

# The Walk and Cycle “City Challenge”

“Defying the impossibilities” of urban design for pedestrians and bicycles in our cities

*Lessons learned*

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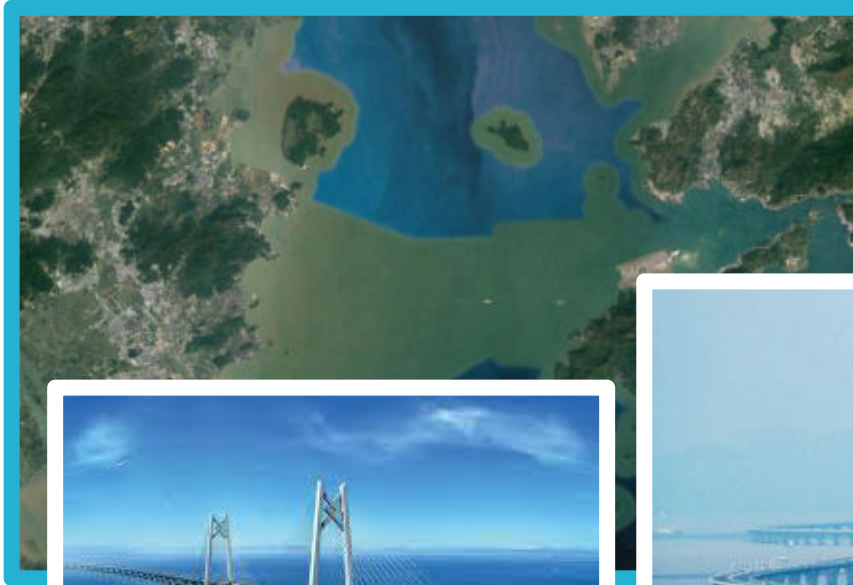


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I would like to go from Hong Kong, China to Macao...

A total of 400,000 tonnes of steel was used in the project, enough to construct 60 Eiffel Towers. The structure has been built to resist the impact of a magnitude-8 earthquake, super typhoon or 300,000-tonne cargo vessel...



*Does this sound familiar?*



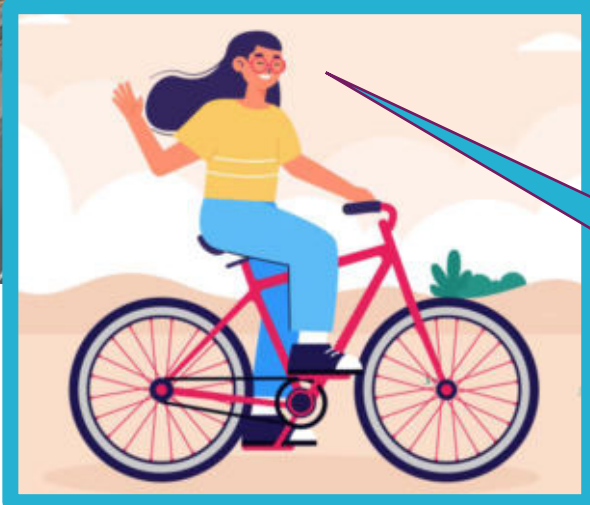
to be used by some 6,500 vehicles per day...



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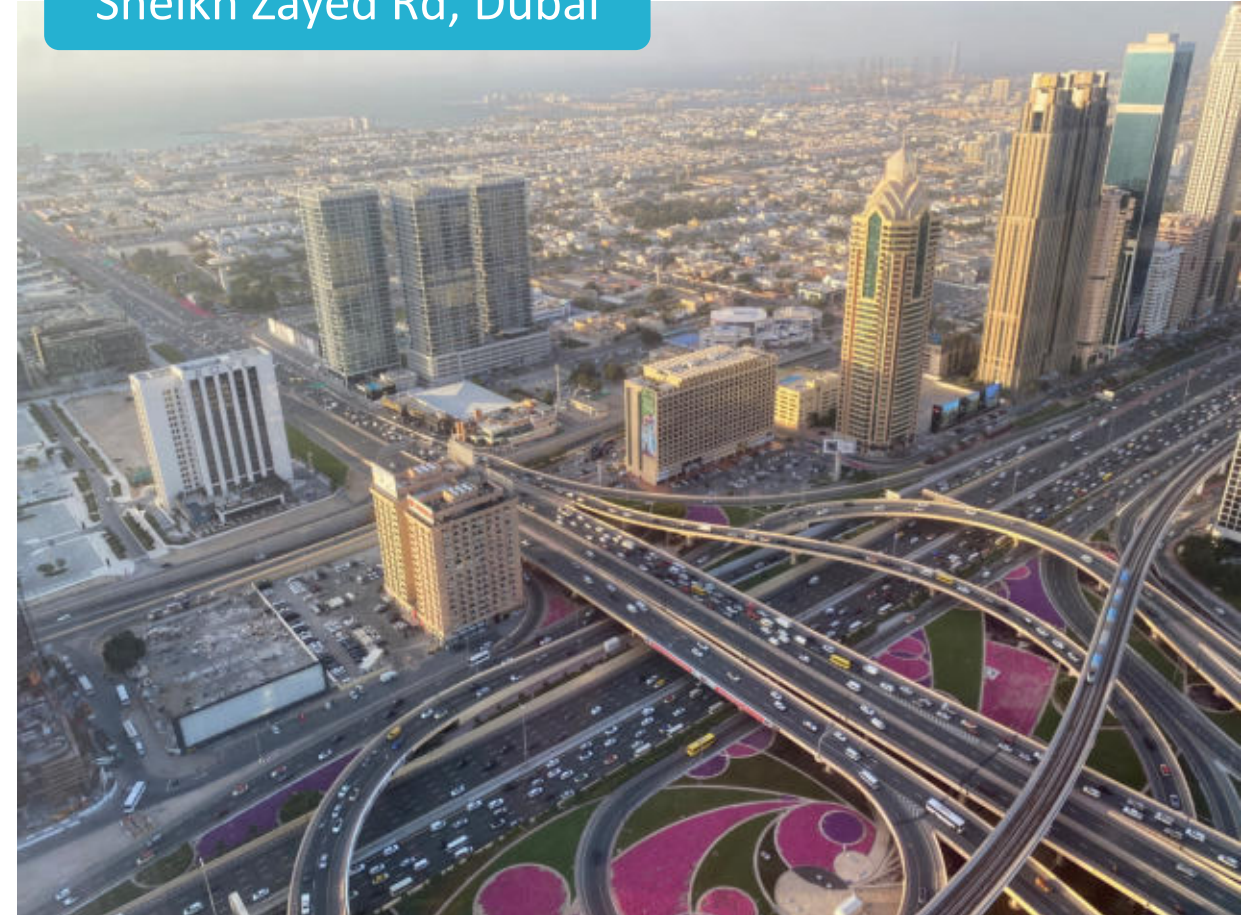
*Does this sound familiar?*

Commonwealth Av,  
Manila



Can I get  
some space  
for my bike?

Sheikh Zayed Rd, Dubai



[Daily bicycle trips in Metro  
Manila account for...  
745,500...] [2.1% mode share]



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*Does this sound familiar?*

“under” Metro Manila Skyway ,  
Manila



EDSA Av, Manila



[Daily walk trips in Metro Manila account for... 10,898,500...] [30.7% mode share]



Can we fit  
in here?



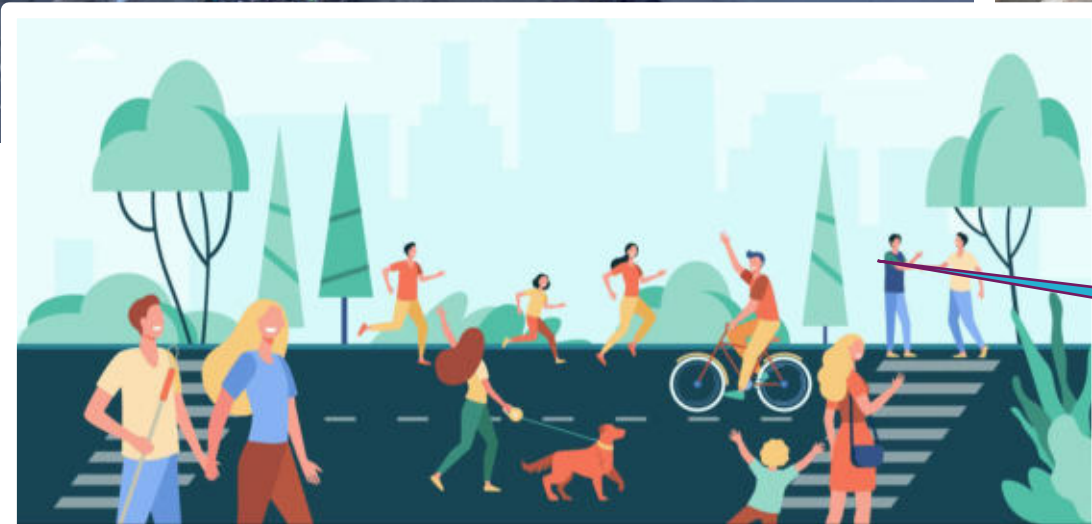
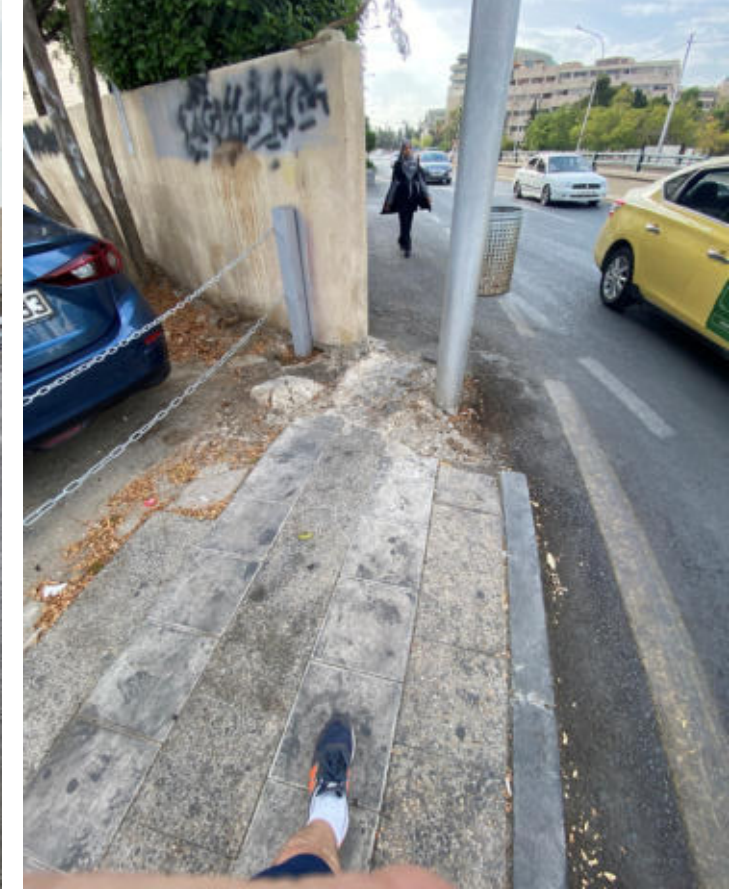
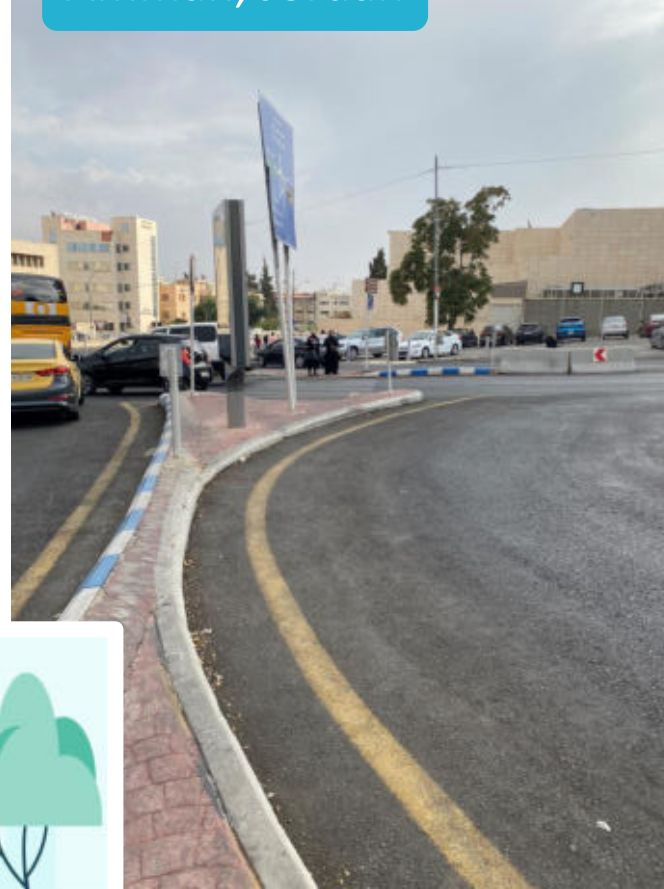
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*Does this sound familiar?*

Port Louis, Mauritius



Amman, Jordan



Where is our share of the roadspace?

# The automobile provocation

*Does this sound familiar?*



- It is completely impossible!
- There is not enough room for bikes!
- Technically not feasible!
- You will cause enormous congestion!
- You will create safety issues for pedestrians!

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# Lesson #1

*Yes, it is possible!*





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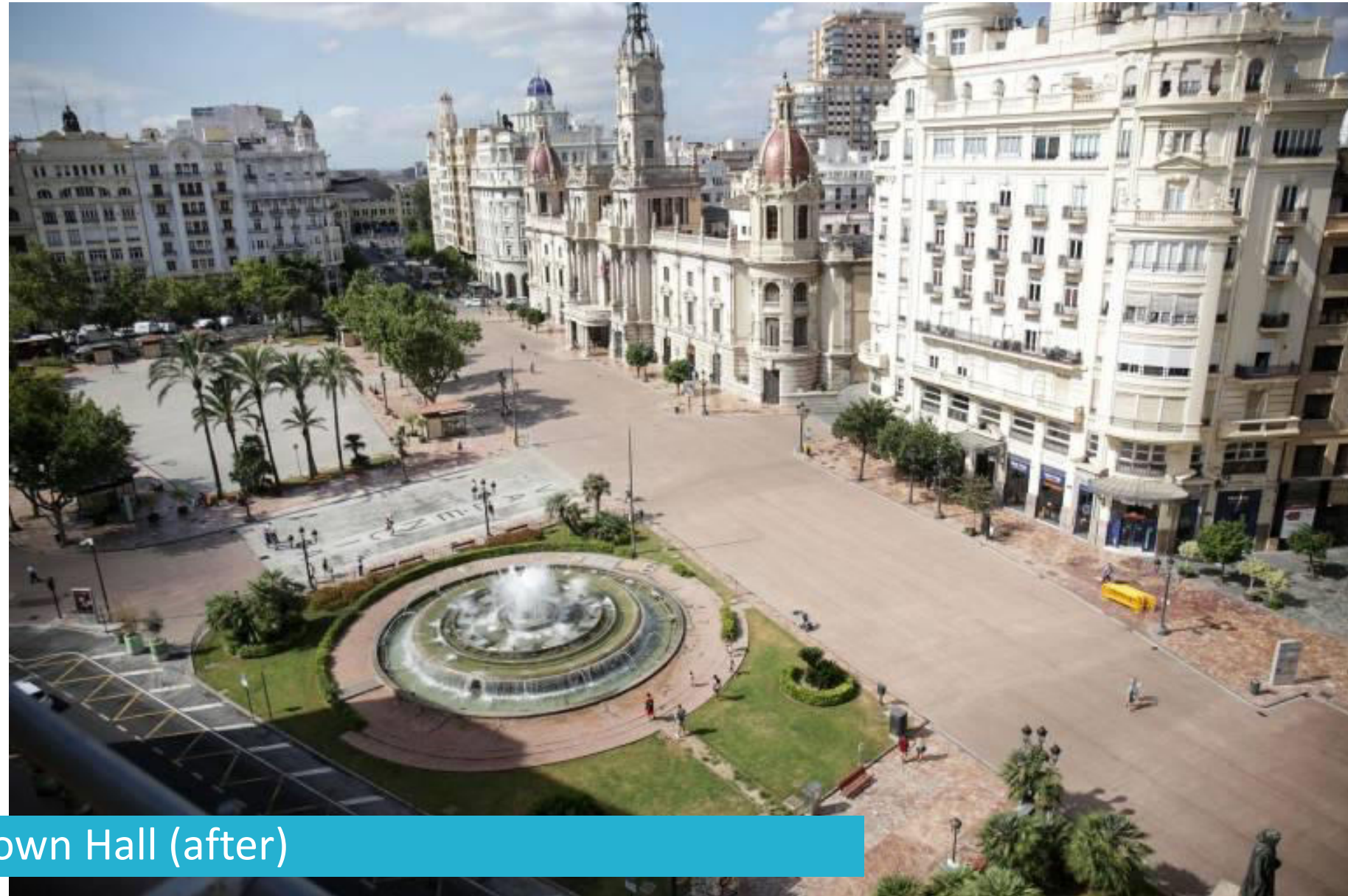
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Pedestrianization of Town Hall (before)

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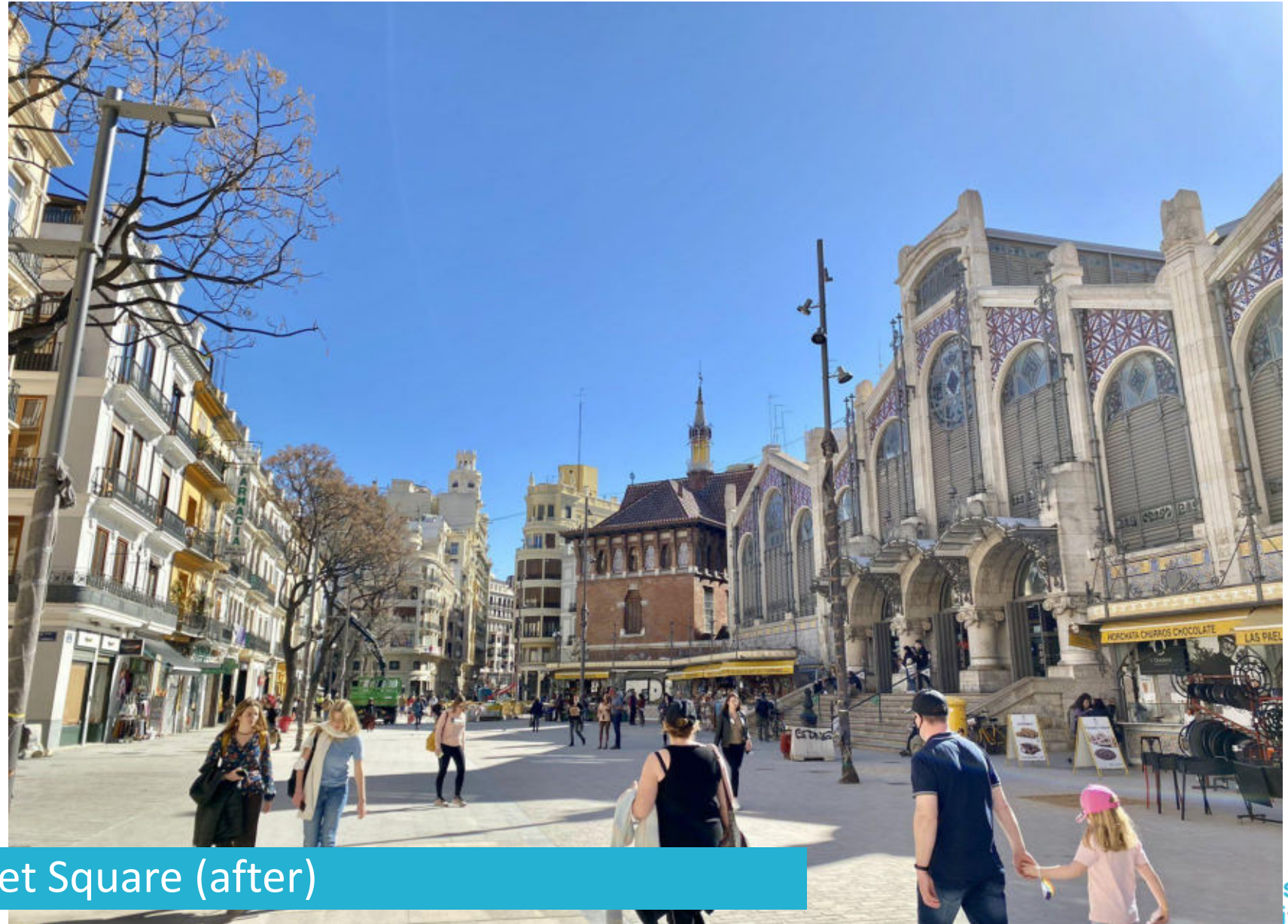
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Pedestrianization of Reina Square (before)

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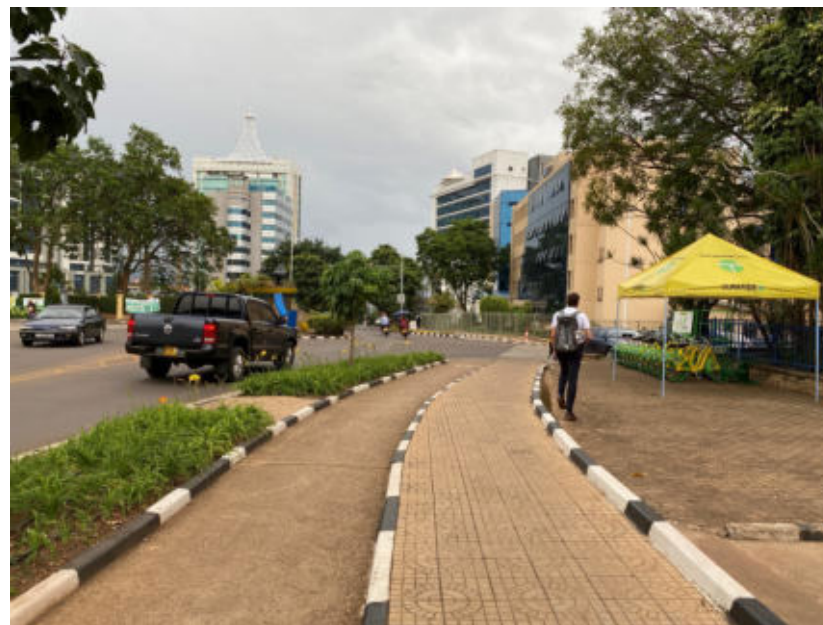
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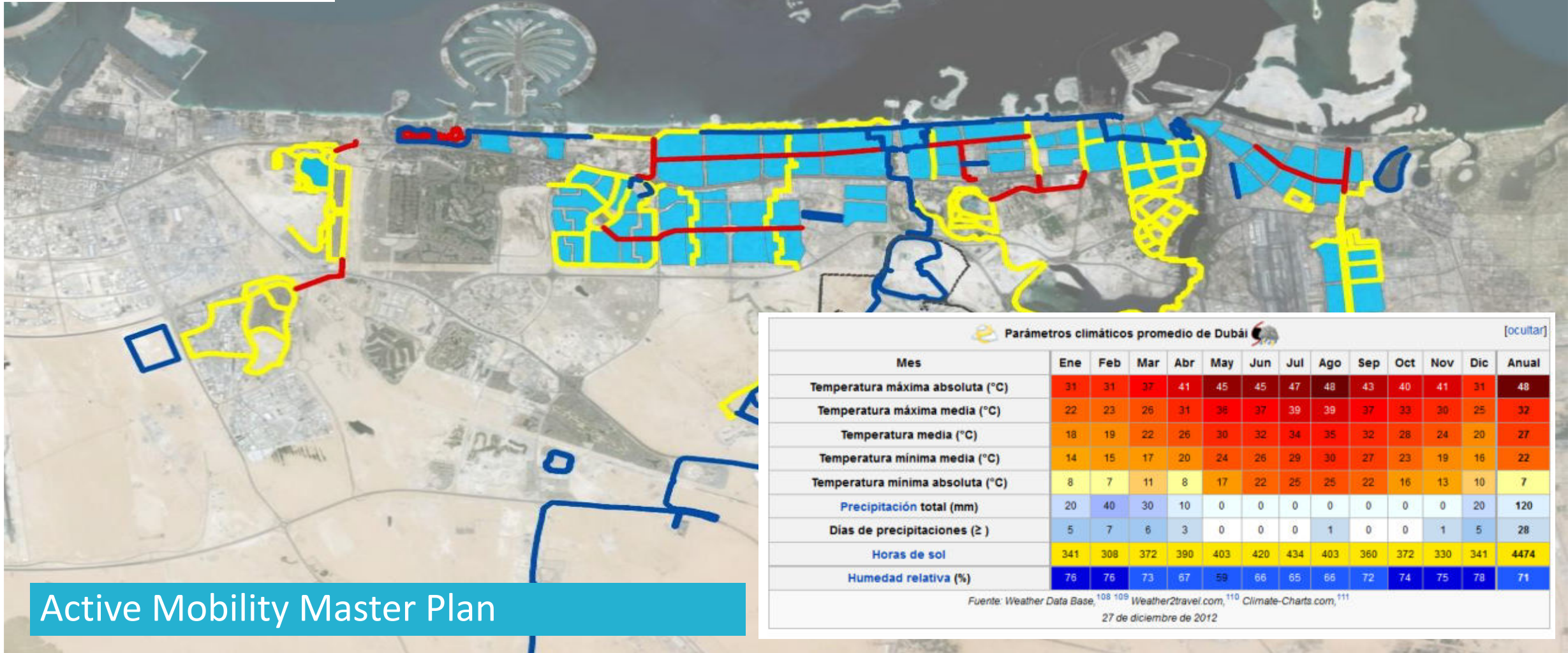
## KIGALI (RWANDA)



Imbuga City Walk/ KN 3 Ave

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## DUBAI (UAE)



Parámetros climáticos promedio de Dubái [ocultar]

Mes	Ene	Feb	Mar	Abr	May	Jun	Jul	Ago	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dic	Anual
Temperatura máxima absoluta (°C)	31	31	37	41	45	45	47	48	43	40	41	31	48
Temperatura máxima media (°C)	22	23	26	31	36	37	39	39	37	33	30	25	32
Temperatura media (°C)	18	19	22	26	30	32	34	35	32	28	24	20	27
Temperatura mínima media (°C)	14	15	17	20	24	26	29	30	27	23	19	16	22
Temperatura mínima absoluta (°C)	8	7	11	8	17	22	25	25	22	16	13	10	7
Precipitación total (mm)	20	40	30	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	120
Días de precipitaciones (≥ )	5	7	6	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	28
Horas de sol	341	308	372	390	403	420	434	403	360	372	330	341	4474
Humedad relativa (%)	76	76	73	67	59	66	65	66	72	74	75	78	71

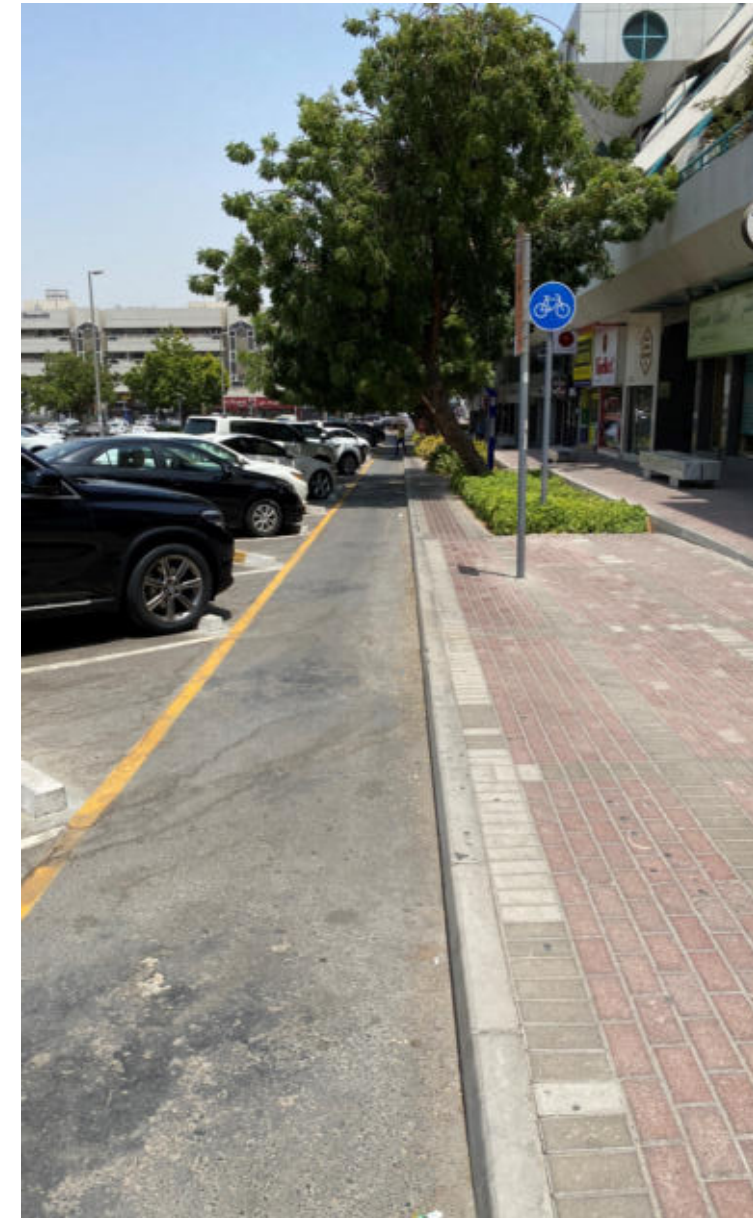
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Active Mobility Master Plan



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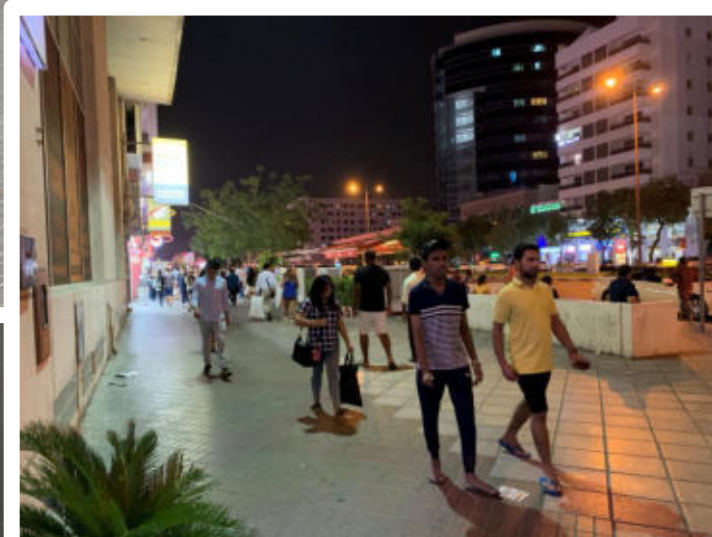
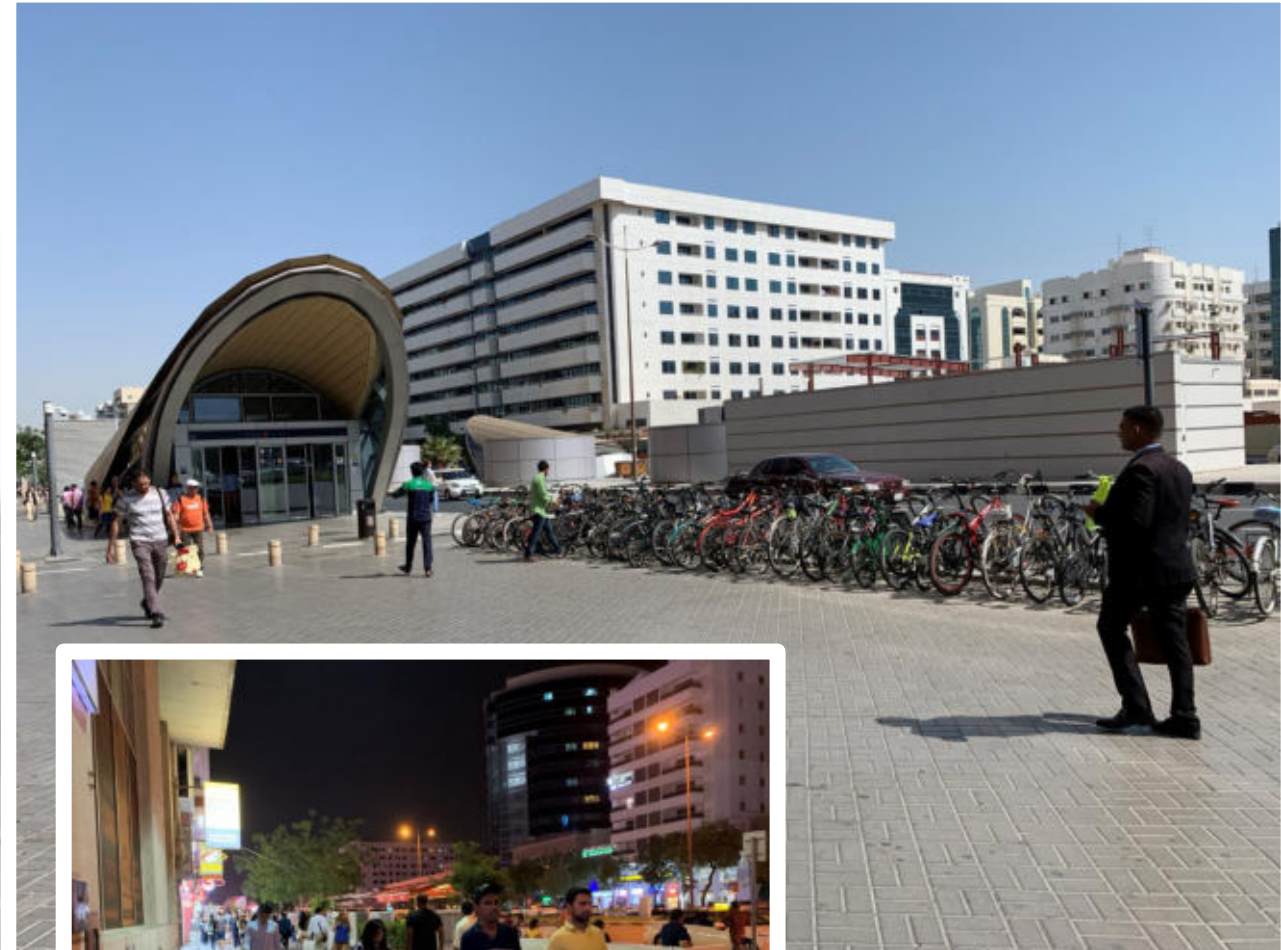
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## Lesson #2

*Each transport mode requires its appropriate set of infrastructure elements – and so do walking and cycling!*



## Lesson #2 – Appropriate infrastructure – also for walking & cycling

- Walking & cycling is not only “bike lanes” and “sidewalks”.
- Walking & cycling as transport modes must be conceived “the same way” as private vehicles.
- For pedestrians: shelter, shadowing against climate conditions, enough width...
- For bicycles: parking facilities, sufficient width, climate protection, proper lane layout (no useless diversions)...



Parking facilities at metro stations, Dubai

# Lesson #2 – Appropriate infrastructure – also for walking & cycling



Preciados (Madrid) and Sierpes (Seville) commercial streets, Spain

# Lesson #2 – Appropriate infrastructure – also for walking &

Msheireb Downtown,  
Doha, Qatar



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## Lesson #3

*Upside-down design!*  
*(or “outside-in” design)*



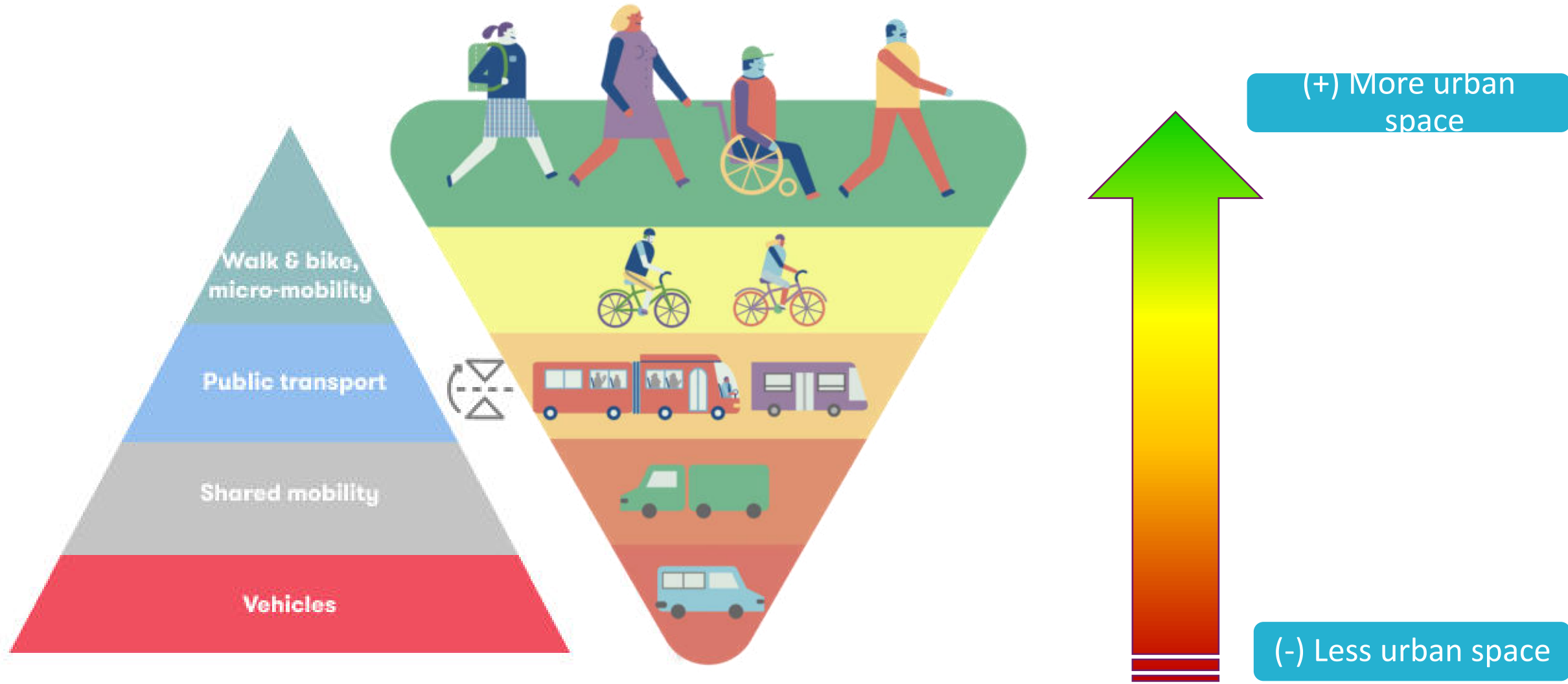
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- ✓ The two **most sustainable** means of transportation nowadays still use one of the basic forms of energy humans have been using for over thousands of years >> own **human energy!**
- ✓ Humans have been walking since the beginning of its existence, and although cycling is a relatively new means of transport (compared to walking) it is also based on the use of body energy to propel.
- ✓ The use of **space**, the level of **emissions**, **noise**, use of **energy**. All this **parameters** are completely **unbeaten** if we compare motorized means of transport against walking a cycling.

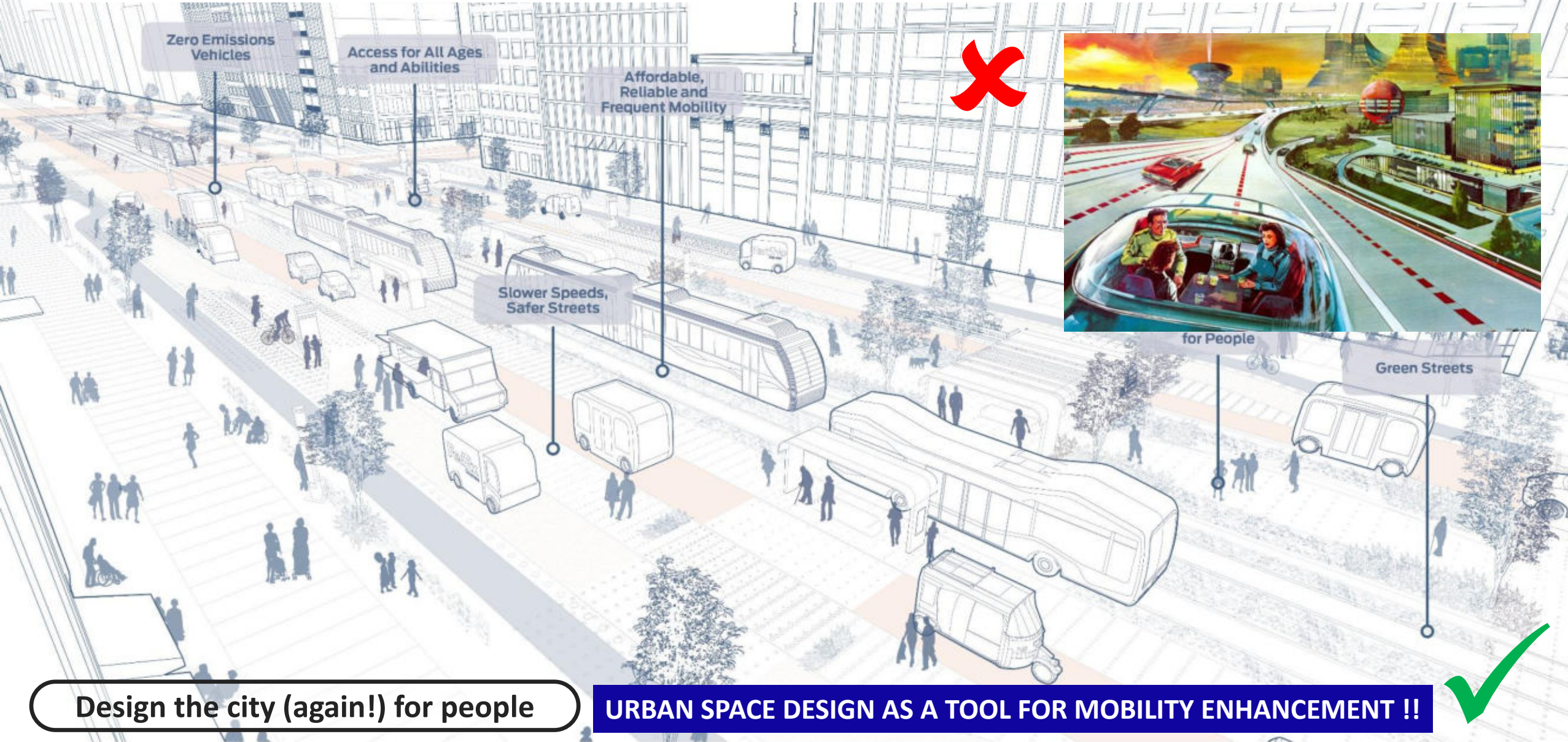




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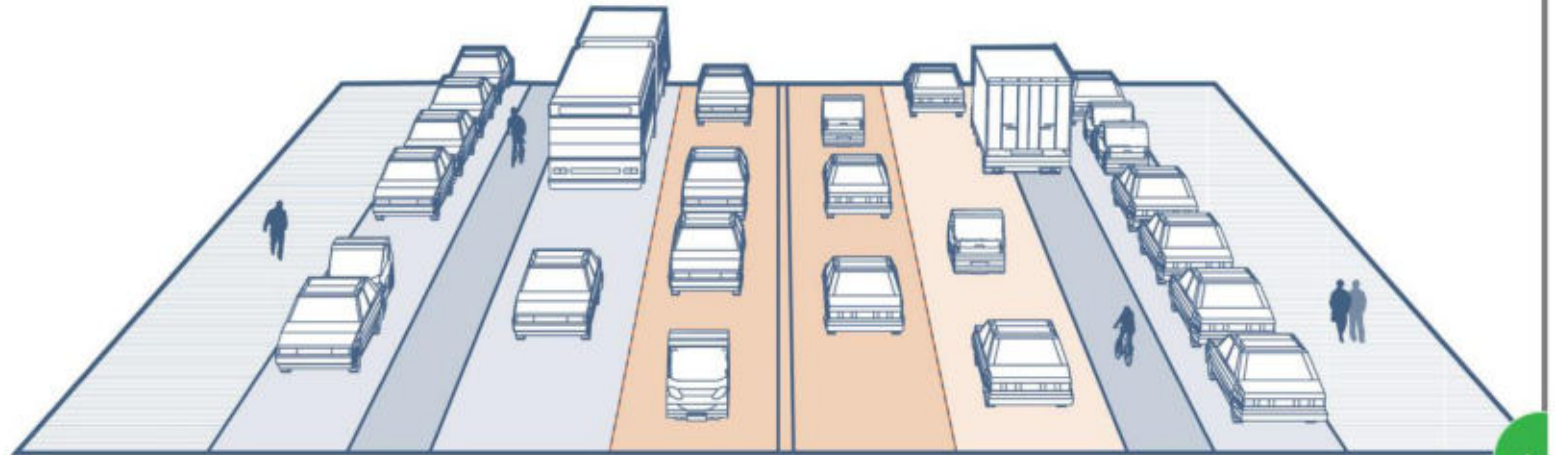
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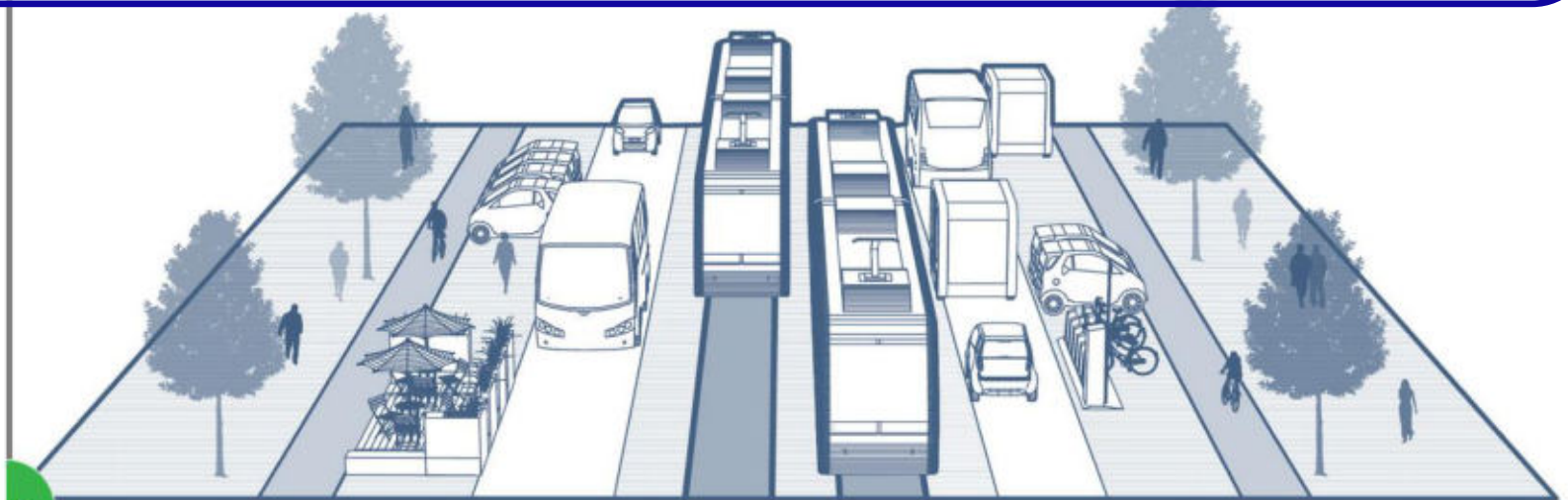


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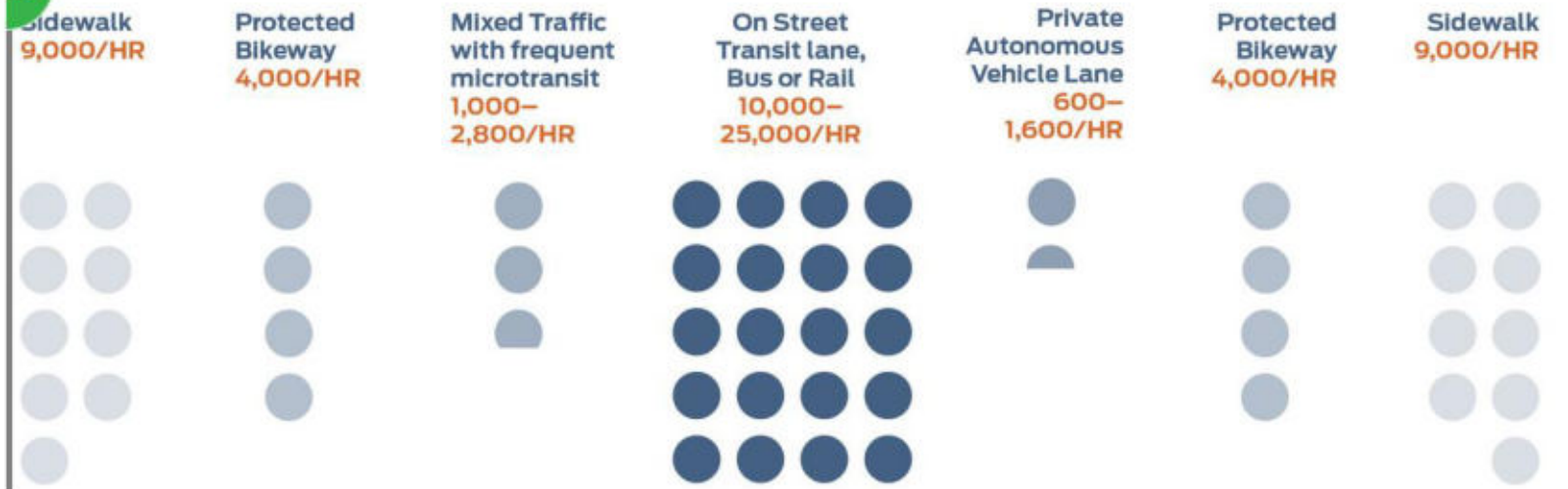
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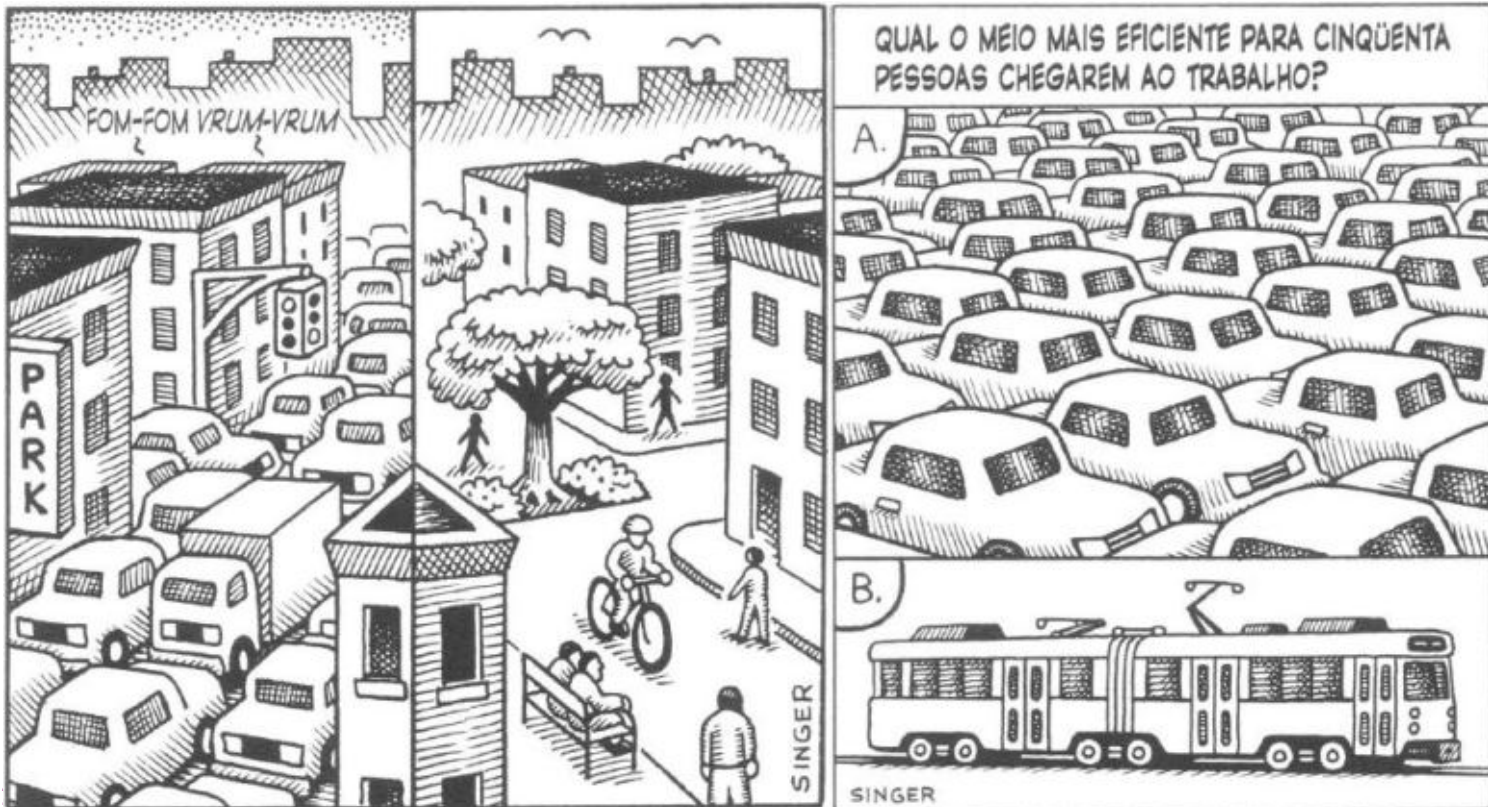
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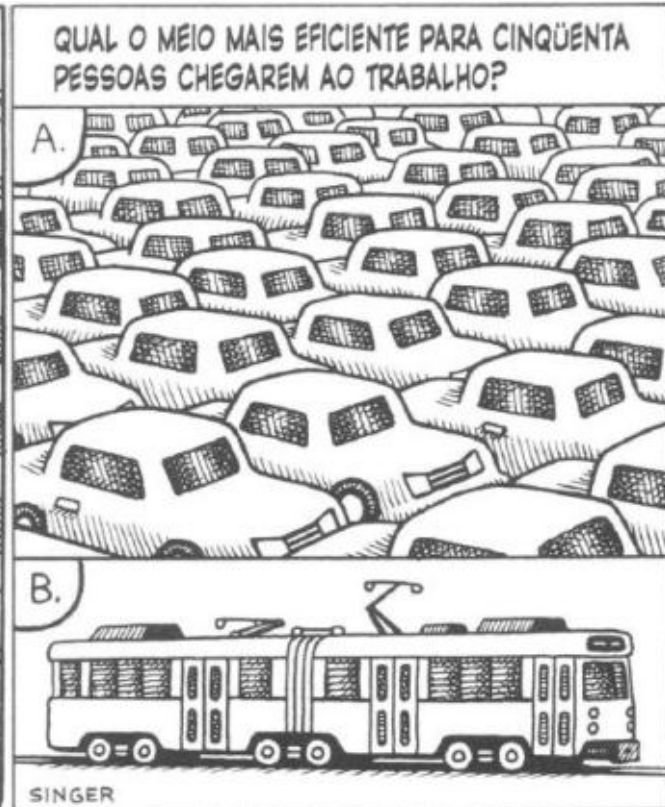
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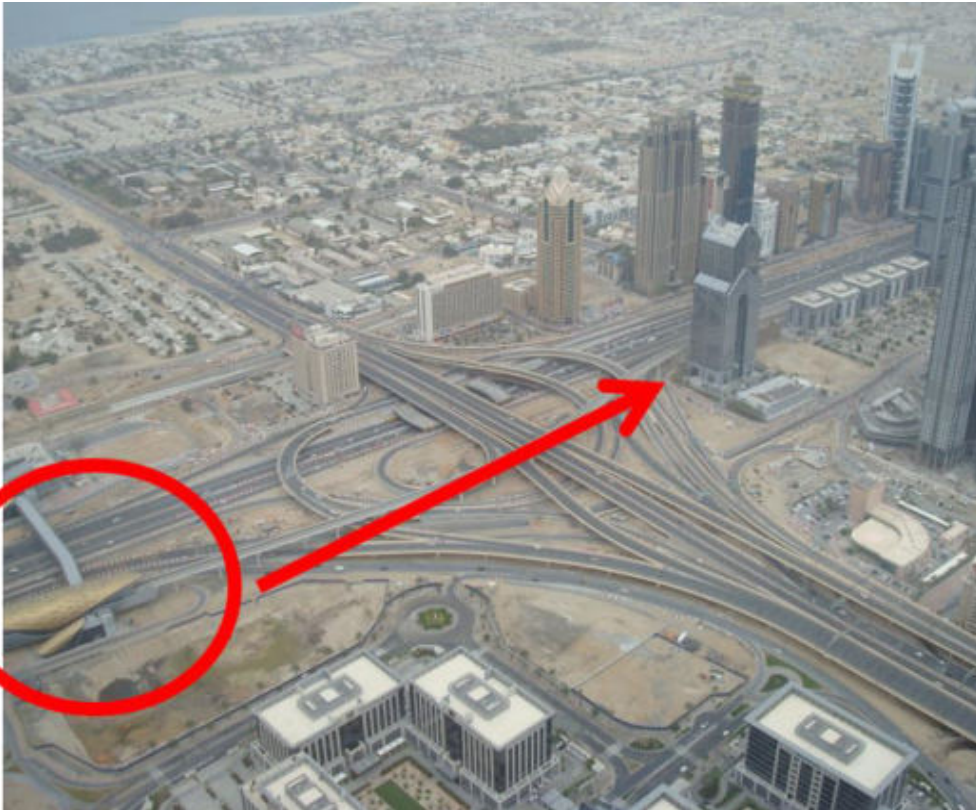
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**THANK YOU! – SALAMAT  
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