20 slides about 20 years
Program bicycle parking
near Dutch railway stations
and my personal connection to cycling

1999:
400 railway stations and about 200,000 bicycle parking places

Folkert Piersma projectmanager ProRail program bicycle parking near railway stations
2000:

ProRail: Managing the rail infrastructure in the Netherlands
In order of the National Government

• 7021 km’s rail tracks
• 413 railway stations
• 10,000 trains a day
• 1.2 million travelers a day

including bicycle park facilities at all the 413 railway stations (2019)
2001 until now:

Change from:

 to:
2002:
And from:

At the start program: 30% of people cycle to train station and less than 10% from train station to final destination to:
2003:

First projects were realised; guarded- as well as unguarded places in the public space

• By: Ministry of Infrastructure & Water Management
• Start: 1999
• Due to end: 2010
• Aim: Improve bicycle use by train travelers
• Budget € 136 million
• 100% funded by national government
2004:

Co-operation between:

- City authorities
- Provinces
- Transport regions
- Dutch Railway company
- ProRail

search for shared interests!
2005:

Time for a personal break
Cycling in Canada and USA

Meanwhile: projects under construction
2006: underground bicycle parking Zutphen in use
2007:
What do cyclists like the best?
The shortest and quickest route from A to B

Where do cyclist want to park their bicycle?
As close as possible to B
2008: sometimes we can......
2009:
How do cyclists want to park their bike?
Fist off all:
• Quickly and free of charge
Secondly:
• Safe
• Dry
• In a pleasant setting

In NL only 15% of all the cyclists choose to pay for guarded parking
2010: still a lot do do
2011: the door to door philosophy
2012: new budget but only 50% by nat. Government
First presentation VeloCity in Vancouver
including a private cycling trip on
Vancouver Island
2013: another VeloCity
Cycling 1220 km to Vienna
Partly in rain and high riverwater
2014: bicycle flats
2015:
Start realisation
super size
bicycle parking
facilities at
Utrecht CS
2016:

Bottom of governments budget reached
Bicycle parkings realised in:
• Haarlem: 7000
• Rotterdam: 7500
• Delft: 5000
• Utrecht: 4500
• Nijmegen: 5000

Still projects in development for another 100,000 places

November 2016: national agreement 11 stakeholders

We can get on!!!!
2017: more and more integration
2018 til now:
More and more standard:
• Detection & address system
• First 24 hours for free
Status 2019: almost 500,000 places realized
• Already spent almost € 500 million
• Still to go: 100-150,000 places; in euro’s: € 300 million