10 Steps

Toward a More Walkable, Sustainable

Traverse City

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Presentation Outline

1. Measure what matters
2. Fix your trunk roads
3. Adopt a good street design manual
4. Make walking a pleasure
5. Make biking safe and easy for everyone
6. Make transit fast, frequent, reliable, dignified
7. Make traffic analysis work
8. Focus on the demand side
9. Park once
10. Create a better vision

1. Measure what matters

- Transportation is not an end in itself
- It is merely a means by which we support individual and collective goals and objectives

How Transportation Meets Goals

- **Mobility:**
  - Can I travel freely and easily to where I want to go?
  - Reduce roadway congestion
  - Increase transit frequency, reliability and speed
  - Create bicycle lanes and complete sidewalks
- **Accessibility**
  - Can I get the things and services I want?
  - Bring people, goods and services closer together
  - Mix uses
  - Technology, delivery

Level of Service A

Level of Service C

Level of Service F

What's important depends upon perspective

Traffic engineer:	**F**	**A**
Economist:	**A**	**F**

Measure what matters

Why not Consider…

- Economic Development
  - Job creation
  - Real estate value increase
  - Retail sales
- Quality of Life
  - Access to jobs
  - Access to shopping
  - Residential property value impact
- Social Justice
  - Do benefits accrue equitably?
  - Are investments spread equitably?
- Ecological Sustainability
  - VMT per capita (=CO_2, NO_x, runoff, etc.)
  - Land use/transportation connection

2. Fix your trunk roads

Mountain View, CA

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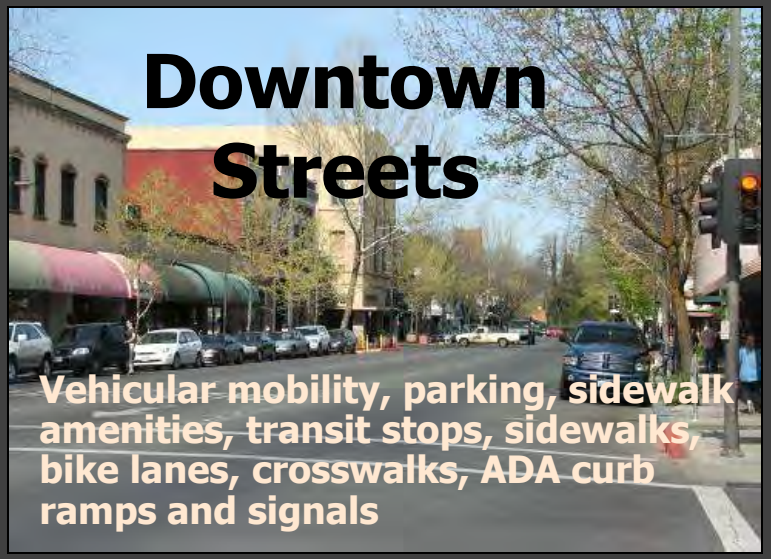
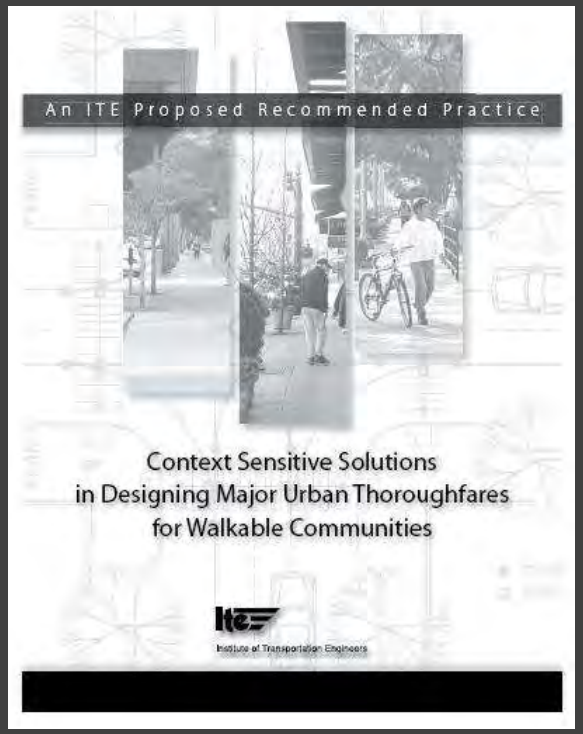
3. Adopt the right street design manual

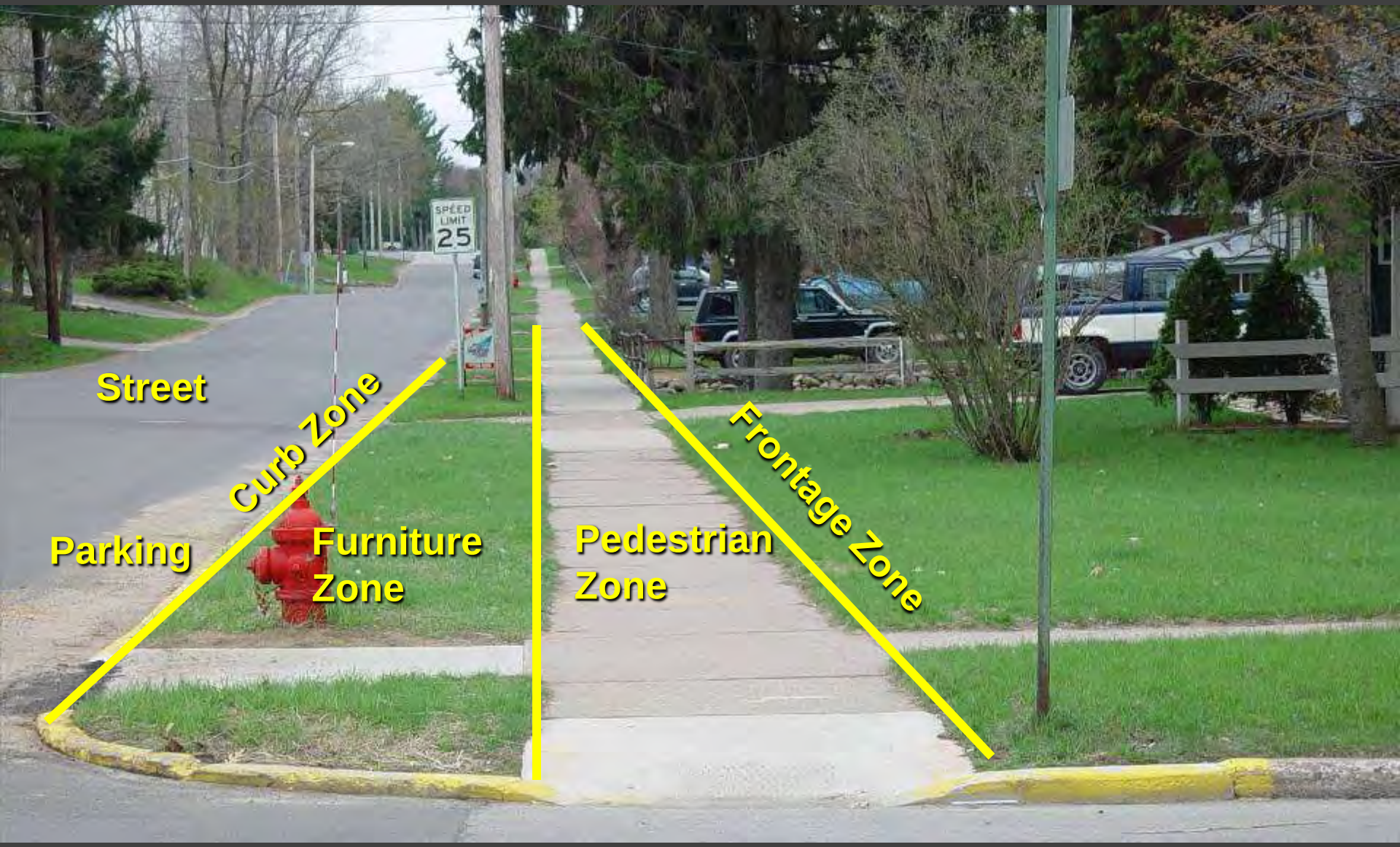


Adopt *urban* street guidelines

- **ITE *Context Sensitive Solutions***
  - Free at ite.com/css
  - Best for arterials
- **ITE *Residential Streets***
  - Best for residential streets
- **NACTO**
  - Free at nacto.org
  - Bikeways available now. Urban Street Design Manual out soon.
- **Steal from other cities**
  - SF, Boston, Indianapolis, NYC



4. Make walking a pleasure



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4. Make walking a pleasure

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Tree-cover rating:

81%

Median household income:

$205,750

Tree-cover rating:

64%

Median household income:

$78,523

Tree-cover rating:

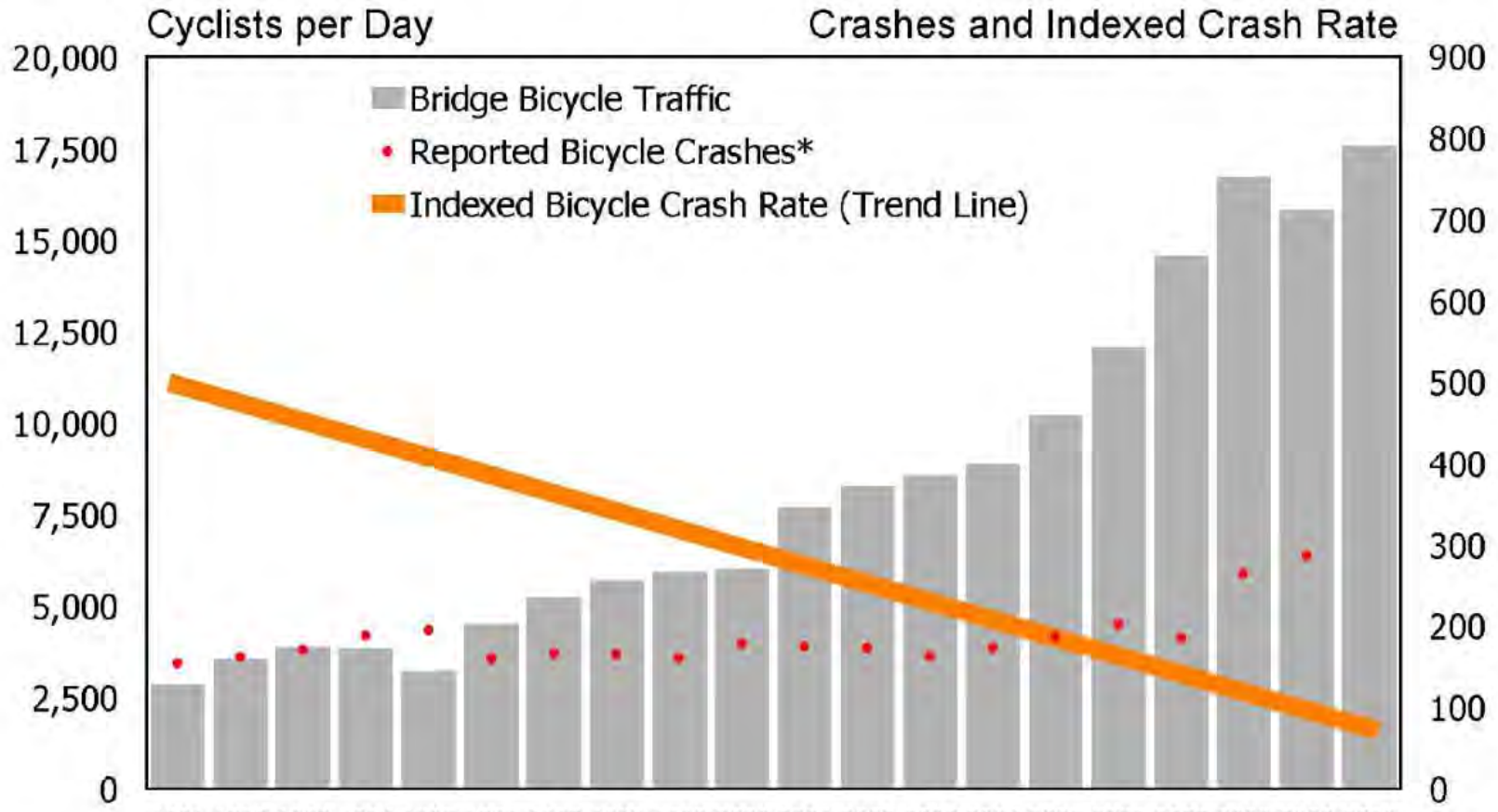
48%

Median household income:

$36,250

5. Make cycling comfortable for all ages

Combined Bicycle Traffic over Four Main Portland Bicycle Bridges Juxtaposed with Bicycle Crashes



	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Bridge Bicycle Traffic	2,850	3,555	3,885	3,830	3,207	4,520	5,225	5,690	5,910	6,015	7,686	8,250	8,562	8,875	10,192	12,046	14,563	16,711	15,794	17,576
Reported Bicycle Crashes*	155	163	171	189	195	160	167	166	161	179	175	173	164	174	188	203	186	265	287	*
Indexed Bicycle Crash Rate (Trend Line)	544	459	440	493	514	354	320	292	272	298	230	210	192	196	184	168	128	159	182	*
Bicycle Fatalities	2	0	4	3	2	1	5	3	0	0	5	0	4	1	4	0	6	0	4	*

Source: Roger Geller

Strong & Fearless
Will ride regardless of facilities
Trip distance not an issue

Enthused & Confident
Comfortable in traffic with appropriate facilities
Prefer shorter trip distances

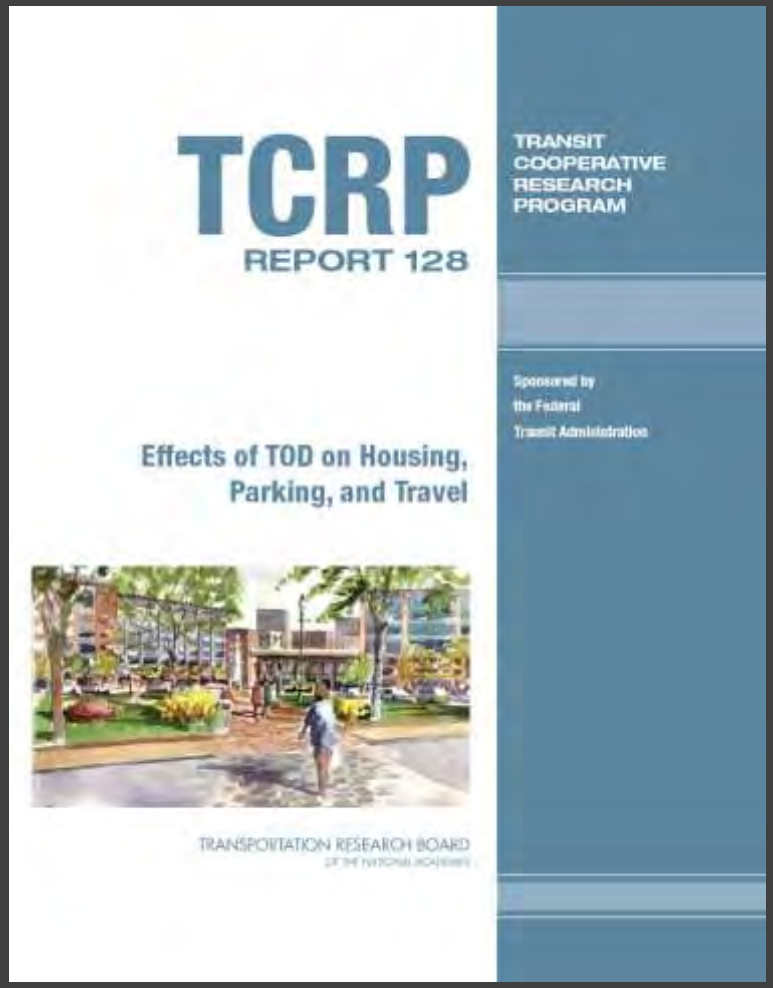
Interested but Concerned
Not attracted by bike lanes
Not comfortable in traffic
Will ride in low-volume, low-speed conditions (boulevards, off-street)

Source: City of Portland Survey

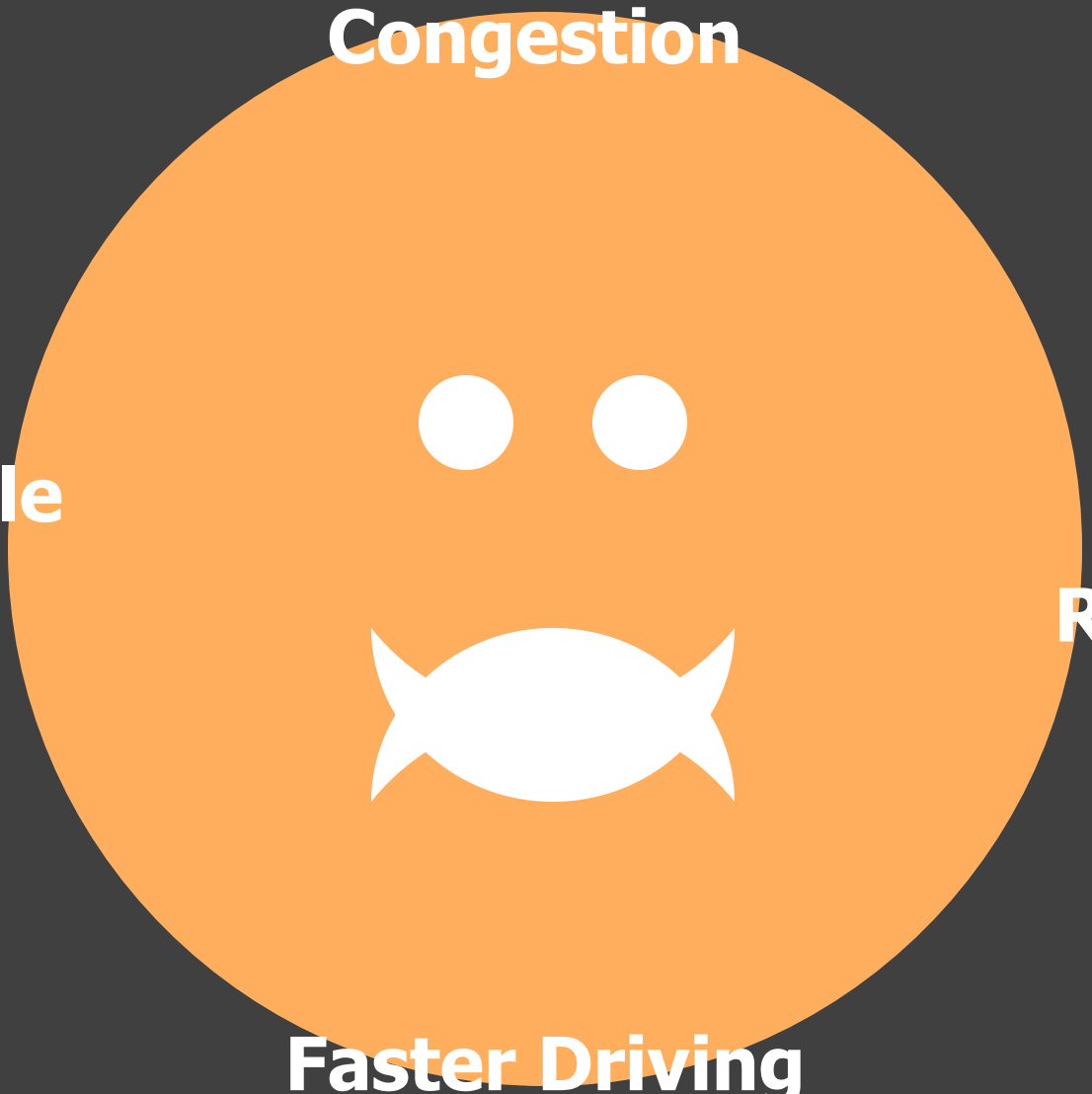
6. Make Transit Fast, Frequent, Reliable, and Dignified

7. Make traffic analysis smart

- To be "conservative," transportation analyses typically use ITE trip generation rates, data from isolated, single-use projects with no access except by car.
- TODs typically generate ~50% fewer vehicle trips than predicted by ITE. ("Effects of TOD on Parking, Housing and Travel," TCRP 128, 2008)
- Guidelines focus on localized traffic impacts and ignores regional impacts.

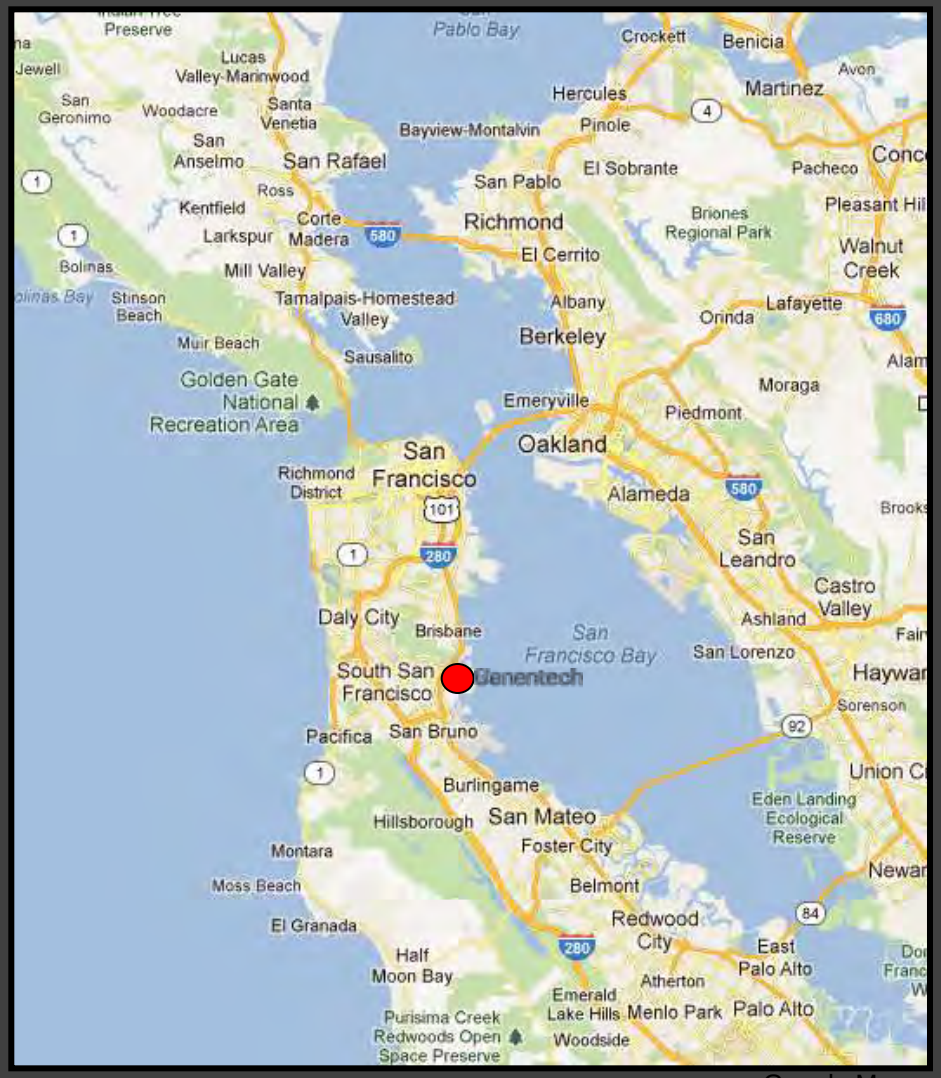


Induced and Latent Demand



8. Pay attention to the demand side

Genentech
South San Francisco



Google Maps

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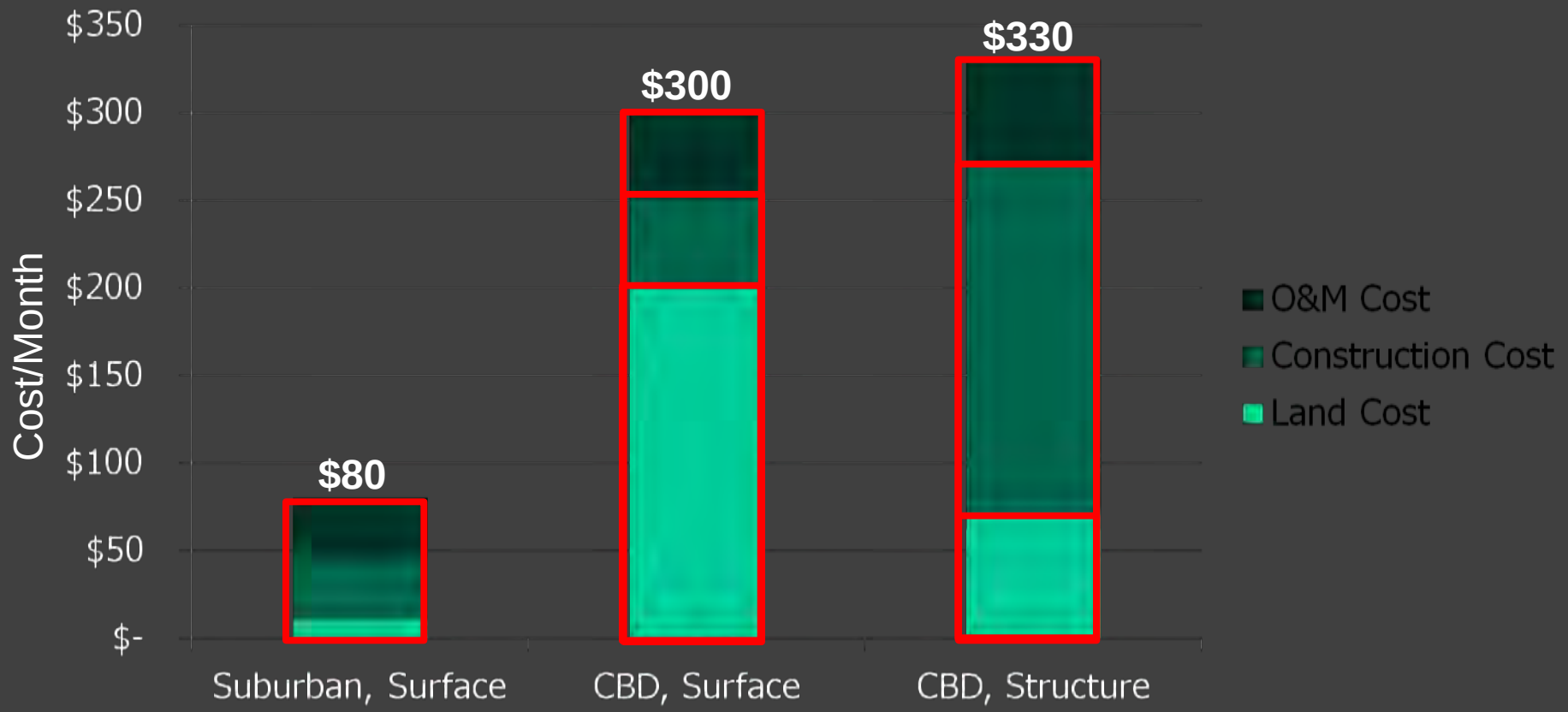
Case Study: Genentech

Parking Cost Break-Down



Source: Adapted from Victoria Transport Policy Institute, 2012

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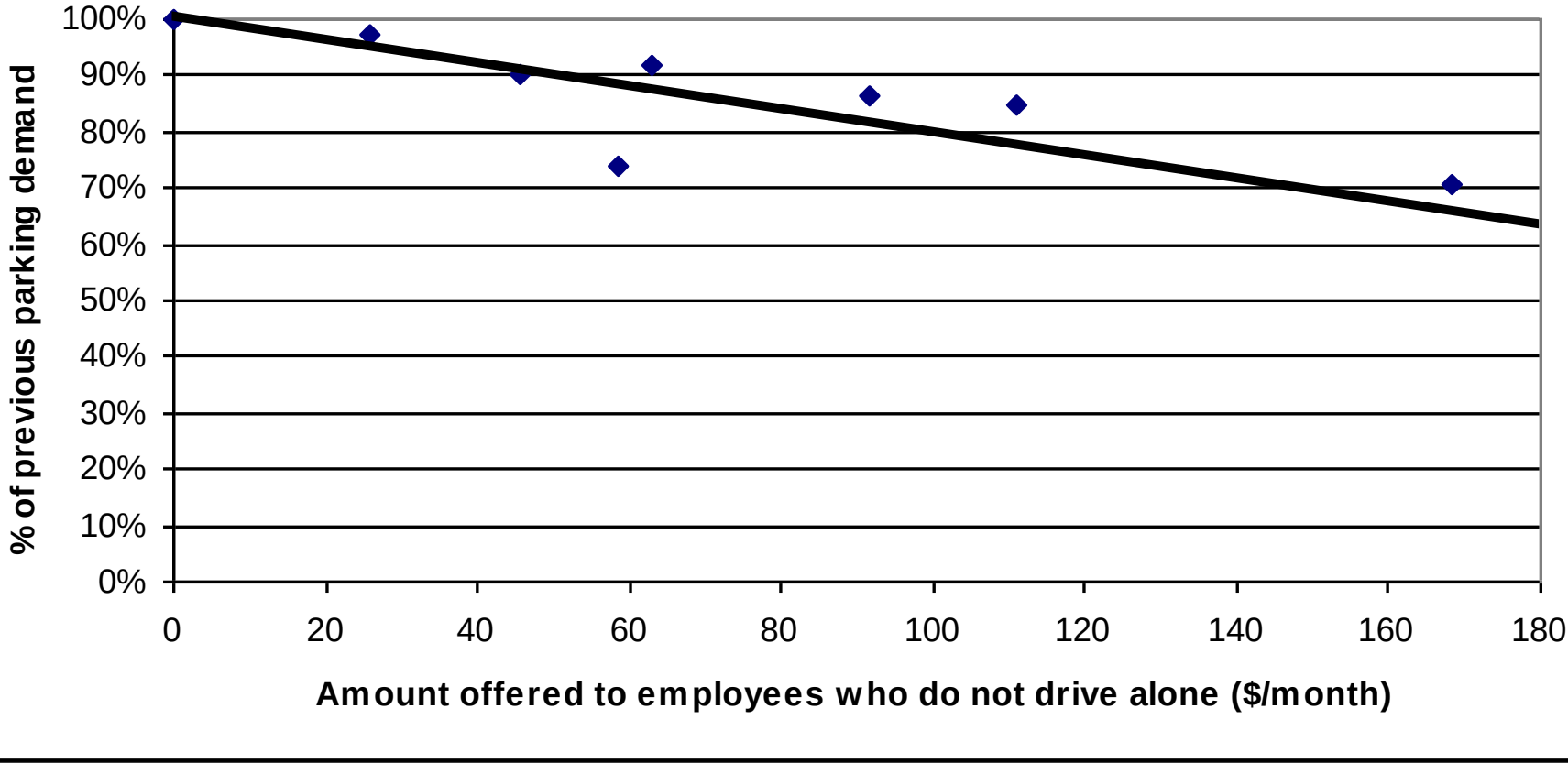
Parking Cash Out Reduces Parking Demand



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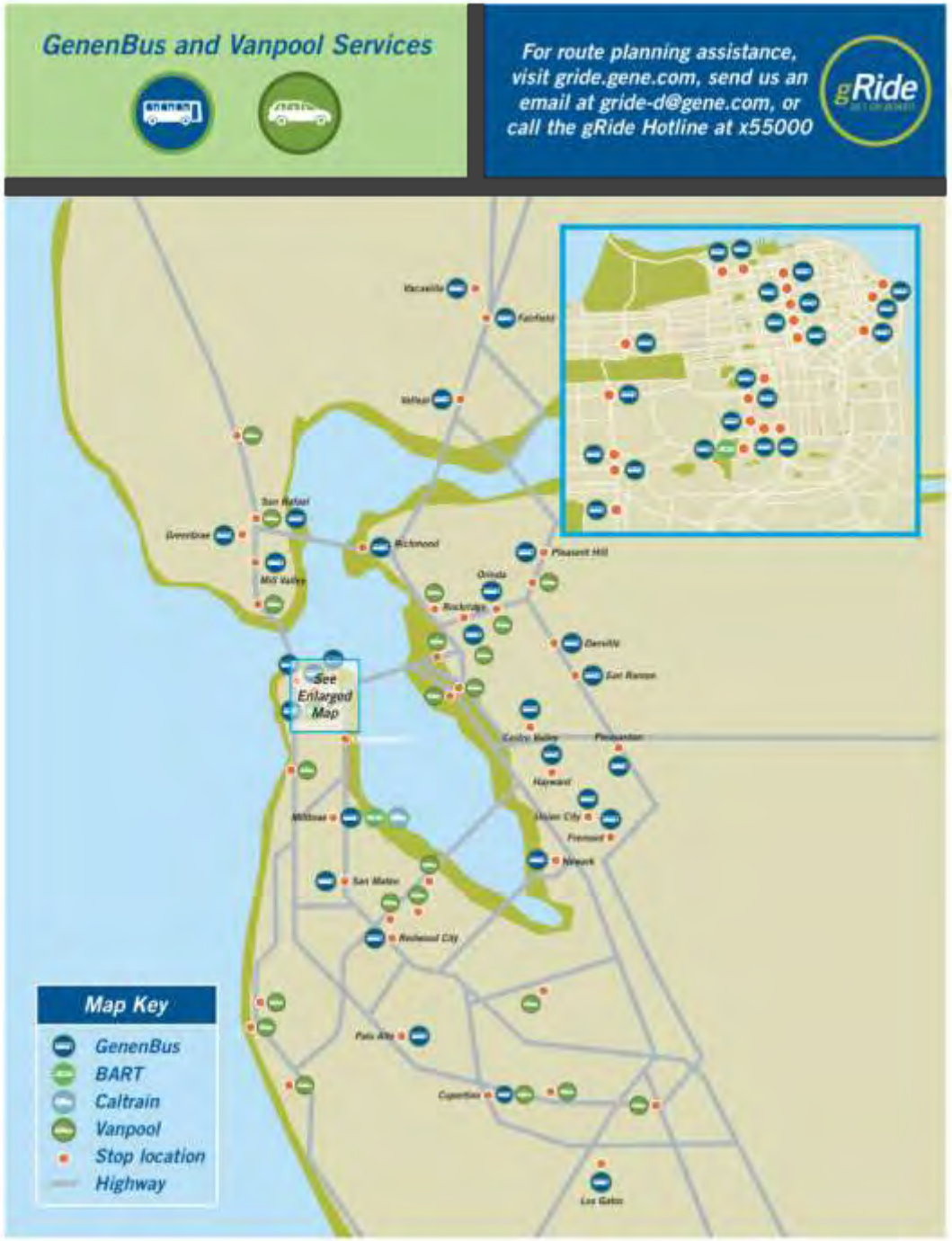
gRide Program

- 64% of employees reside in San Mateo or San Francisco counties
- Over 6,000 out of 8,500 SSF eligible employees are registered members in the gRide program
- Over 3,000 employees are active gRide users who average 13 gRide commute days per month

GenenBus

- Focused service on areas with
  - No viable public transit alternatives
  - Longer, more arduous and costly commutes
  - high density SF neighborhoods
- 38 GenenBuses serving 27 commuter routes with over 3,500 riders per day



gRide Assistance

- Employees can contact gRide for help with programs, personalized commute planning, or any other questions they might have.
  - gRide Hotline: 6:00 AM to 7:30PM
  - Simple Email address to gRide team
  - gRide website
  - gRide iPhone App with schedules
  - SMS Text Alerts
  - gRide FAQs, discussion forum, gRide Blog

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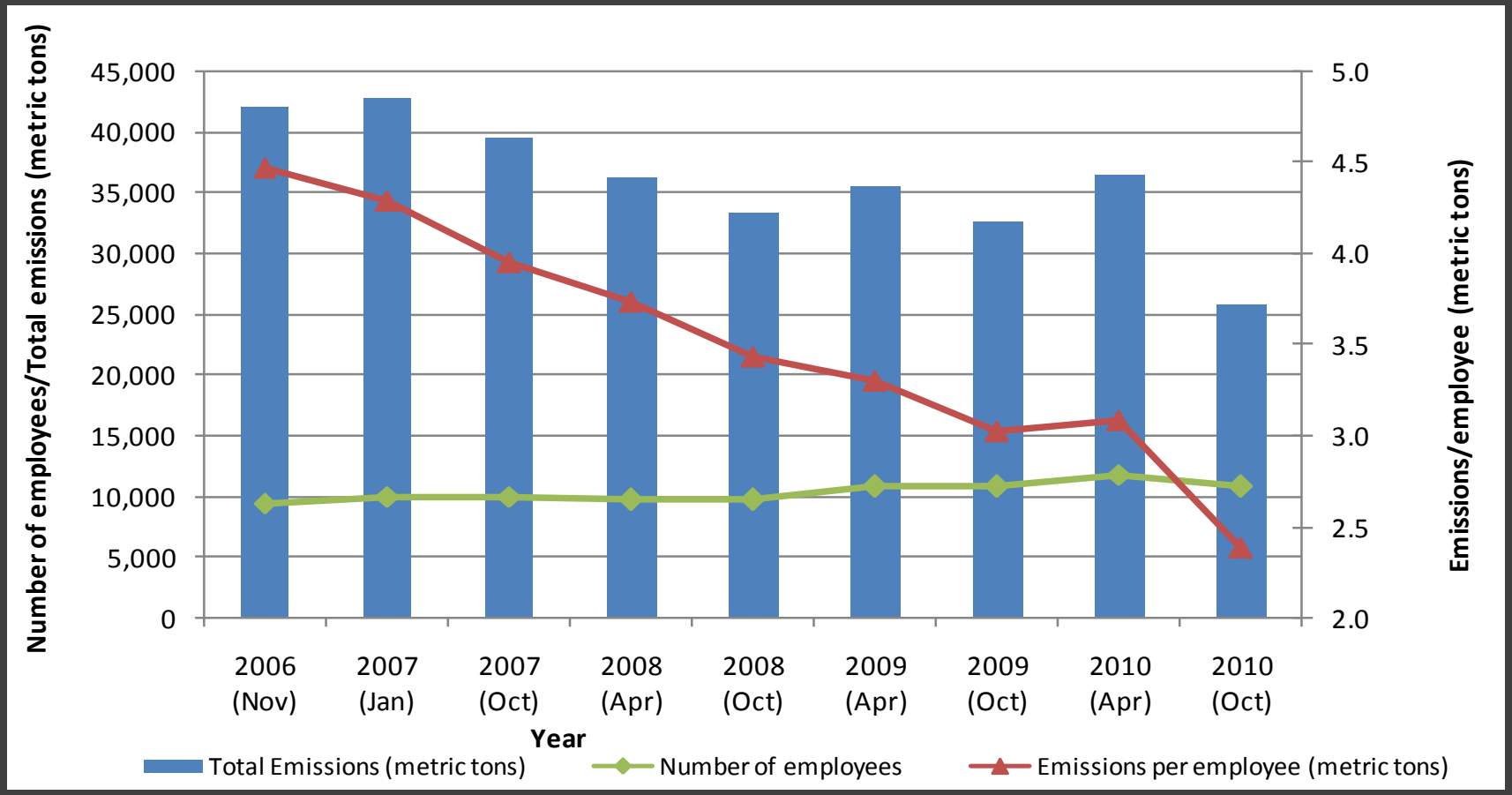
Business Drivers

- **Productivity enabler**
  - >12,000 GenenBus WiFi sessions per month:
    - ~$2M gained productivity
  - DNA intra-campus shuttle facilitates face to face meetings

- **Carbon Footprint**
  - ~12.5% of GNE CO2 emissions are from commute travel
  - gRide has eliminated over 63.4 million lbs. of CO2 since program launch

gRide and Drive Alone Rates 2006-Present

GHG Reduction Impacts by Year



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9. Park Once

1. Eliminate minimum parking requirements
2. Create a "Park Once," shared parking environment
3. Charge the right price for curb parking
4. Manage parking in order to achieve development and congestion management goals context and goals

Smart Meters

Smart Technology

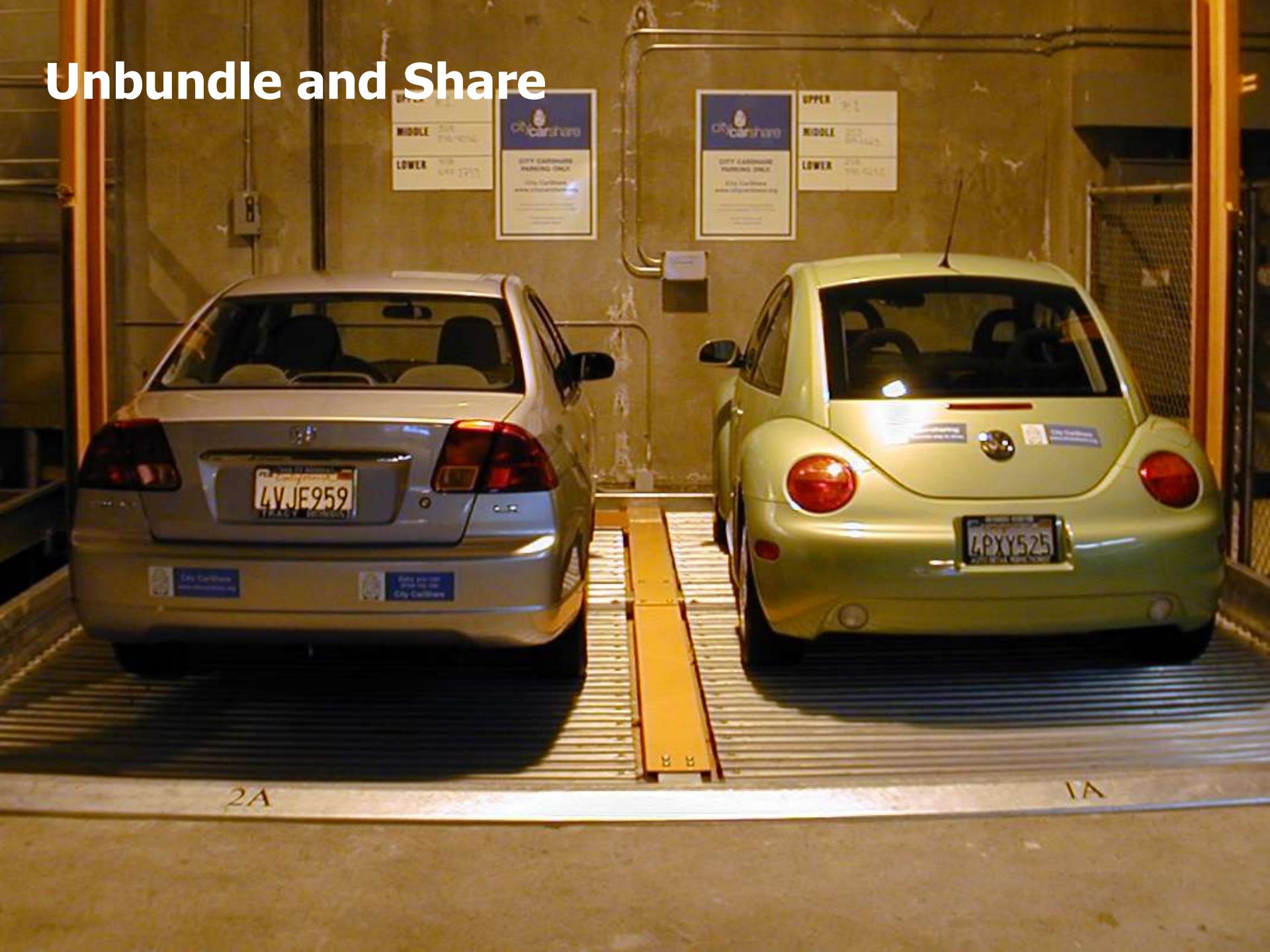
Downtown
Parking Map
Right Price
County Garage
San Mateo County Government Center
ALDEN
BREWSTER
FULLER
WARREN
BRADFORD
WINSLOW
HAMILTON
MIDDLEFIELD
JEFFERSON
BRADFORD
MAIN
WALNUT
MARSHALL
ARGUELLO
Caltrain Parking Lot
EL CAMINO
Perry Lot
PERRY
BROADWAY
Court-House Square
Marshall Garage
SPRING
BROADWAY
Caltrain Station
Fox Theatre
Century Theatres
Jefferson Garage (Underground)
Winslow Lot
Main Street Lot
HILTON
MAPLE
Middlefield Lot
City Hall
City Hall Lot
STAMBAUGH
Sequoia Station Shopping Center
MIDDLEFIELD
Library Lot B
Library
Library Lot A
LEGEND
Free every evening and all day Saturday and Sunday
(See signs at these facilities for details)
First 1.5 hours Free or
First 4 hours Free with a validation from Century Theatres
(See signs at these facilities for details)
25¢ per hour, Monday - Friday, 10am to 6pm
(FREE after 6:00pm and all day Saturday and Sunday)
25¢ per hour, Monday - Saturday, 10am to 6pm
(FREE after 6:00pm and all day Sunday)
50¢ per hour, Monday - Saturday, 10am to 6pm
(FREE after 6:00pm and all day Sunday)
(ALL RATES AND HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
Updated on 6/19/08

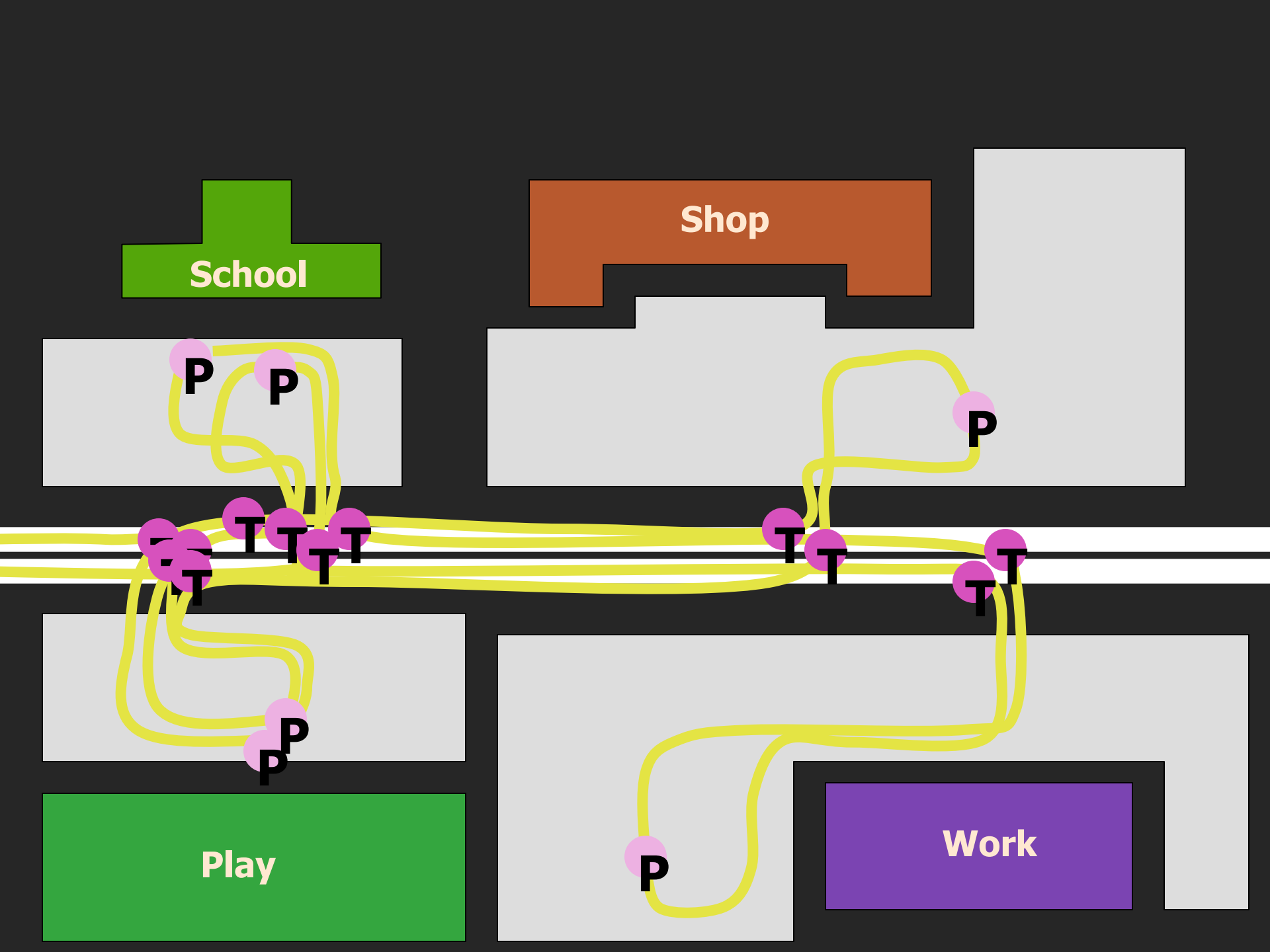
Right Time

Hours of Operation
Sunday - Thursday
11 AM to 8 PM
Friday - Saturday
11 AM to 12 midnight
Except Holidays

Invest Revenue

Unbundle and Share

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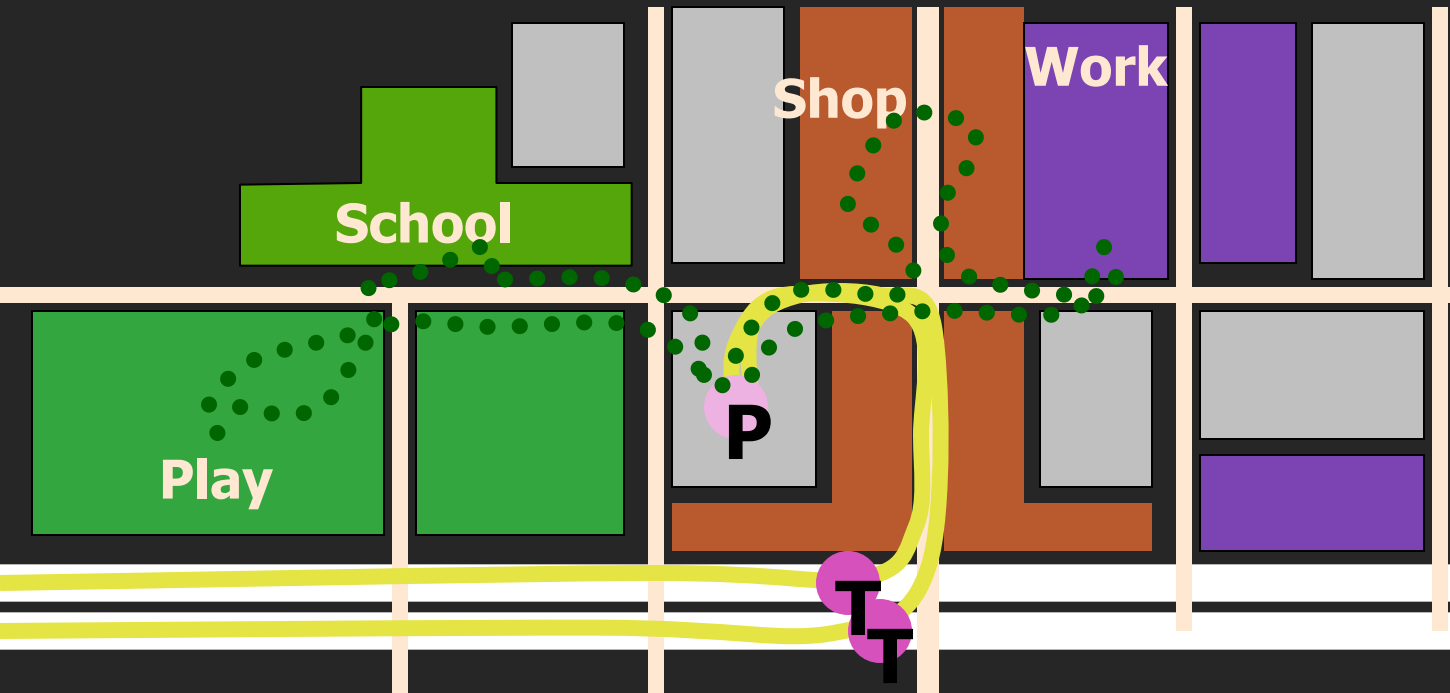
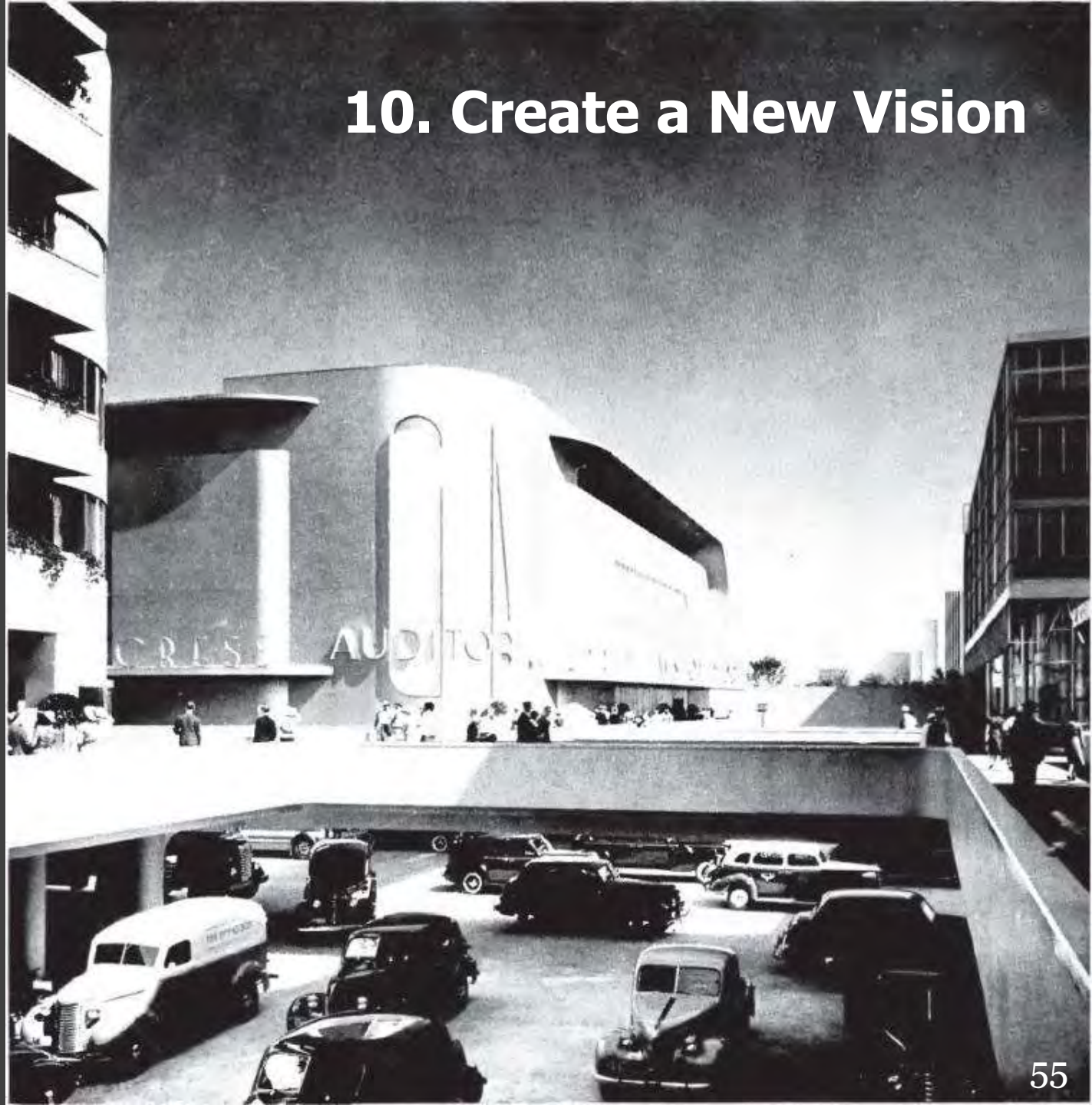
Mixed Use, Park Once District



Results:

- <½ the parking
- <½ the land area
- ¼ the arterial trips
- 1/6th the arterial turning movements
- <¼ the vehicle miles traveled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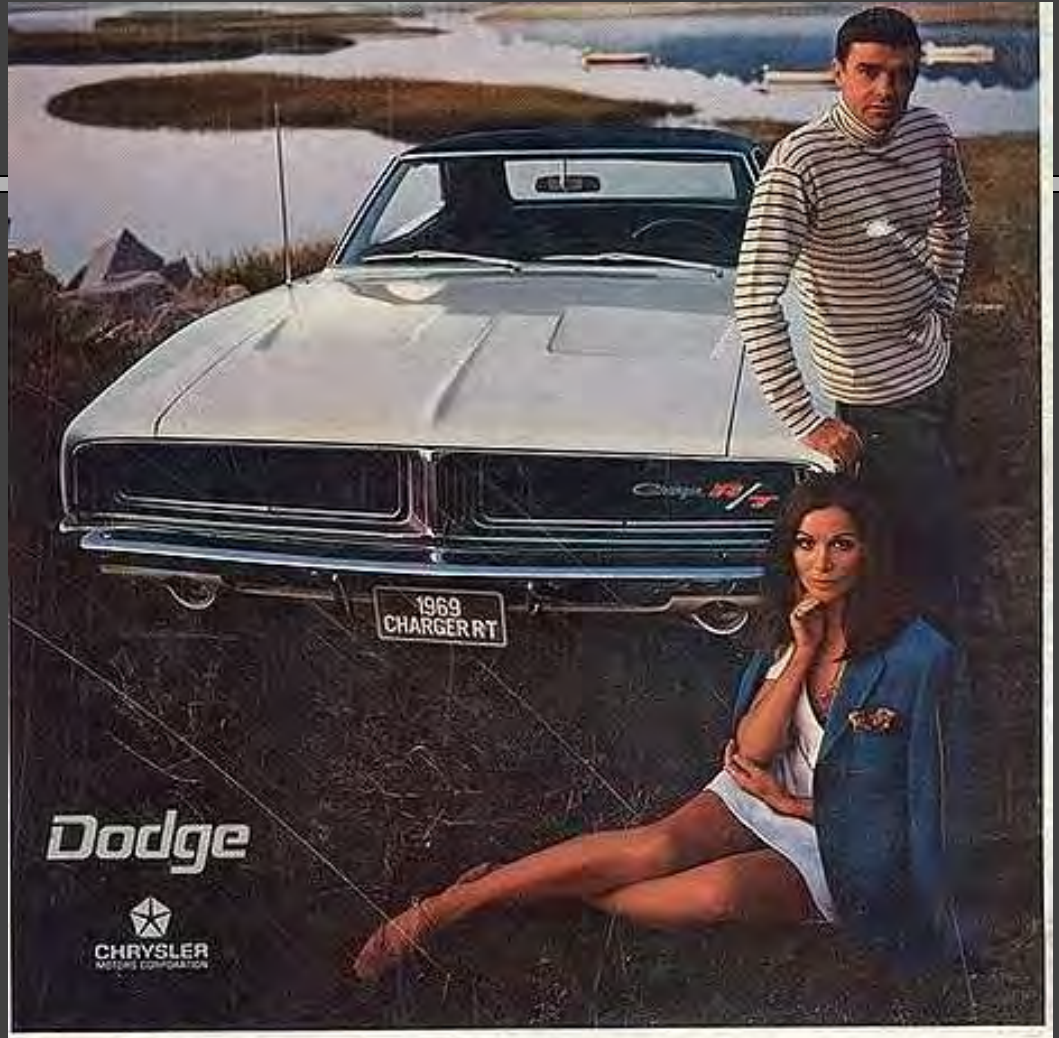

The Eternal Triangle.

You'd think Ralph's new love would have been curtains for me. I mean, it was all he talked about. Well, I learned to live with it. As it turned out, I think his new Charger R/T really brought us closer together. He's taught me how to shift the 4-speed synchromesh. He lets me pick out the stereo tapes. And clean the vinyl buckets. It's not all bad. He even mentioned marriage once.

DODGE fever
The Catch of The Year

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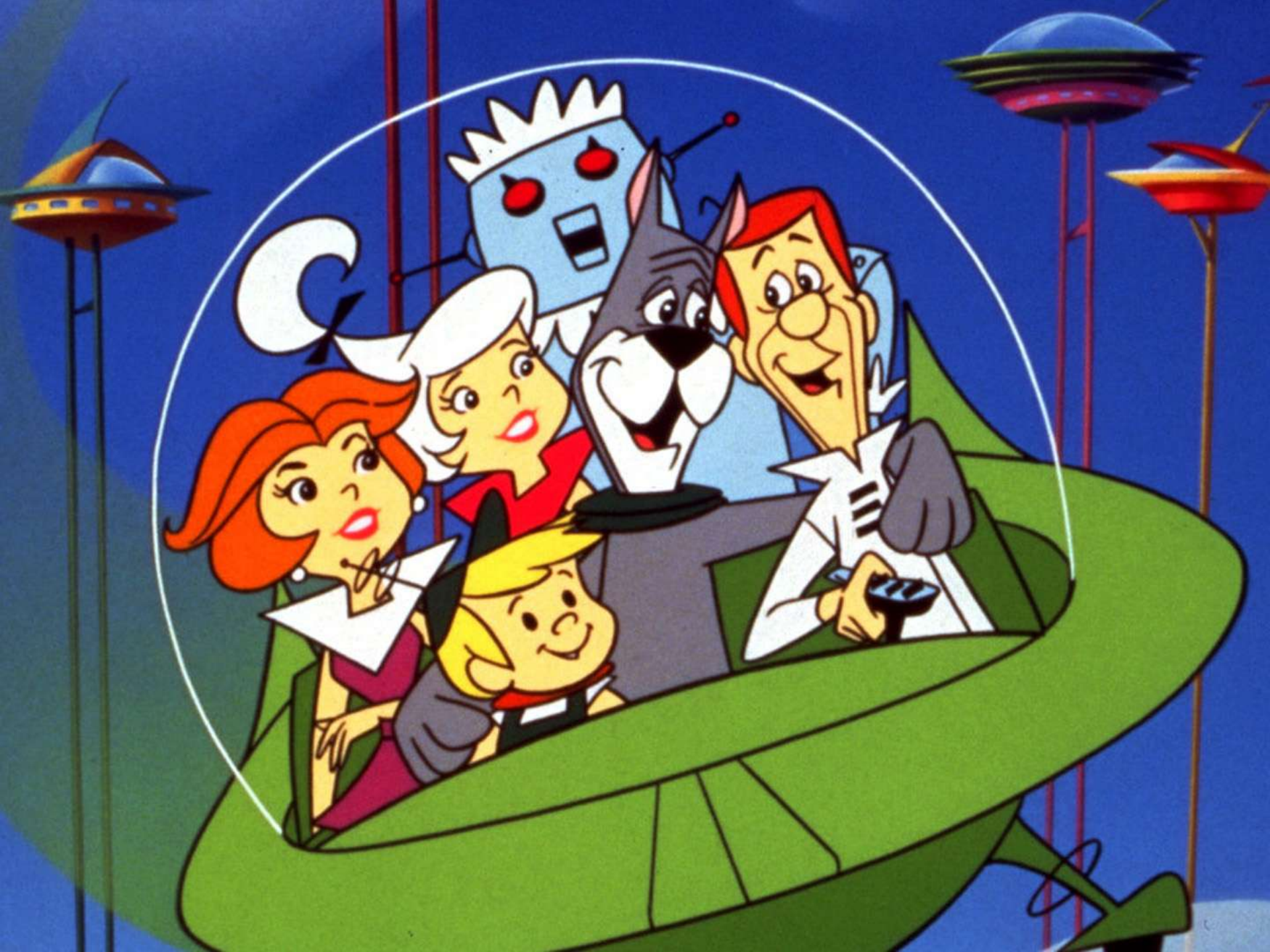
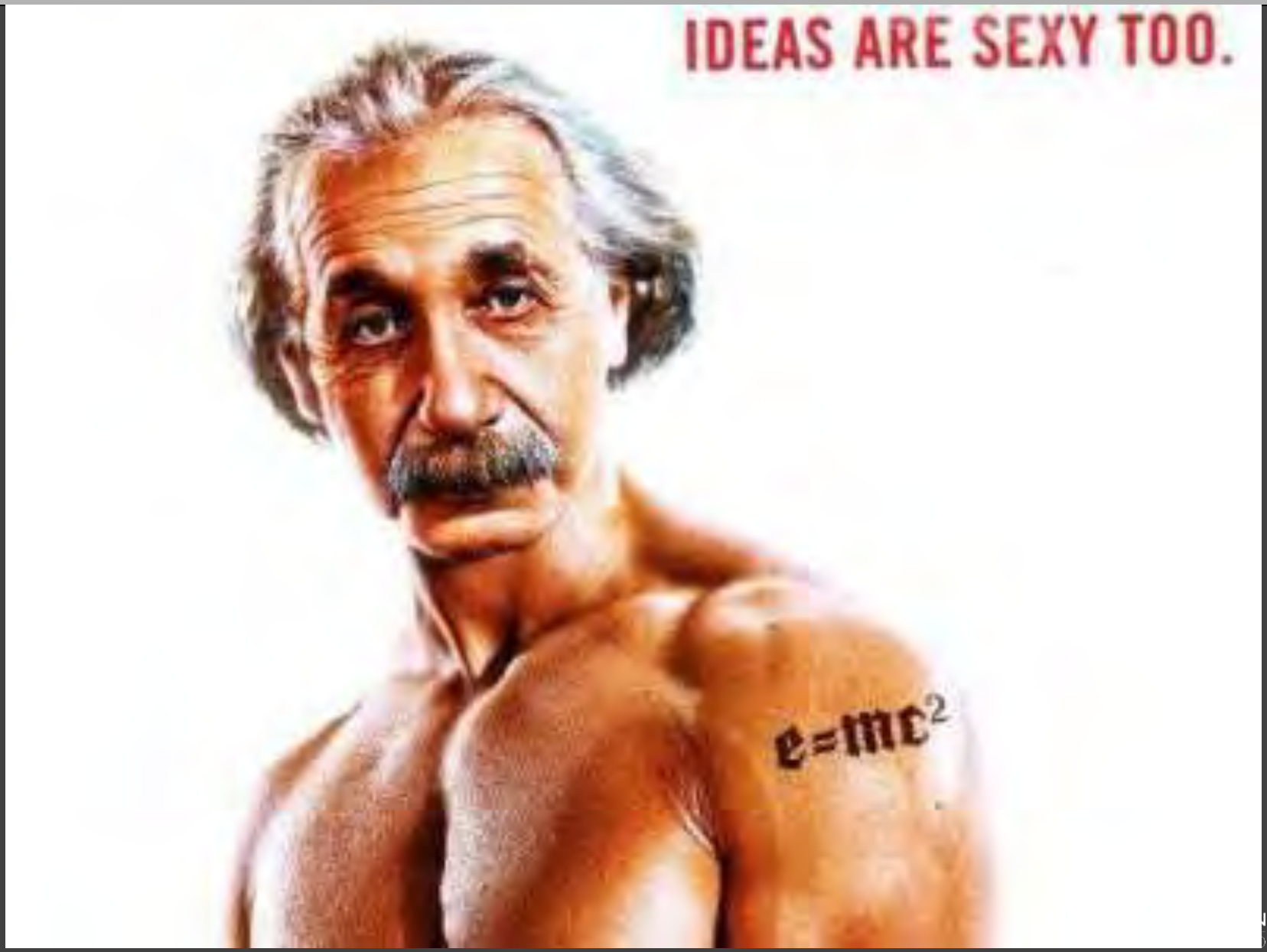


It’s not sustainable if it’s not beautiful

Toward a Better Vision?



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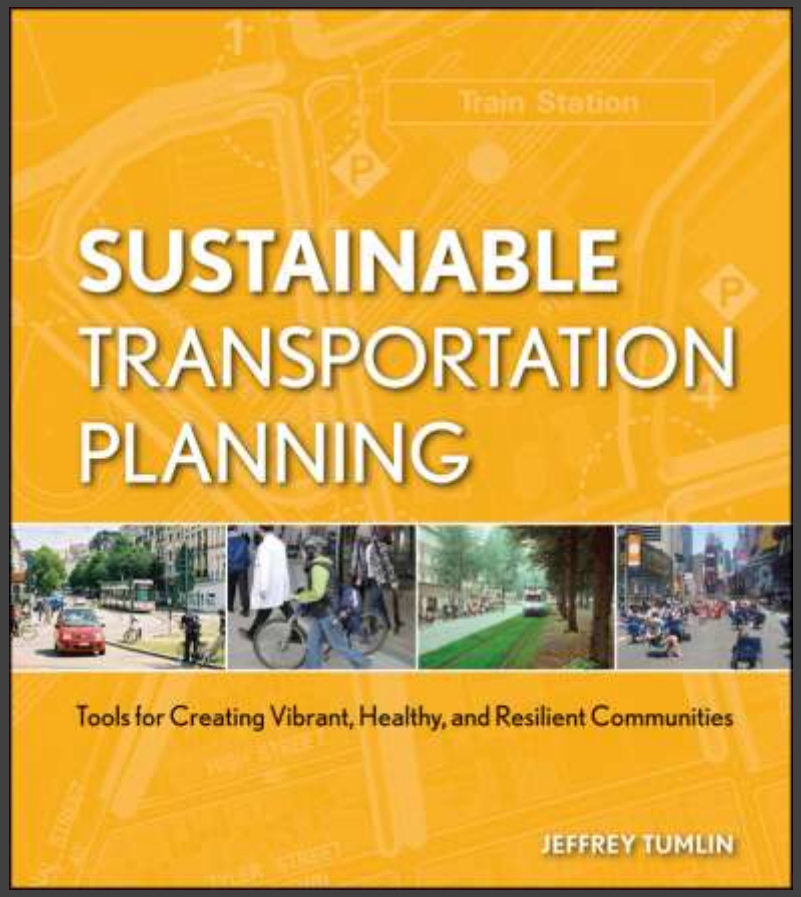
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