



### **POLITICS OF CO2**



Poor have to increase energy consumption Rich and middle class must reduce energy consumption

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# **Sustainability**

Motor vehicles have killed more than 20-30 million people and injured > 500 million worldwide

#### This is not sustainable

Emissions will reduce significantly only if more people walk, bicycle and use public transport

Only possible if walking and bicycling made safer

Cities will aesthetic, humane and human scale only if streets include large numbers of people walking and playing safely

**Only possible if streets free from crime** 

#### THEREFORE ROADS FREE FROM CRASHES AND CRIME ARE A PRE-REQUISITE FOR CLEANER AIR

### Resulting Emissions and Modal Share as Per Minimum



### Transport and CO2 – Delhi 2030

(In collaboration with London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)





#### London: CO2 emissions transport (2030)



### **Delhi: Health impacts by cause**

|                            | Change in disease<br>burden | Change in premature<br>deaths |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| lschaemic heart<br>disease | 11-25%                      | 2490-7140                     |
| Cerebrovascular<br>disease | 11-25%                      | 1270-3650                     |
| Road traffic crashes       | 27-69%                      | 1170-2990                     |
| Diabetes                   | 6-17%                       | 180-460                       |
| Depression                 | 2-7%                        | NA                            |

Woodcock et al., The Lancet 2011



|             | Modal share, percent |    |     |  |  |
|-------------|----------------------|----|-----|--|--|
| City        | Car + MTW            | PT | W&C |  |  |
| Bristol, UK | 65                   | 12 | 23  |  |  |
| Leeds, UK   | 61                   | 36 | 3   |  |  |

Even cities in high income countries have not been able to solve the problems that all of us have to deal with in the near future

| Brussels, Belgium                                 | 44 | 18 | 38 |  |  |  |  |
|---|----|----|----|--|--|--|--|
| Frankfurt, Germany                                | 42 | 21 | 37 |  |  |  |  |
| Stuttgart, Germany                                | 36 | 25 | 39 |  |  |  |  |
| Amsterdam, Neth's                                 | 32 | 16 | 52 |  |  |  |  |
| MTW- motorized two-wheeler, PT – Public transport |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |
| W&C – Walking and cycling                         |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |



Walking to station/veh

Waiting at station
Walking to destination

BICYCLE

CAR

Walking in station - in

### **Effect of underground or elevated systems**



THERE IS NO PRACTICAL EVIDENCE THAT METRO OR ANY OTHER RAIL SYSTEMS REDUCE POLLUTION OR CONGESTION. THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE BY CHANGING THE SITUATION ON THE ROAD ITSELF



Source: TERI, 2013

# Life cycle emissions – rail modes

Rail Modes - Greenhouse Gas Emissions (g CO<sub>2</sub>e) per Passenger-Mile-Traveled



e: Mikhail Chester and Arpad Horvath 2008 Environmental Life-cycle Assessment of Passenger Transportation: A Detailed Methodology for Energy, Great house Gas, and Criteria Pollutant Inventories of Automobiles, Buses, Light Rail, Heavy Rail and Air. WORKING PAPER, UCB-ITS-VWP-2008-2, Inversity of California, Berkeley.

## Life cycle emissions – road modes

Table :



### CO2 emission estimates for Taipei



#### **• The social benefits of BRTOD will be \$3 bi per year.**

Source: Prof Jason Chang

### **CO2** and roads

#### 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY SOLUTIONS:

One way streets?



"One-way streets reflect the dominance of the car and the failed go-faster policies of the traffic engineers. As we begin to realise that walking and cycling should be the dominant forms of transport, the one-way street should be consigned to the dustbin of history."

Peter Murray, Head of the New London Architecture Centre,

#### Surface transport less energy consuming

### Solutions contractor driven Not people driven

### **Effect of underground or elevated systems**

"None of the systems (rail based) appear to have reduced the problems caused by the car... None of them caused a decline in overall bus usage...None of the systems caused reduction in car usage, congestion relief, or improve air quality"

Mackett R. and Sutcliffe, E. B. New urban rail systems: a policy-based technique to make them more successful, Journal of Transport Geography, 11:151–164, 2003.

Put simply, public transit expenditures in the name of congestion reduction are growing because they are broadly popular and not because they are effective ways to reduce traffic congestion"

Taylor, B. D. The politics of congestion mitigation. Transport Policy 11:299–302, 2004

### Latest evidence

#### Possibilities to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from road traffic for urban planners seem

limited: a restriction of space dedicated to traffic and a change of transport

#### means for commuting represent leverage points.

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Reckien, D., Ewald, M., Edenhofer, O., & Ludeke, M.K.B. (2007). What Parameters Influence the Spatial Variations in CO2 Emissions from Road Traffic in Berlin? Implications for Urban Planning to Reduce Anthropogenic CO2 Emissions. Urban Studies, 44(2), 339-355.

#### The results suggest that public transport users could achieve dramatic savings

**on their commute if the density of that network was increased considerably** Murphy,E. (2009). Excess commuting and modal choice. Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice, 43(8), 735-743.

#### Current urban policy, which relies predominantly on ambitious and expensive

**programmes of transport infrastructure provision must be rethought in Beijing** ZHAO, P., LU, B. & LINDEN, G. J. J. (2009) The effects of transport accessibility and jobs and housing balance on commuting time: evidence from beijing. International planning studies, 14, (1) 65-83.

#### High speed systems will further encourage sprawl and greater energy consumption, and hence, Public Transit (PT), even if the commercial speed is rather low, is probably the only way to improve urban accessibility and urban attractiveness in a sustainable way CROZET, Y. Economic development and the role of travel time: the key concept of accessibility. Gothenberg: Volvo

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## ADOPTABLE NORMS AND BEST PRACTICES – QUESTIONS

- Will the proposed design increase walking or bicycling distance? Is there adequate space for pedestrians on all roads and facilities?
- Is the infrastructure design disabled friendly? This includes children, aged and those with illnesses like arthritis and heart disease.
- Does the system provide safe facilities for non-motorised transport?
- Increase in road space will always increase pollution. Is the increase in road space absolutely necessary?
- Does the measure increase use of public transport or taxis?

## ADOPTABLE NORMS AND BEST PRACTICES

MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- **BUS STOPS WITHIN 500 m OF ALL ORIGIN AND DESTINATIONS**
- **PROVIDE EASY ACCESS FOR BICYCLE, AND TAXI USERS**
- ACCESS ROUTES FREE FROM CRIME AND ACCIDENTS
- IT ENABLED INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND TAXIS

#### MEASURES TO REDUCE EMISSIONS

- ENCOURAGE ROUNDABOUTS INSTEAD OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS
- ROAD DESIGN AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TO MINIMISE ACCELERATION & DECELERATION
- MINIMISE USE OF ONE WAY ROADS
- MINIMISE ROAD SPACE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE MORE ROAD SPACE WILL <u>ALWAYS</u> PRODUCE MORE CO<sub>2</sub>

Urban safety a necessary condition for control of global warming IIT Delhi September 14