THERE'S MORE TO WALKING THAN WALKING: DESIGN FOR COPENHAGEN'S PEDESTRIAN REALM



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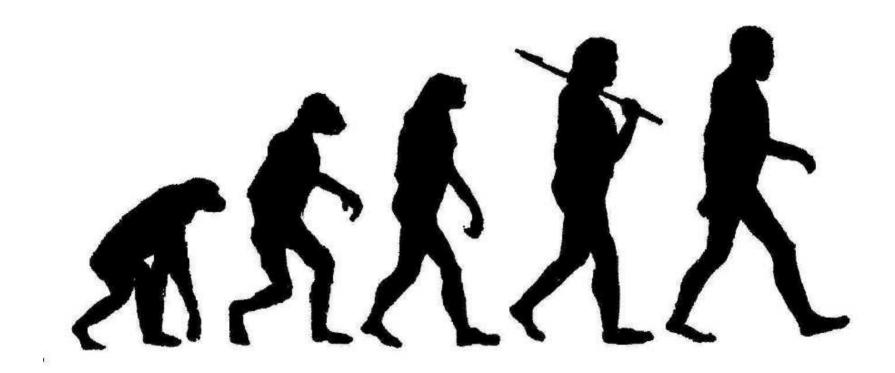
WHY WALK? WALKING IS A MODE OF TRANSPORTATION...



...WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR MUCH MORE - AND THE "MUCH MORE" IS BY FAR THE MOST INTERESTING PART



WHAT INVITES US TO WALK



MAN IS A WALKING ANIMAL



with a ground speed of 3 mph

ALL OUR SENSES ARE IMPORTANT



EXPERIENCED FROM AN AVERAGE HEIGHT



WE NEED A LOT OF STIMULUS



1000 STIMULUS PER HOUR
1 PER EVERY 4 SECONDS

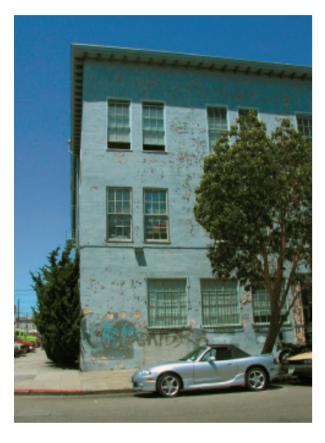


DEMANDING GREAT VARIATION

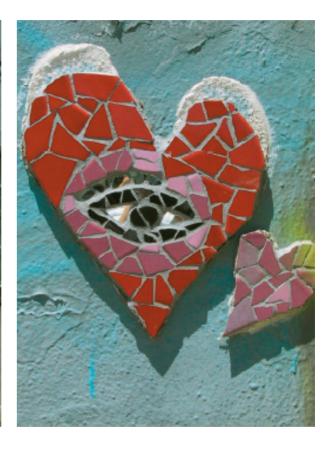


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DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES







40 MPH

10 MPH

3 MPH

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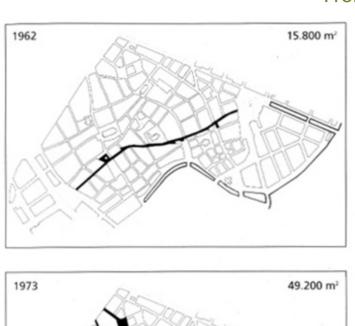
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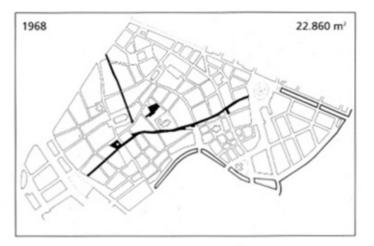
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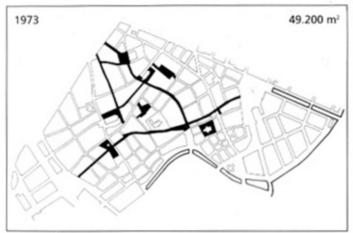
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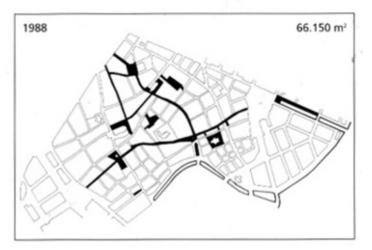
THE COPENHAGEN STORY - SHORT

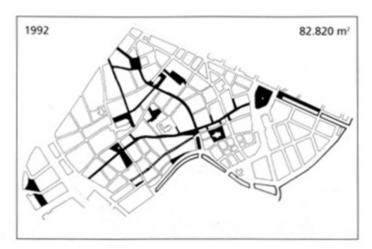
From 1962: 7x more space for pedestrians

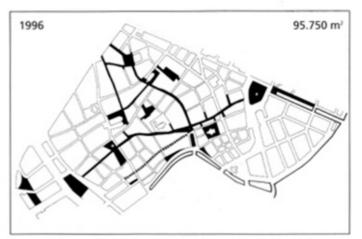




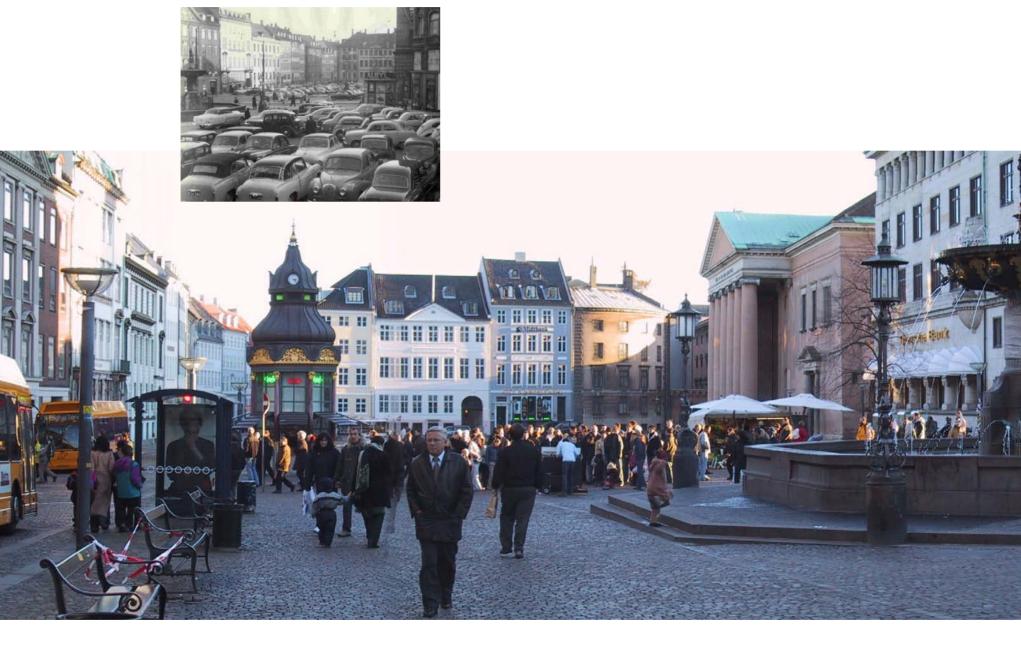




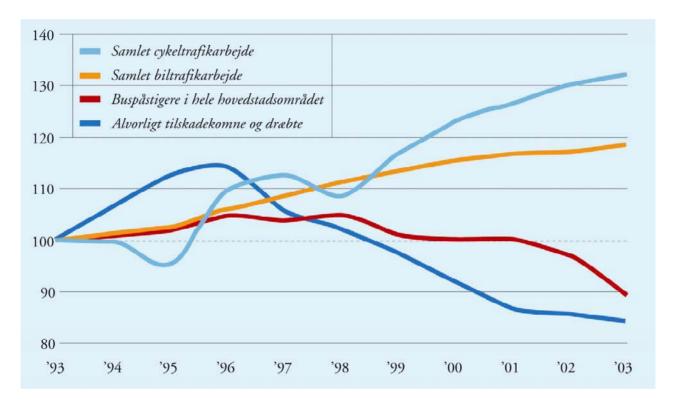


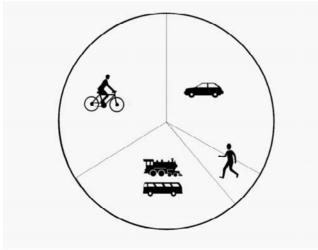


FROM CAR CITY TO PEOPLE CITY



COPENHAGEN MODAL SPLIT





36 % cyclists 27% cars 33% public transport 5% walking

3 MPH LANDSCAPES THE GOOD SIDEWALK



...has adequate space for walking clear zoning street elements and accessability good quality in material and maintenance



3 MPH LANDSCAPES THE PRIORITY



...has simple solutions that invites and prioritizes the soft road users

3 MPH LANDSCAPES THE NICE FACADE



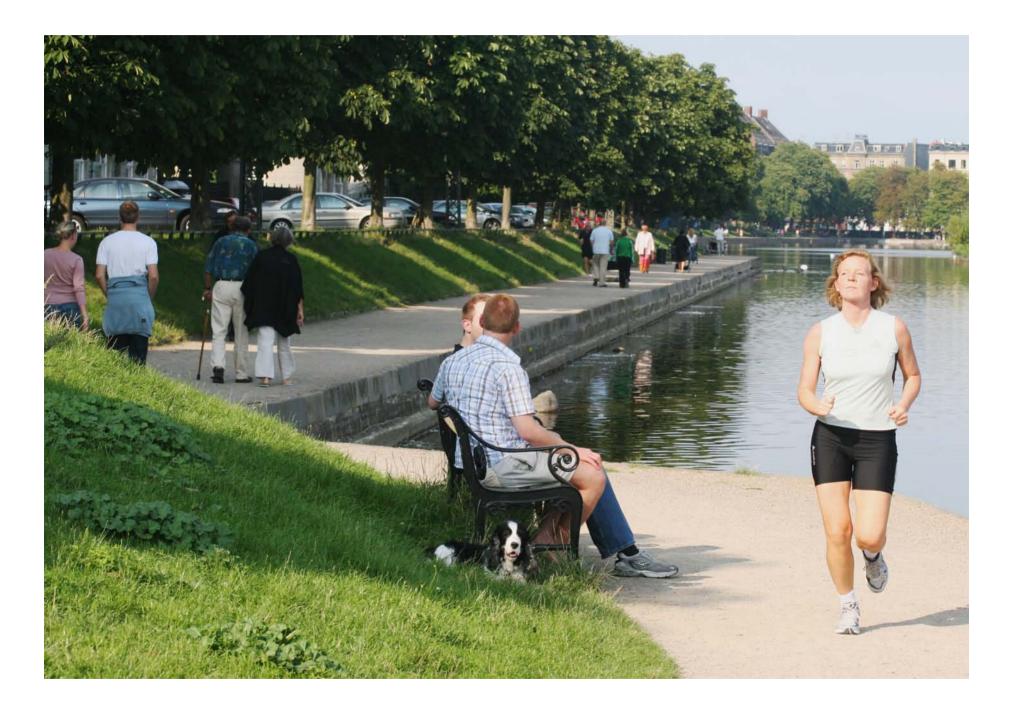
...has many units and entrances great interaction and transparency great details and variation

3 MPH LANDSCAPES THE GOOD BALANCE



...gives a feeling of safety all are equally prioritized

3 MPH LANDSCAPES THE INVITATIONS TO SIT



3 MPH LANDSCAPES THE INVITATIONS TO TALK



3 MPH LANDSCAPES THE INVITATIONS TO WAIT



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3 MPH LANDSCAPES THE INVITATIONS TO MEET



3 MPH LANDSCAPES THE INVITATIONS TO INTERACT



3 MPH LANDSCAPES THE INVITATIONS TO WATCH



3 MPH LANDSCAPES THE INVITATIONS TO ENJOY



3 MPH LANDSCAPES THE INVITATIONS TO PLAY



3 MPH LANDSCAPES THE INVITATIONS TO RELAX



12 MPH LANDSCAPES THE GOOD BICYCLE NETWORK



...is safe enough to invite all walks of life to get on the bike

12 MPH LANDSCAPES THE GOOD BICYCLE TRACK





...is clearly marked, next to the sidewalk, with a raised curb between the sidewalk AND the road, with parking between the track and the vehicular traffic and it's own light at intersections



12 MPH LANDSCAPES THE GOOD BICYCLE TRACK



...is wide enough to avoid crowding

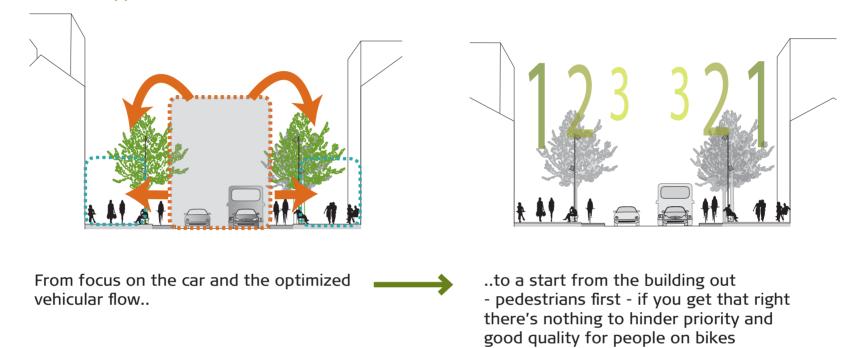
12 MPH LANDSCAPES THE GOOD BICYCLE TRACK



...is safe enough for winter

WHY IS IT SO DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE?

Turn the approach around



Introduce the bicycle track

Realize that pedestrians and bicyclists are BOTH soft road users compared to the car

Change of culture

Riding a bicycle shouldn't only be an elite sport for fast commuters - it should be a fantastic mean of transportation for all, old, young, fast, slow etc.