DISTORTIONS

Source: Litman 2014

Distortions	Impacts	Reforms
Restrictions on density, mix, and multi-family housing.	Reduces development densities and increases housing costs.	Allow and encourage more compact, mixed development.
High minimum parking requirements.	Reduces density and discourages infill development. Subsidizes automobile ownership and use.	Eliminate minimum parking requirements, set maxima, require or encourage parking unbundling.
Underpriced public services to sprawled locations.	Encourages sprawl. Increases government costs.	Development and utility fees that reflect the higher costs of providing public services to sprawled locations.
Tax policies that support home purchases.	Encourages the purchase of larger, suburban homes.	Eliminate or make neutral housing tax policies.
Automobile-oriented transport planning.	Favors automobile travel over other modes. Degrades walking and cycling.	More neutral transport planning and funding.
Transport underpricing (roads, parking, fuel, insurance, etc.).	Encourage vehicle ownership and use.	More efficient pricing.
Tax policies that favor automobile commuting.	Encourages automobile travel over other modes.	Eliminate parking tax benefits or provide equal benefits for all modes.

# SUSTAINABLE URBAN TRANSPORT ADOPTATION

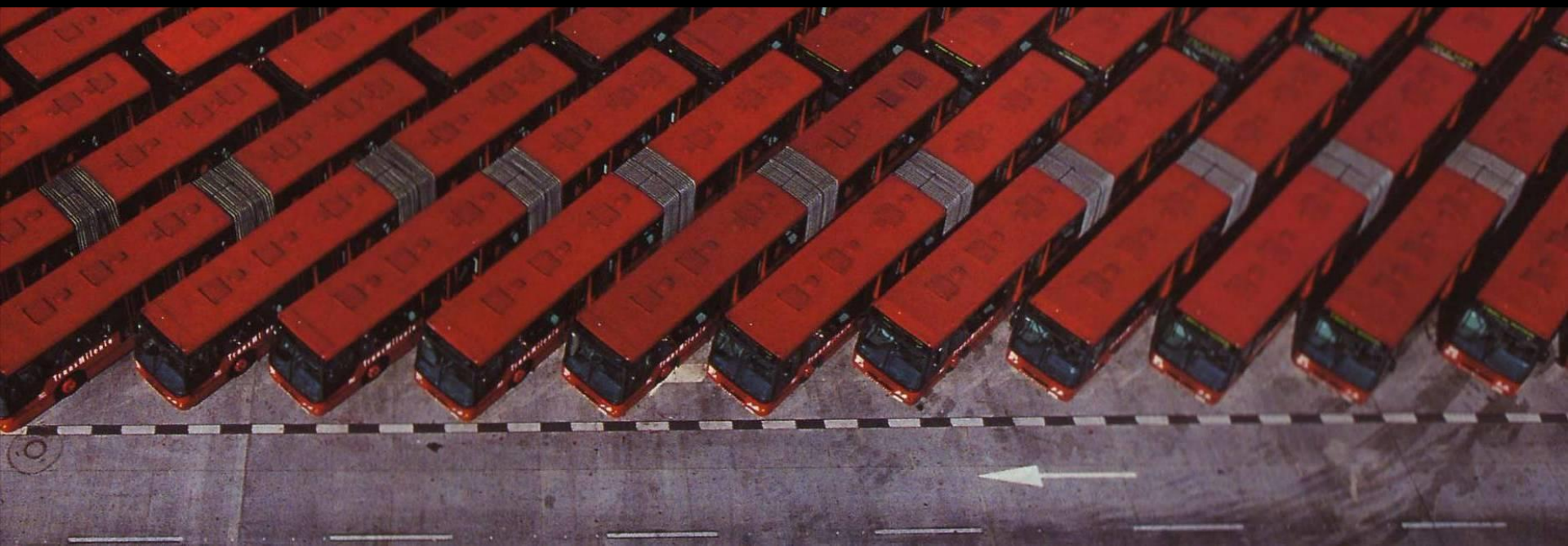
Source: Embarq 2014







# PATH-BREAKING TRANSPORT SYSTEMS















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