
Missing Links to Town and City Centres

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The 'Missing Link'



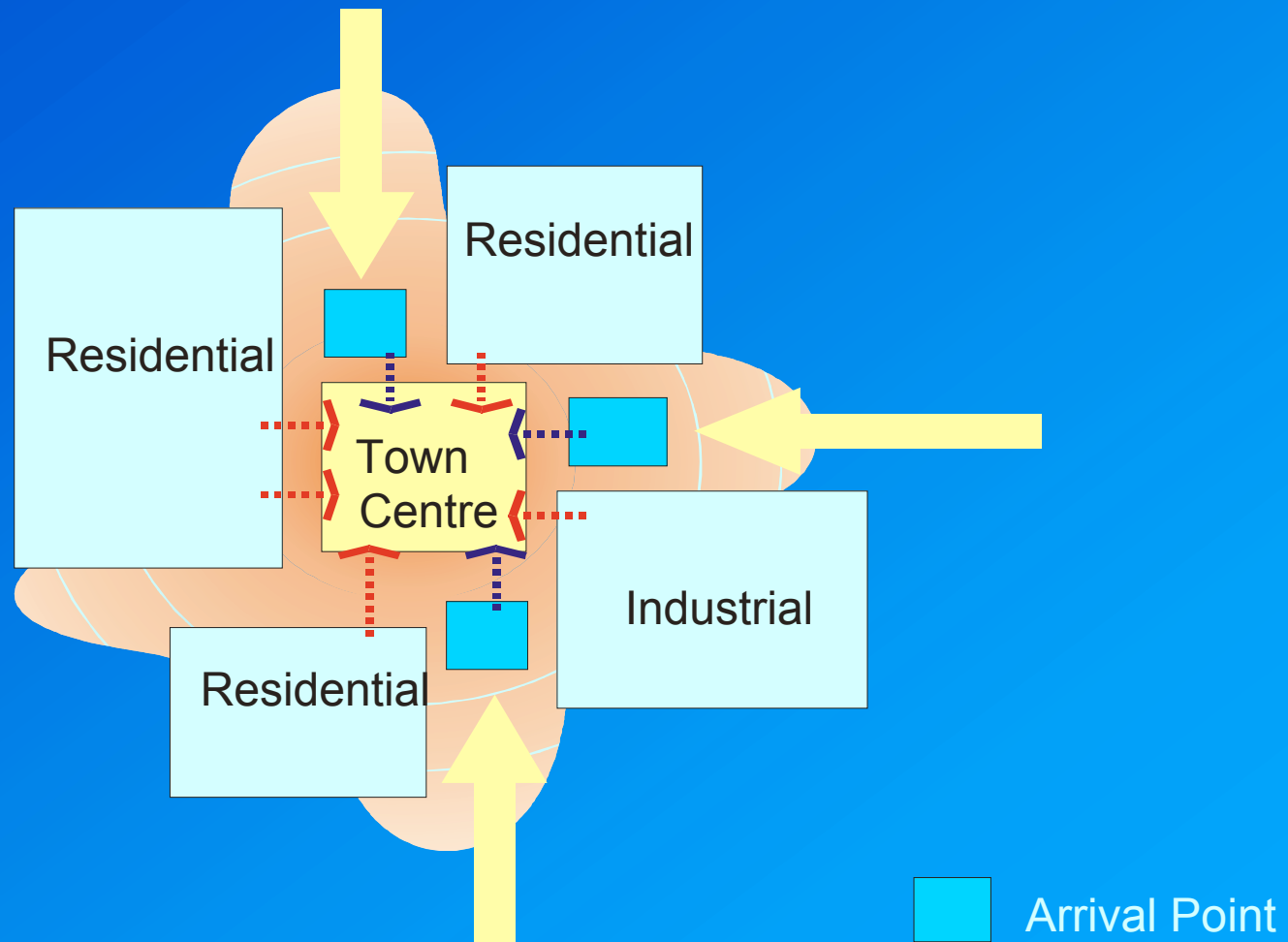
Why “Missing” Link?

Studies focus on:

- Town centre
- Housing Areas
- Stations
- etc.

Links *between* them are forgotten

Links are about the spaces in between



Why “Missing” Link?

Links are neglected:

- Not seen as important
- Not planned
- Divided responsibilities

- And now some examples from the UK...

What Sort of Welcome?



< Town centre Car Park, Horsham



Manchester
Piccadilly Station >

Serial Vision...





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Good Arrival... but then what?



< Liverpool Street Station,
London

High quality, modern...

But the street outside... v



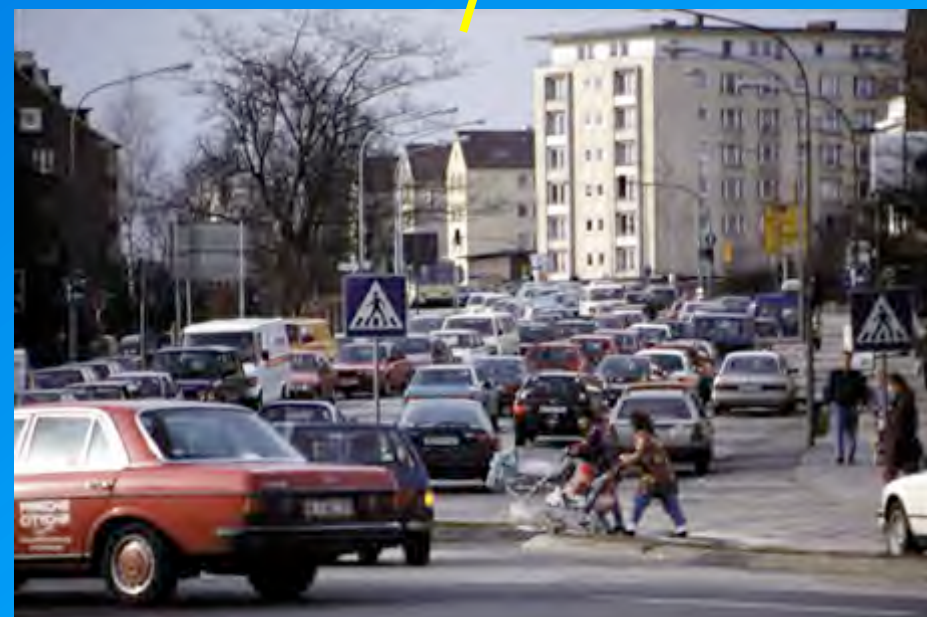
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And a non - UK example. Lübeck



A fine bus station...

But the
walk into
town...



How did the neglect happen?

Spaces around town centres

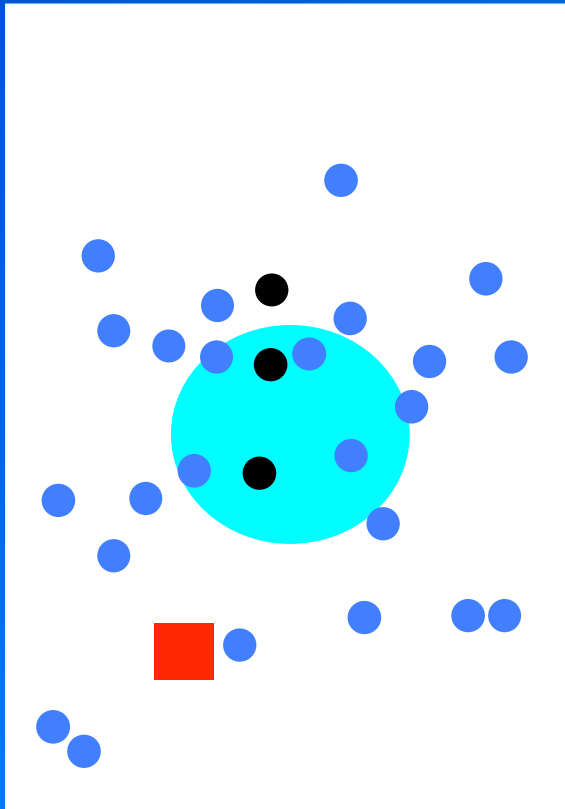
- Links pass through them
- Ring roads
- Derelict areas

The “shatter zone”

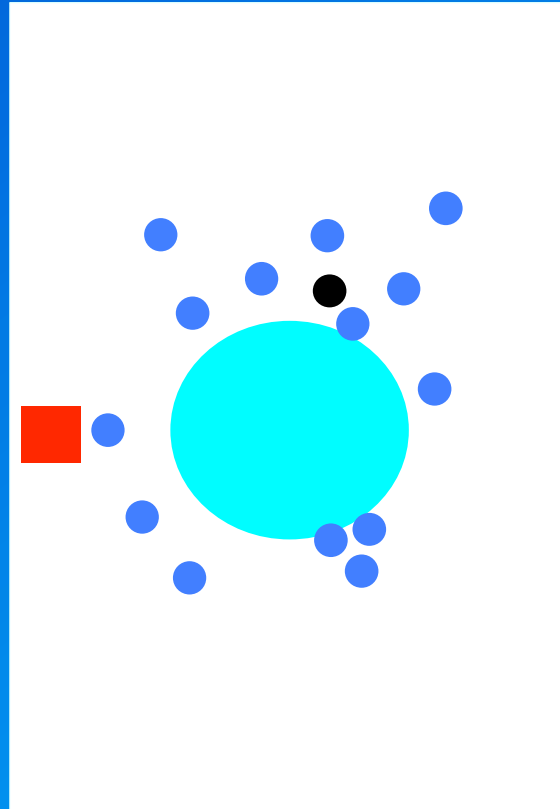


Many arrival points in each city

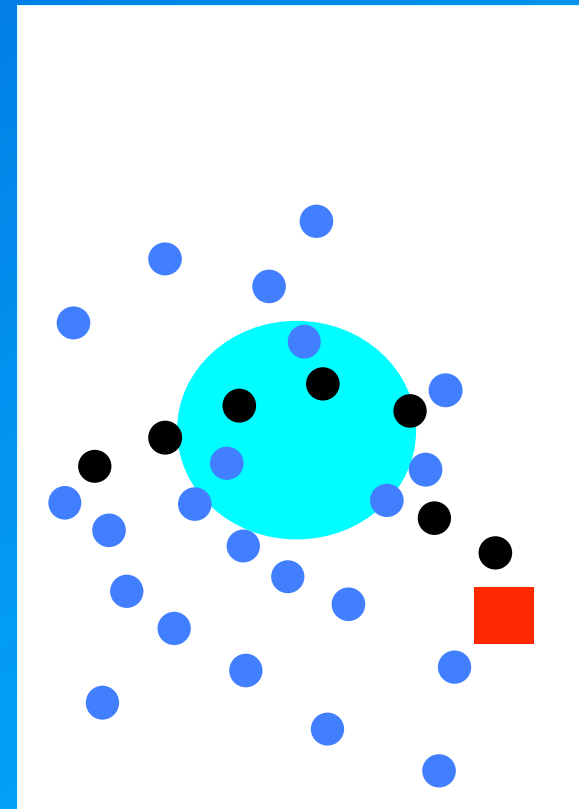
NEWCASTLE







NORTHAMPTON



SHEFFIELD



 Town Centre  Railway Station  Bus/Tram Stop  Car Park | 500 m | Scale

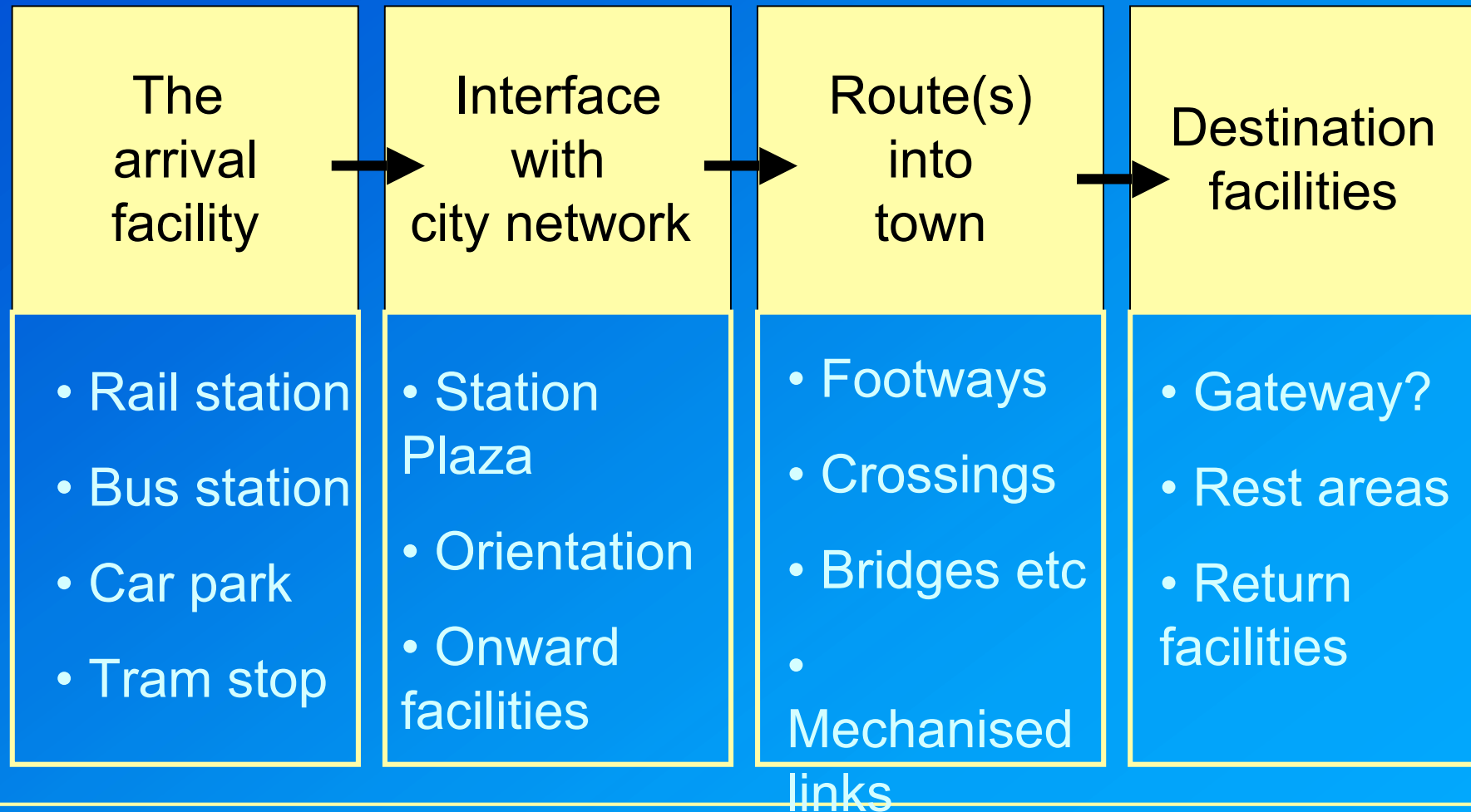
Fixing the Links

- Route quality audits
- Project basis
- Consider “whole trip”

- Different solutions

Some examples...

Route quality audits



links

Different solutions

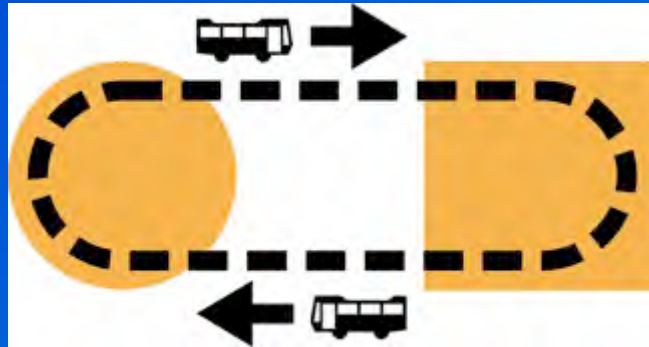
1. Move arrival point



Manchester >



2. Provide a shuttle or mechanical aid



“Walk and Ride” shuttle bus,
Lincoln, (UK)



3. Remove road barriers



Wide surface-crossing
from station, Perth (WA)

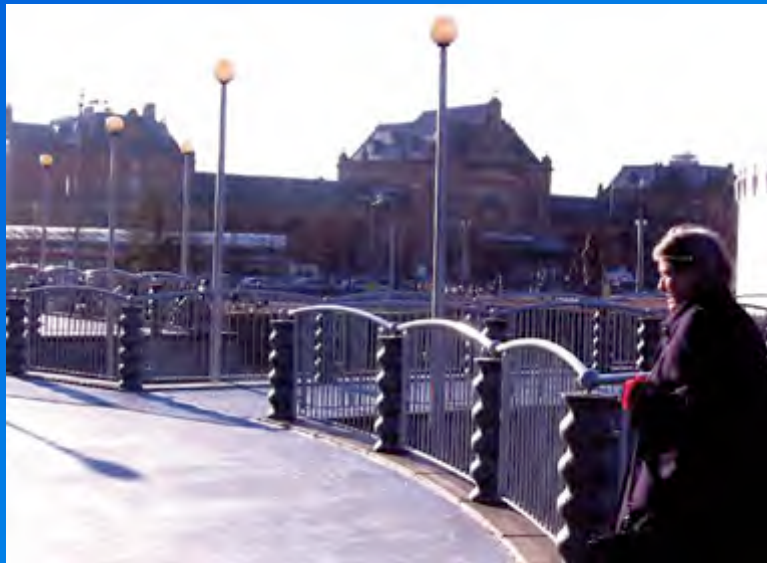


4. Overcome other barriers

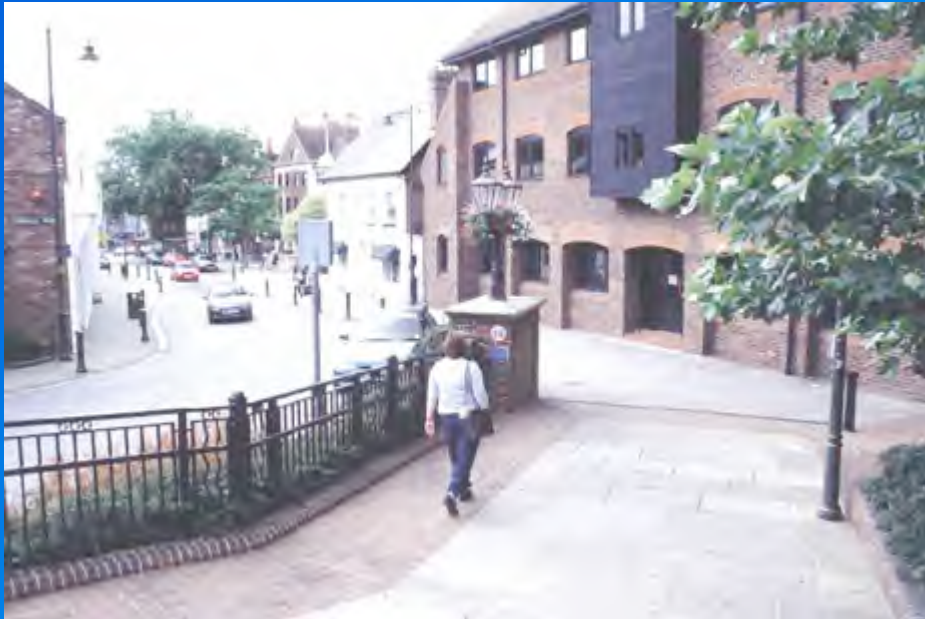


Groningen (NL)

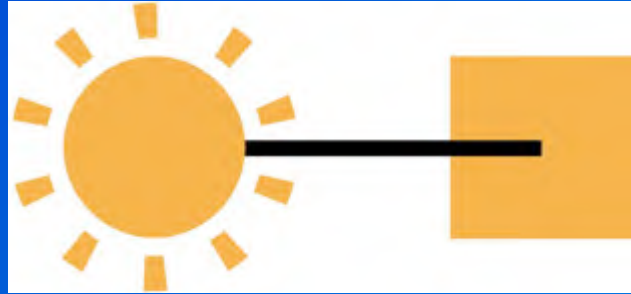
New bridge over the canal



5. Improve link quality



6. Improve arrival facility



Lisbon Expo
Interchange



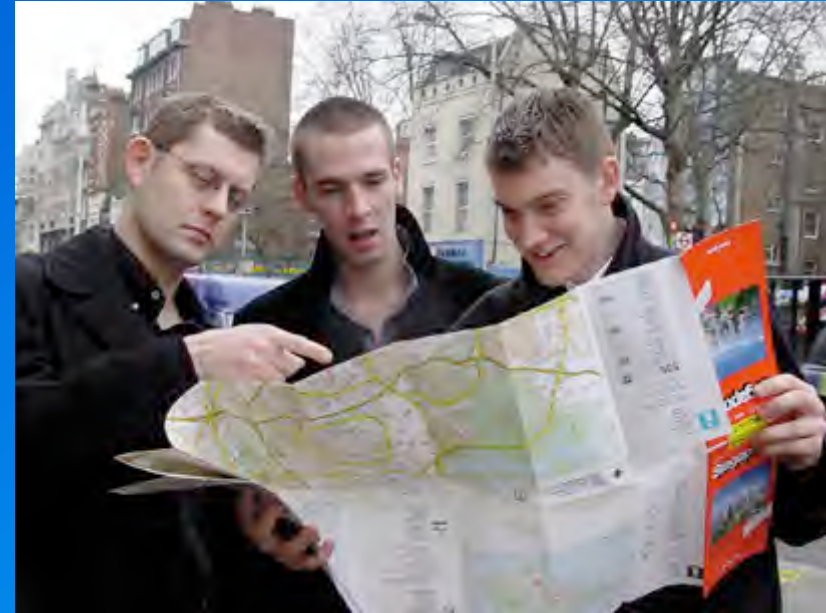
Liverpool

7. Improve interface with town/city

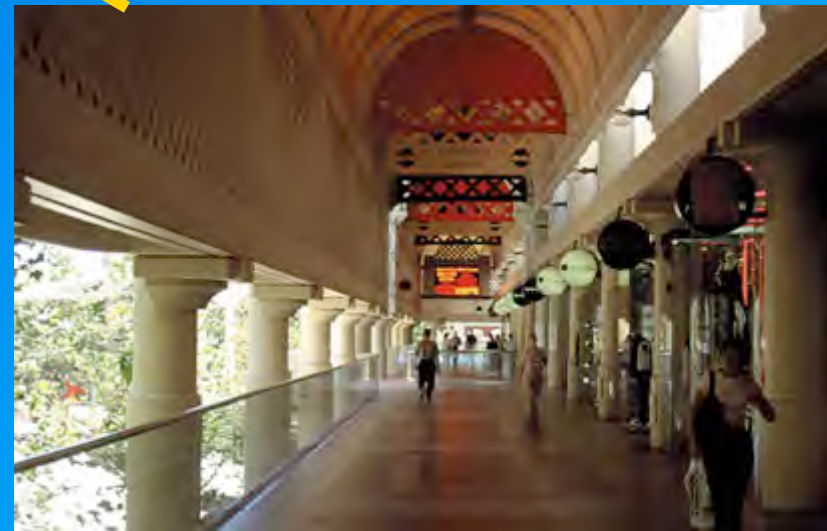
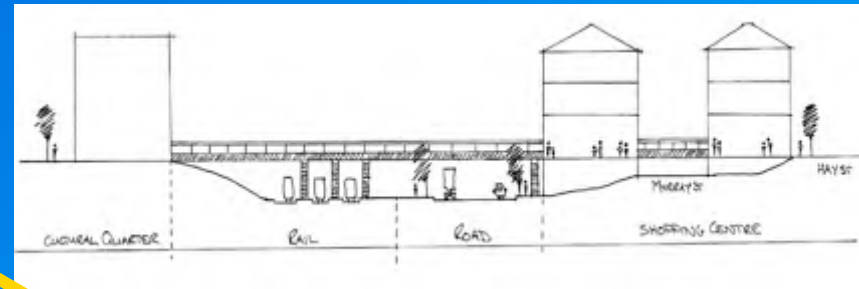
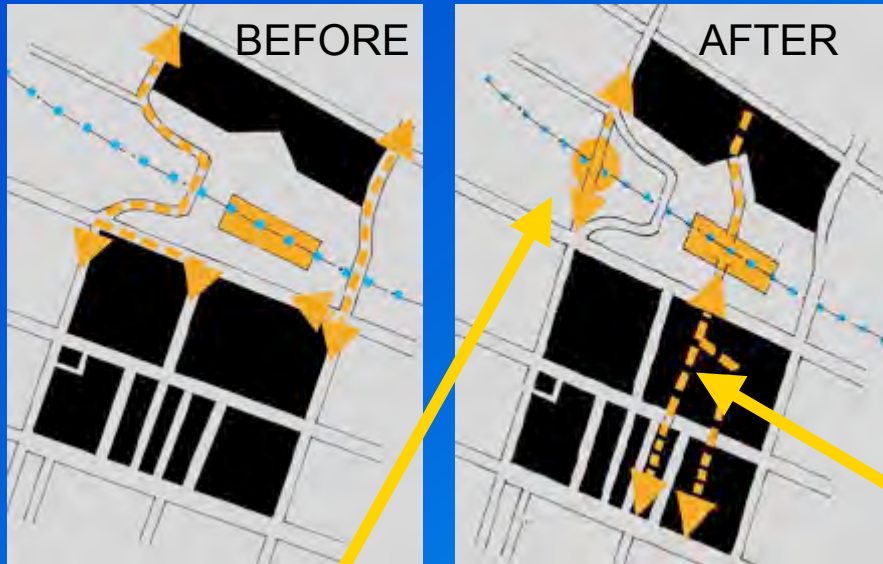


Almere (NL)

8. Improve information



Case study: Perth, Western Australia



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And the Rewards?

- Strengthen local economy
- Encourage less use of cars
- More walk-public transport
- More “user-friendly city”
- Safer for everyone