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Mobility Hubs in the Bay Area: A Cycling Policy with Lessons from the Netherlands

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Los Angeles, Thinkbike Workshop 2011
5 -> 3 car-lanes, realized within 3 months
‘Our mission is to use proven Dutch solutions on mobility to create sustainable, accessible, and livable cities worldwide’
The Netherlands
Dutch Credentials in Mobility Planning

• One of the world’s most cost-efficient (public)transport systems

• The worlds’ highest use of cycling

• The worlds’ transport-safest country

• Balanced modal share in most major cities
  • ~30% car, ~30% public transit, ~30% bike, ~10% walk or other

• Fully integrated international, regional, and local transit networks: one card for transportation for the whole country!
Elements of The Dutch Integrated Mobility Network

1. Hierarchy of Nodes (Mobility Hubs)

2. Four Strategies of Connectivity
1. Hierarchy of Nodes (Mobility Hubs)

- International Nodes
  - High-speed trains

- Interregional Nodes
  - Intercity trains

- Metropolitan Nodes
  - Metro, lightrail, commuter rail

- Local Nodes
  - Trams, buses, cycling
Node Classifications

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<th>Transit Nodes in Randstad</th>
<th>Catchment Zone</th>
<th>Travel Distance</th>
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2. Four Strategies for Connectivity

1. Connection between the Node and Development (land use)
   - How does the planning organization prioritize and develop nodes?

2. Connection between Nodes (regional)
   - How does the region access the nodes?

3. Connection to the Node (local)
   - How does the city access the node?

4. Connection within the Node (as a destination)
   - How does the individual experience the node?
The case of Utrecht
Utrecht: city ambitions

- Ambition sustainable urban mobility plan: change modal split
- Strong urban growth $\rightarrow$ growth in transportation demand (car, transit and bicycle)
- Usage of space all mobility modes together: +16% until 2035
- Modal shift $\rightarrow$ no extra space needed for mobility
The principles

1. Re-organize car networks to create space for other modes
2. Location determines choice of mobility (ABC mobility zones)
3. Cycling as a primary choice
4. Dynamic centers at mobility hubs
1. Re-organize car networks to create space for other modes
2. Mobility zones developed by the city

A  Downtown
B  City
C  Suburbs
3. Cycling as primary choice
What kind of city do you want?

- **INVITE**
  - Equal or dominating infrastructure
  - 8 - 80 years
  - Up to 15 kilometers
  - 40% cycle potential

- **ABLE**
  - Present but dominated infrastructure
  - 18 - 48 years
  - Up to 5 kilometers
  - 20% cycle potential

- **DARE**
  - Hardly any infrastructure
  - 18 - 28 years
  - Up to 3 kilometers
  - 4% cycle potential

Cycle distance → Amount of cyclists
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Central station Arnhem

Central station in Rotterdam
Measurable public goals of Mobility Plan Utrecht: Accessibility of economic hotspots

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*Change in number of people that can reach economic areas in Utrecht in a fixed travel time, in the present situation and with the measures in the mobility plan. Software = Omnitrans*
Lessons From the Randstad: Sustainable Mobility in the Bay Area
The San Francisco Bay Area

- Home to 7.7 million people
  *9.6 million expected by 2040*

- 5th Largest GDP in the US
  *38% increase in jobs by 2040*

- 33% of population work in a different county than where they live

*An interconnected, growing, economic region...*
...facing massive challenges in transportation

Modal Split

• 75% of people drive to work

Congestion growing rapidly

• up 80% since 2010

High travel times for AM Peak commutes

Analyze-tool: MOVE Meter

Isochrones from Oakland (green star) to SF (red star) from the MOVE Meter show a 60+ commute in the AM Peak
Randstad Sets the Standard for Regional Connectivity

- Economic Region comprised of area around and between the four largest cities in the Netherlands
  - Amsterdam, Utrecht, Rotterdam, and The Hague
SIMILARITIES IN REGIONS

Population
- 7.7 million
- 8.1 million

Size (urban core)
- 4,100 sq miles
- 3,200 sq miles

Economic activity
- 781 billion GDP (5th in US)
- 429 billion GDP (4th in EU)

Bay Area
Randstad
Mobility Hub Current Data

- **Density of Employment**
  - Transit Hubs and their catchment zones make up only 5% of the land but have 51% of jobs

- **Car Commuters**
  - Although living close to transit stations **69% commute by car**

- **Goal:**
  - 30% of commuters by car in all hub zones
  - By investing in stations (3 levels) and bike-networks
Goal:

- For trips under 1 mile: 50% of auto trips reduced
- For trips 1-2 miles: 30% of current auto trips reduced

How can ABC mobility zones reorganize the car network and reduce short trips within catchment zones?
Annual Results of Achieving 30% Auto-Commuters in Bay Area Hubs

Annual Benefits

- **560 million** less miles travelled by Car
- **100 million** less car trips
- **225,000** metric tons CO2 reduced
- **Regional Non-Auto Mode Shift: 15%**
In Summary

- Mobility planning in the Netherlands is an integrated system of land use and transportation planning.

- Emphasis on all modes of transit! Get from A to B in the most efficient way: transit, bike, car.

- The hierarchy of nodes (mobility hubs) and four levels of connectivity have led to a successful local, regional, and international transit system.

- These strategies can be utilized in the American context to help inform future decisions on Reshaping cities.
Thank you!
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