Sustainable Mobility

Challenges and Opportunities for Damascus

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Defining Sustainable Mobility



"Triple Bottom Line"





- Preparing for the post-petroleum era
- Climate change management
- Active living & public health
- Balanced mobility
- Connected networks
- Household budgets, local economies

Preparing for the Post-Petroleum Era



The Original Hubbert Curve



Year



US Oil Consumption (million barrels per day)



EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2001; "Potential Oil Production from the Coastal Plain of ANWR," - EIA Reserves & Production Division

Growth by World Region



India and China will double their demand for petroleum by 2030

Source: United States Energy Information Administration, <u>International Energy Outlook 2008</u>, September 2008

Worldwide Growth in Demand





Transportation = 74% of increase in U.S. petroleum consumption

Source: United States Energy Information Administration, International Energy Outlook 2008, September 2008

We have not "run out of" oil



The stone age did not end... ...because we ran out of stones



We are at the end of the age of...



...cheap oil...

...and the beginning of the Post-Petroleum era.





Time



Time

"Peak Oil"



➤ We are not "out of oil"

- But world-wide production capacity of petroleum-based fuels has peaked
- Demand will continue to rise
- Prices will rise <u>and</u>
- Prices will be unstable

Remaining Oil Reserves by Country



Production Cost – Sources of Oil

Production Cost Per Barrel of Oil - 2007



Source: Brandt & Farrell, UC Berkeley



Most (> 75%) of the money you spend on gasoline leaves the state

This is a financial drain that slows economic growth



Bottom Line:

Preparing for the Post-Petroleum Era



- 1. Carbon-based energy will be more expensive & prices will fluctuate
- 2. Carbon-dependent economies will be at a disadvantage
- 3. Suburban Oregon is highly carbondependent

Managing Climate Change



Potential Responses to Climate Change





Figure 4. Contributions to Emissions Growth, 1990-2020: Reference Case Projections (MMTCO2e)



Reducing Emissions at the Tailpipe Will Not Be Enough



Center for

Sources: VMT: EIA with 10% rebound, MPG & Fuel: Trend Extrapc

California's Approach to Transportation GHG



Potential Responses to Climate Change







Figure 3. The Interior West: Epicenter of Warming in the Contiguous U.S. (2000 - 2007 Average Temperatures Compared to 20th Century Averages)



Ambient Temperature Change 1980 – 2007 (° F)



World Western US

Figure 6. The Rising Tide for Global Warming Solutions



Climate Change



Bottom Line:

- 1. We Must Mitigate GHG Emissions [this will be driven by regulations]
- 2. We Must Adapt to Climate Change [this will be driven by politics]
- 3. A Late Start is a Bad Idea

[the magnitude of these issues will be exponential over time]

Active Living & Public Health



This is what we do... ...but it is not who we are.





This is who we are:

- Recently descended from nomadic hunter/gatherers
- Who walked extensively... and burned lots of calories



Human History


We cannot escape our DNA...



... no matter how hard we try



1985 Obesity Trends Among U.S. Adults





1986





No Data <10% 10%-14%

1987





No Data <10% 10%-14%















































































































































U.S. Walk Trips 1977-1995



Source: Nationwide Personal Transportation Survey, 1995



Pucher J and Dijkstra L. Promoting Safe Walking and Cycling to Improve Public Health: Lessons From The Netherlands and Germany. AJPH, September 2003;93(9):1509-16.

% of Trips in Urban Areas – 1995

Children Are Walking Less and Becoming Increasingly Overweight



Surface Transportation Policy Project Data Analysis - 2001

Higher density and connectivity: lower obesity– Atlanta study 2004



Obesity Relationships with Community Design, Physical Activity, and Time Spent in Cars

Lawrence D. Frank, PhD, Martin A. Andresen, MA, Thomas L. Schmid, PhD



Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute http://provost.umich.edu/gesi



- 1. The way we are building our cities is preventing active living
- 2. Our inactive lifestyles are causing serious health problems
- 3. Treating these health problems will represent a major impact to our economy

Balanced Mobility



Balanced Mobility



Functional mobility
Good streets, good transit
Connected networks

Functional Mobility



Travel – Moving over distances

Circulation – Moving within areas

Access –

Getting in the door

Facility Type



Travel –

Freeways, arterials, rail transit, express bus lanes

Circulation – Collectors, connectors, transit routes, bike trails and lanes

Access -

Local streets, parking, sidewalks and crosswalks

Built for...





Redmond

...travel

Built for

...circulation

Flagstaff

Redmond

FLORAL

Built for...

NID 2209

Boulder



...circulation
Built for...

TIMBUKT

Boulder

Winter Park, FI

...access

Balanced Mobility

Good streetsGood transit

Newbury, Boston

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Lakewood, CO

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How we got here





From no roads











Our Learned Approach



- Build it fast, build it cheap
- Wider, straighter, faster = better
- Don't worry about abutting property
- Just get 'er done

A FACILITY-CENTERED APPROACH

Neighborhood

Abutting Property Abutting Property

Street

Lakewood, CO





You can't design a street like this...



...and expect this to result.



Balanced Mobility

Good streetsGood transit

Local Bus Transit







Express Bus – Commuter Service



LRT – Light Rail Transit



Houston

Portland

Streetcar

Portland

Seattle



Commuter Rail





Boston

Bay Area

Metro



Miami

Washington, DC

Monorail

Jacksonville

Las Vegas

Monorail



Seattle

PRT (Personal Rapid Transit)



Transit is Evolutionary



Regional Commuter Service



Urban Center Connectors



Urban Center Circulation



Major Cities (> 1 M)



Typical Transit Evolution

LOCAL	Social Services Demand Response	Fixed Route Scheduled Service > 60 < 3 min mi	e High Capacity (BRT, LRT) 0 Corridors	Multimodal Services Including Streetcars
REGIONAL	Employer Vans No Scheduled Services	Commuter Bus Service Peak Hour Express Bu Routes	s Commuter Rail All Day Express Bus Routes	Intercity Rail Long Commuter Rail Routes
POPULATION	0 – 50,000	50,000 – 100,000	100,000 — 1,000,000	> 1,000,000



Connected Networks



Poor Connectivity Means:

"You can't get there from here . . ."

(without driving)



Pod Development




Built-In Inefficiency









A dense network of small streets is much safer and provides more capacity than a coarse network of large streets

Connectivity Standards



- Intersections/square mile (min 200)
- Maximum block perimeter (1320' – 1800')
- ➢ Block length (330′ − 528′)
- Links/nodes

Ideal Block Size for Efficient Flow



Pedestrian Survival Rates – Vehicle Speeds



Pedestrian Networks





The ideal pedestrian "grain" is 250' to 350'

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Path Index



Shortest feasible route on street network

Straight line distance (as the crow flies)

2100 feet

Path Index: 7.0

feet

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Impacts of Poor Connectivity



- Massive, congested arterials
- Increased driving/household
- Transit voids
- Inactive living
- Poor emergency service access
- Reduced pedestrian safety & convenience





Imago © 2009 Metro, Portland Oregon © 2009 Telo Atlas

45°25'08.92" N 122°26'46.36" W elev 642.ft

Eve alt 6373 ft

Collectors, connectors





The State DOT builds this

Nobody builds these

Streaming |||||||||| 100%

Developers build these

Eve ali

ointer 45°24'44.76" N 122°25'55.79" W elev 624 ft

Collectors, connectors:

- 1,000' to 1,500' spacing (av 1,320')
- low speed complete streets
- connect residential areas
- connect residential areas to commercial uses



Balanced Mobility



Bottom Line:

- The way we plan and design our street networks permanently shapes our communities, our economies and our quality of life
- 2. Growing a transit system is a strategic process

Household Budgets





def. "Location Efficiency"





United States Annual Rate of Change in VMT



Daily Trips/Person



Daily Miles of Travel Per Capita



(NHTS)

November 2006 – November 2007



March 2007 – March 2008



August 2007 – August 2008



Household Expenditures



% of Household Expenditures

TYPICAL HOUSEHOLD BUDGET IN 28 METROPOLITAN AREAS

(Expenses as a share of income)



Share of Family Income Spent On Housing & Transportation

Family Income = \$35,000 - \$50,000



Share of Family Income Spent On Housing & Transportation

Family Income = \$20,000 - \$35,000



Family Costs Rising Faster Than Incomes (2000 – 2005)





Emerging Trend



Table: The Effect of Centrality on Housing Price Changes

Change in Housing Prices Last 12 Months

Metro Area Chicago Los Angeles Pittsburgh Portland	Region-wide Average -4% -11% 0% -1%	Close-In Neighborhoods 0% -6% 2% 3%	Distant Neighborhoods -4% -10% -5% -5%
Portland	-1%	3%	-5%
Tampa	-13%	-9%	-14%

Source: Driven to the Brink: How the Gas Price Spike Popped the Housing Bubble and Devalued the Suburbs, Joe Cortright, May 2008. CEOs for Cities.

Foreclosures by County, March 2008



Source: RealtyTrac.com

FORECLOSURES BY ZIP CODE





Complete Neighborhood

- 160 acres
 1,320' radius
 Walkable
- Connected

Uses: ✓Homes ✓Schools ✓Shops ✓Services


A Neighborhood Model



160 acres @ 10 du/acre (net) = 6.25 du/acre (gross) = 1,000 du x 2.5 people/du = 2,500 population in average neighborhood

Requires:

✓Horizontal land use mix✓Walkable, bike-able environment

Holiday Neighborhood – North Boulder



Max allowable residential density: 20 units/acre

Actual gross density: 333 units on 27 acres (12.3 du/acre)



Boulder Creek Path

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TRANSITION OF

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Pointer 40°00'51.60" N 105°15'37.20" W elev 5294 ft

1995

Boulder Transportation Master Plan











Boulder Bike Mode Share – All Trips





Boulder Bike Mode Share – Commute Trips







10.6 %





Three Car Family



	Mom	Dad	Daughter
Monday	SOV	SOV	SOV
Tuesday	SOV	SOV	SOV
Wednesday	SOV	SOV	SOV
Thursday	SOV	SOV	SOV
Friday	SOV	SOV	SOV
Saturday		SOV	
Sunday	varies	varies	varies

Two Car Family



	Mom	Dad	Daughter
Monday	SOV	Transit	SOV
Tuesday	SOV	SOV	Bike
Wednesday	SOV	Transit	SOV
Thursday	SOV	SOV	Bike
Friday	SOV	Transit	SOV
Saturday		SOV	
Sunday	varies	varies	varies

Well Designed Density

It is not this:





Well Designed Density



Well Designed Density





Neighborhood Commercial Center



Location Efficiency



Bottom Line:

- 1. Location Efficiency Shapes Your Economy (land values, jobs, etc.)
- 2. The Trends are Towards "Urbanity"
- 3. Damascus Must Plan for Location Efficiency
- 4. Give People an Alternative to Driving Everywhere



Challenges & Opportunities for Damascus



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Challenges, Opportunities



- Developing a connected street network
 Find a way to build collectors & connectors

 Growing a transit system over time
 Develop transit incrementally, building
 ridership in a transit-ready landscape

 Developing a walkable, bike-able city
 Build walk & bike facilities first; require good
 design
- 4. Developing complete neighborhoods Modernize your land development code

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