Reframing our urban mobility challenge

Lessons from summer school in the Netherlands (and Xmas reading)

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and cycle

all walks of life





























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Ja en vooral nee

Bakfietsmoeders zijn de satan



Bakfiets.n

Groot alarm in Het Parool (Blendle). Hip en hoogopgeleid neemt de stad over, kopt de stadskrant. Yup, bakfietsmoeder en hipster zijn het symbool van het kwaad. Het probleem: bepaalde pauperwijken in de hoofdstad knappen op en dat zou mensen die niet succesvol zijn de

stad uit jagen. Een dergelijk proces staat onder maakbaresamenlevingfans bekend als 'gentrificatie'. En gentrificatie is slecht, want de charme van grote steden zouden de rafelranden van de stad moeten zijn, omdat daar 'interessante ontwikkelingen in alle vrijheid kunnen worden opgestart'. Dus heeft een stad 'rafelwijken' nodig, met een goedkope supermarkt en goedkope drogist en zonder 'taartenarchitect' en 'mineraalwaterspecialist'. Mwah. Het artikel maakt een totale karikatuur van Amsterdamse achterstandswijken waar toevallig een duur koffietentje en upmarket banketbakkerij is gevestigd. Wie door die wijken loopt weet beter en ziet vooral de dingen die zouden moeten worden gedaan om de buurt een stuk leefbaarder te maken. Verder is niet zoveel mis met 'gentrificatie', wijst recent onderzoek uit, en is er niet zo gek veel bewijs voor dat de oorspronkelijke buurtbewoners door dat fenomeen erop achteruit gaan of zelfs maar overwegen de wijk te verlaten. Ja, bakfietsmoeders vinden wij ook stom, maar het probleem voor Amsterdam is niet gentrificatie, maar eerder een gebrek daaraan.

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Land use





Introducing.....the bicycle train.



Number of departing trains within 20 mins of cycling (5km) Source: Verdus 2015, www.fietscommunity.nl/projecten/bicycle-train-combination





30 km/uur

50 km/uur









Lesson 1: Optimise the human, marginalise the machine

Reframed from conflict to social friction







Lesson 2: All models are wrong, however, some are useful, George Box, 1978

Reframed: Time travel savings to meaningful mobility





Lesson 3: Safety is cultural but slower speeds don't need to be

Reframed: Slow speeds to healthy streets





Health burden of road transport in New Zealand



Briggs, D., Mason, K., Borman, B. (2016). Rapid Assessment of Environmental Health Impacts for Policy Support: The Example of Road Transport in New Zealand. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*,2016; 13(1): 61

Lesson 4: Taming a hostile media

Reframed: From media beat up to becoming a reliable source of constructive news





Lesson 5: There is no recipe

Reframed: From technical problems to adaptive change









Technical problem or adaptive challenge?









Diagnosing the problem....

Technical Problems	Adaptive Challenges
Easy to identify and define problems	Difficult to identify or define
Can often be solved by an expert	Can require changes in values, belief, roles, relationships & approached to work
Technical Solutions	Community solutions, consultation, multi- disciplinary
Implementation often quick and easy - clear	Change in numerous places required – across organisational boundaries
Require change in one or a few isolated places	Solutions often experimental, discoveries, can take a long time to implement
Requires expertise	Requires leadership
	Heifetz and Links
	2002



How to identify an adaptive challenge

- Gap between aspiration and reality
- Current repertoire of interventions inadequate
- Stakeholders across boundaries
- Longer timeframe
- Disequilibrium experienced as sense of crisis starting to be felt
- Difficult learning required





Aspiration vs. reality

	Private Vehicle	Public Transport	Cycling	Walking	Sustainable Mode Targets
Tauranga City	90%	2%	3%	4%	20%
Auckland	84%	8%	1%	5%	45%*
Hamilton City	86%	3%	4%	7%	29%**
Wellington City	53%	21%	4%	21%	59%***
Christchurch City	84%	4%	7%	5%	32%
Dunedin City	82%	3%	3%	12%	40%

* Trips in the morning peak from 23% baseline *

**Proposed

***cordon count not JTW



Figure 3.3.1 Change in New Zealand's emissions from the fuel combustion categories (1990–2016)









Data Source: Modal split changes target, Urban Mobility Plan Vienna



Cyclists in the firing line for new Wellington political party •

Tom Hunt • 12:56, Dec 09 2018





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Digby Paape is also involved in the new group, Wellington First.







BEFORE YOU SAY IT, YES, WE KNOW THIS IS A TRIGONOMIC EQUATION

Summer reissue: Mike Hosking's brave battle with mathematics



Technical problem or adaptive challenge?



"The single most common source of leadership failure is that people....treat adaptive challenges like technical problems" Heifetz and Linsky, 2002









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How are we talking about road safety?



Word	# of mentions in Safer Journeys
Road	661
Car(s)/vehicle(s)	270
People	83
Cycle/cycling/cyclist	40
Walk/walking	25
Public transport	4

actions alcohol approach areas bac change cost Crashes deaths distraction drink drivers driving drugs effectiveness fatal fatigue impact improve including increase initiatives injuries journeys km level limit lower motorcycle number people per percent rate reduce risk road safe safer safety serious speed support system travel users vehicles years young zealand







Image from: https://stories.woodlandtrust.org.uk/streetfighters/



Optimise the machine, marginalise the human







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(by: Auto55 http://www.auto55.be/nieuws/23664-zo-ziet-mercedes-de-zelfrijdende-auto)

Optimising the human, marginalising the machine







Tips for managing adaptive challenges

- Name the elephants in the room (or on the street)
- Authentic empathy understand the losses
- Ripening the issue.









Elephants on the street?



"What if our language does not simply mirror or picture the world but profoundly shapes our view of it in the first place?" – Fishcer & Forester, 1993:1

Unlocking Transport Innovation: A Sociotechnical Perspective of the Logics of Transport Planning Decision-Making within the Trial of a New Type of Pedestrian Crossing

> Simon Opit & Karen Witten SHORE & Whariki Research Centre, Massey University











public-transit passengers - all street life - are natural enemies of this order". As she rolled out hundreds of kilo metres of protected cycle lanes around the city and launched a massive public bike-share scheme, Sadik-Khan faced ferocious opposition, lawsuits and accusations she was trying to turn New York into Amsterdam. One highly contested section of cycleway was described by a local newspaper as "the most controversial slab of cement outside of the Gaza Strip"

In building safe biking infrastructure, Sadik-Khan says, cities are "daring to take street space that for decades has been used exclusively by vehicles and do something else with it". For some, that amounts to an "ideological war on cars".

"Never underestimate the anger directed at bicyclists," she writes. In New York and Melbourne, opponents laid tacks across new cycleways; in New York's Central Park, an attacker strung a wire across the path of a cyclist

Similar sabotage has occurred in London and Portland. On the last weekend of the last school holidays around 30 tacks were found on th Island Bay cycleway.



HALLENGE TO THE STATUS QUO In a recent research paper on bikela led by the University of Auckland's Kirsty Wild, bike lanes are described as "sponges for a sea of latent cultural and economic anxieties ... Far from representing a 'value-free' reshaping of the streetscape, cycle lanes present fundamental challenges to existing power relationships within cities". International experience shows bikelash tends to come from four key groups, Wild says: on-street parking. They tend to overestimate the importance of

parking to their customers and underestimate the number who come by bus, bike or on foot, Many studies have shown little change, and often an improvement, in retail trade after a bike lane goes in. The second main group of objectors

tend to be political conservatives,

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Wild et al (2017)



Waterview Tunnel takes out top prize in civil construction awards

Catherine Harris • 11:57, Aug 07 2017

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How ripe is the issue?











How love might help us...







What makes a loveable city?





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New Zealand love notes









So what?



















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