



DMI · ECOSYSTEM

XCARCITY-DMI Digital Twin Workshop 10th April 2025



Agenda

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| 10:00 - 10:10 | Opening Statement | Bart van Arem (TU Delft) and Roy Boertien (I&W) |
| 10:10 - 10:20 | XCARCITY Introduction | Bart (TU Delft) |
| 10:20 - 10:30 | DMI Introduction (why DMI) | Roy Boertien (I&W) |
| 10:30 – 10:50 | <i>Tea Break (20min)</i> | |
| 10:50 – 11:10 | XCARCTY Digital twin federation | Jingjun Li (TU Delft) |
| 11:10-11:30 | DMI Digital twin overview | Gineke van Putten (Geonovum) |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Car-low development and regulation | Michiel Van Dongen (I&W); Sean van der Lee; Jyotsna Singh |
| 12:00-13:00 | <i>Lunch break (60min)</i> | |
| 13:00-13:15 | Introduction of the Amsterdam Zuidas use case | Barry Ubbels (Amsterdam) |
| 13:15 – 13:30 | Introduction to Interactive Workshop + Results from the survey | Bart van Arem (Tu Delft) |
| 13:30-14:00 | Interactive workshop | All - 4 groups |
| 14:00-14:15 | <i>BREAK</i> | |
| 14:15 – 14:45 | Feedback and Discussion | All |
| 14:45 – 15:00 | Way Forward and Next steps | Roy Boertien (IenW), Bart van Arem (TU Delft) |



Opening

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Introduction

By Bart van Arem

Toward sustainable urban mobility using digital twins

Bart van Arem



The Netherlands



17,5 Million
population
41.850 km²



Randstad area

(Amsterdam, Rotterdam,
The Hague, Utrecht)
8,5 Million population
11.370 km²

Population large cities
growing
(Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The
Hague, Utrecht)

1 Million new houses planned
by 2030

Mostly densification within
existing cities

1 Million new houses? What about accessibility and liveability ?



- The road transport system has reached the limits of what is:
 - usage of space
 - externalities
- Public transport system has also reached capacity limits.

Can we imagine a city without private cars?

Scarcity of space
eX Car City
----- +
XCARCITY?

XCARCITY facts and figures

- Duration: 1st June 2023 -1st June 2029
- Budget: 4 M€ by NWO, 2 M€ by partners
- 9 PhD candidates, 2 postdocs, 1 programmer, TNO researchers (60 person years)
- 33 partners from academia, public and private sector
- Lead by TU Delft: Bart van Arem (PI), Maaïke Snelder (co-PI)



Perspectief programme of NWO (Dutch Research Council)

New, challenging research projects within the application-oriented and technical sciences that generate economic and social impact in thematic areas relevant to the Netherlands.

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/perspectief/previous-awards>



Smart mobility – promising solutions



Flexible combinations of:

- walking and cycling
- shared electric vehicles
- transport hubs
- traffic management

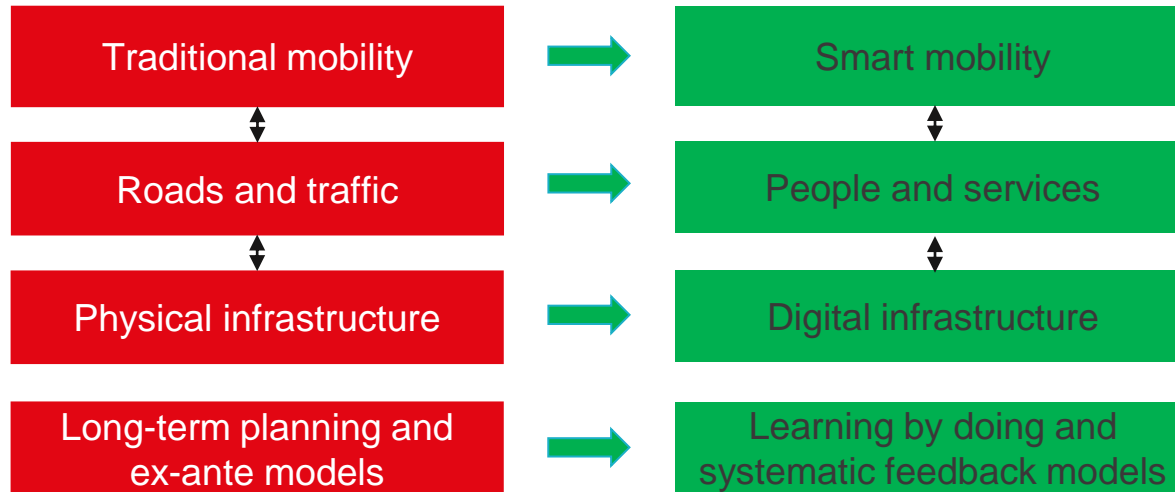


Building on service orientation and electrification of mobility.

Will this work?

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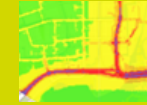
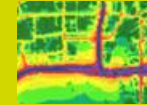
Traditional theories and methods are out dated



We need new theories and methods to start collecting evidence what works (and what doesn't).

Proposition XCARCITY

Digital twin federation
Real-time management & Strategic planning



Model-based scenario
development

Real-life and virtual
reality data



Implementation
of interventions

Monitoring
and analyses

Digital Twin Federation for Urban Mobility Assessment:
4 Pillar Features

1. Physical & Digital System Exchange

- Physical System
- Digital Replicate
- Bidirectional Data Exchange

4. Human-in-the-Loop Control

- Open
- Stakeholder Engagement

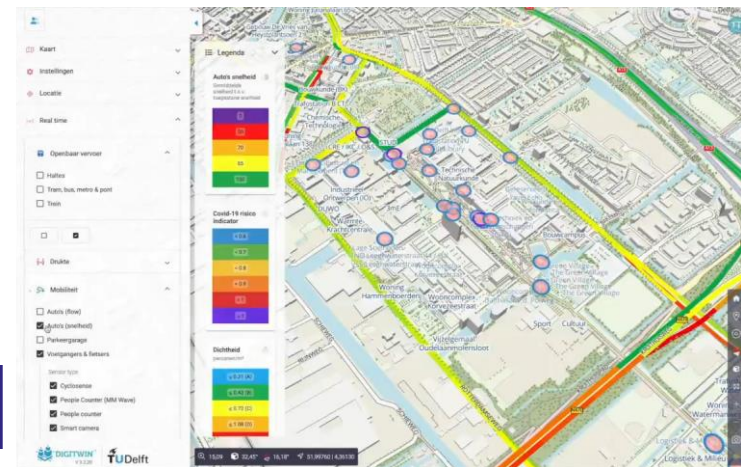
2. System Monitoring & Planning

- Scalability
- System Monitoring
- Mobility Planning
- Traffic Management & Optimisation

3. Interactive Outcome Demonstration

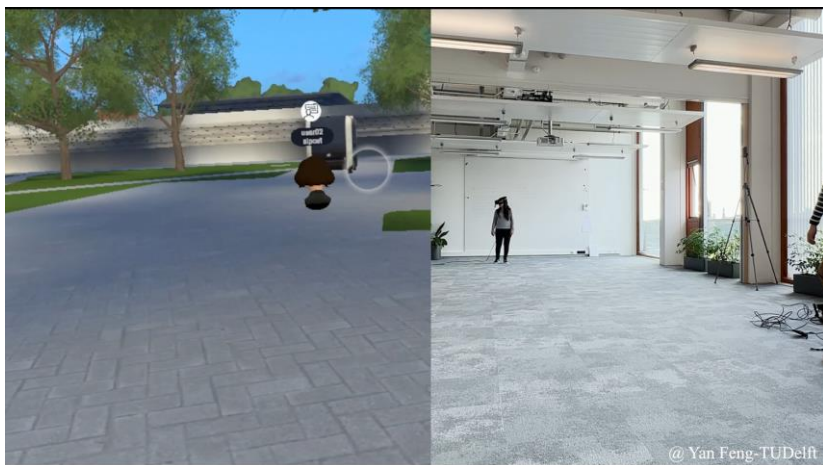
- Data Analysis
- Interactive Visualisation





Interactive urban
planning digital
twin

Real-time mobility
digital twin



Immersive,
multi-user VR
digital twin

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Scientific challenges

Measuring the behaviour of individuals and flows while respecting privacy and security

Developing smart mobility services that meet travel demands

Assessing the contribution of smart mobility to sustainable and inclusive accessibility.

In a context characterized by:

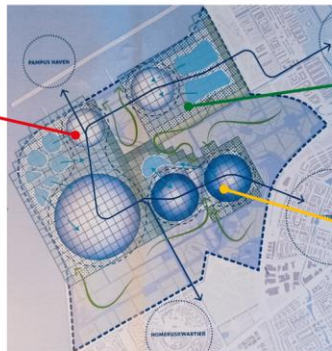
Multiple stakeholders

Highly dynamic interaction and feedback



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mobility hubs



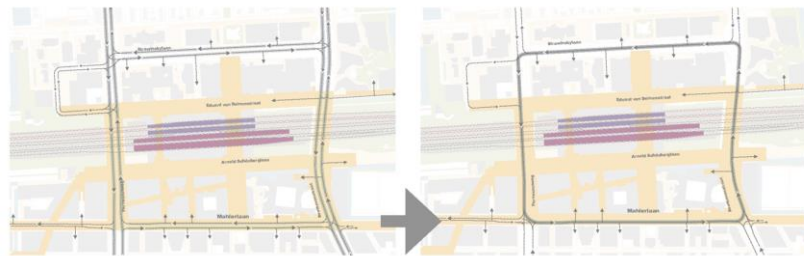
shared space



MaaS

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Amsterdam Zuidasdok



Redesign Parnassusweg around Zuidas train station

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Rotterdam Merwe4Haven



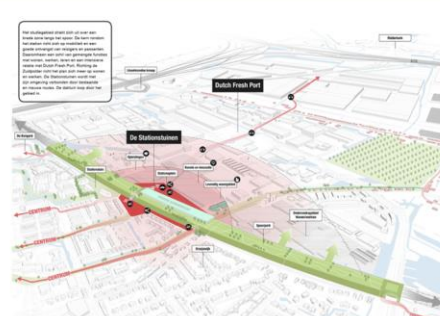
Immersive VR research by design Urban Community Vehicle (with BMW)

Integration of Rotterdam Open Urban Platform, Digital Twin Federation, Vehicle data (with BMW)

Modeling and optimisation of sustainable mobility

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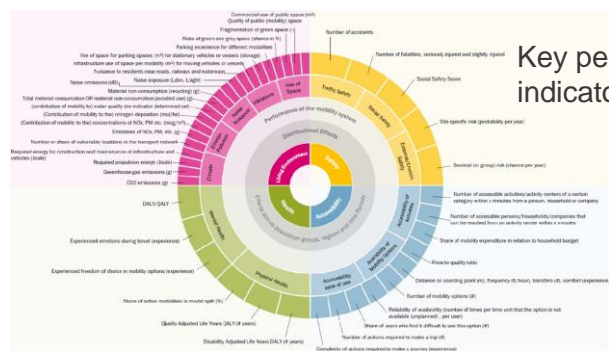
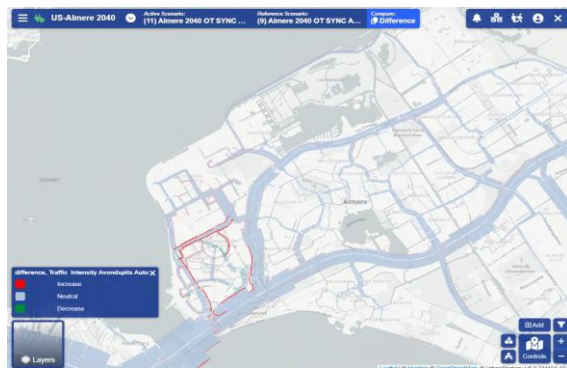
Barendrecht Stationstuinen



Uit: Koersdocument Barendrecht – de Stationstuinen (2019)

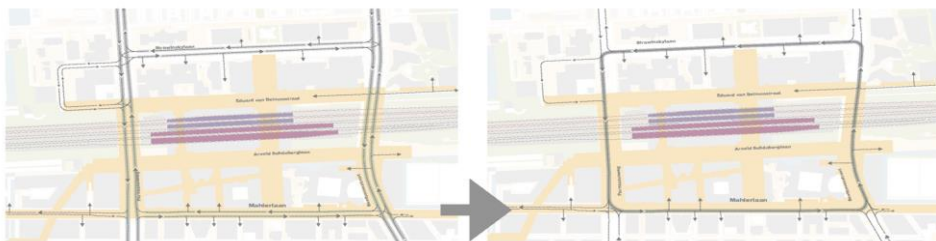
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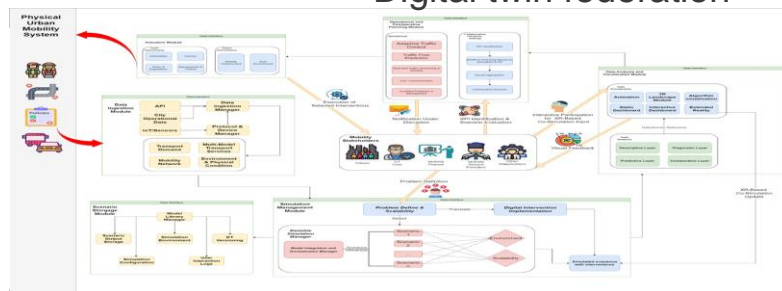


Key performance indicators

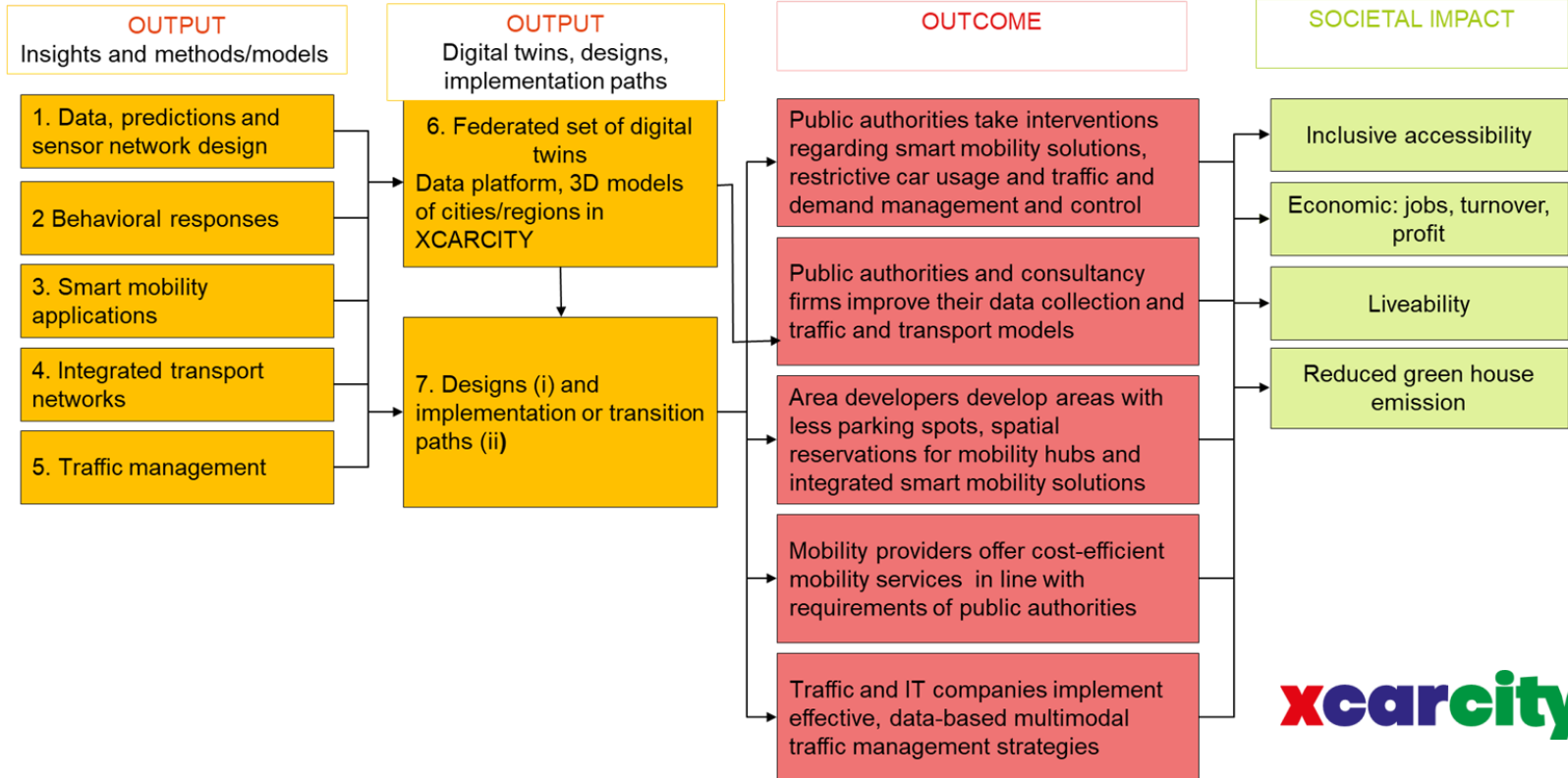
Digital twin assessment Almere Pampus



Redesign Parnassusweg



Impact plan



Partner contributions

Public authorities

- Gemeente Almere
- Gemeente Amsterdam
- Gemeente Rotterdam
- Ministerie van Infrastructuur & Waterstaat
- MRDH-regio
- Rijkswaterstaat
- Vervoerregio Amsterdam

Area and project developers

- ABB
- BAM
- FSD

Mobility providers

- PON
- RET

Traffic sector and IT industry

- MapTM
- OpenRemote
- Technolution
- VRBase

Consultancy firms

- Buck consultants International
- DTV consultants
- Future mobility Network
- Goudappel
- Mobycon
- RHDHV
- Witteveen en Bos

Research and knowledge institutes

- AMS Institute
- CROW
- PBL
- SWOV
- TNO
- TU Delft
- TU Eindhoven
- Universiteit Twente

Other

- Connekt
- Fietzersbond
- Toertje

Execute case studies
Provide data
Provide tools
Provide test facilities
Contribute to digital twin development
Support pilots
Support implementation paths
Report annual design sessions
Develop training material
Design and manage website

Support VR environment
Support intern studio
Knowledge dissemination
Yearly scan spatial and safety impacts
Research activities

Data cycling
Organise annual design sessions
Connekt network
Co-program coordination

Define user needs
Provide data
Co-design areas
Pilots
Organise annual design sessions
Implementation paths
Organise consortium meetings
Co-program coordination

Contribute to digital twin development
User needs future residents
Implementation paths

Contribute case studies
Pilots
Provide training
Implementation paths

Contribute expertise
Provide data
Support VR realisation
Contribute to digital twin architecture
Pilots
Implementation paths traffic sector

Toward sustainable urban mobility using digital twins

From transportation infrastructure to smart mobility service orientation.

Digital twin federation integrating data-driven and model-based approaches.

Collaborative what-if analyses of new smart mobility approaches to ensure sustainable and inclusive accessibility.

THANK YOU!



Future work:

Automated Vehicles in Shared Space
XCARCITY and climate change



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DMI Introduction By Roy Boertien

**National government, cities and
the private sector working together to**

SUPPORT YOUR CITIES



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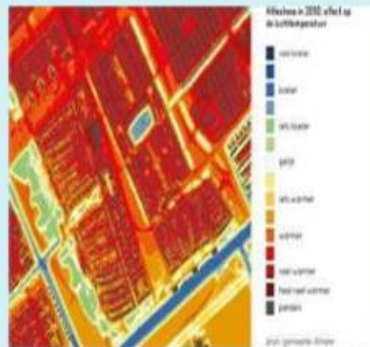
-50%



+900K



We are reaching system boundaries





340+

Governmental
Programmes
Physical Domain

35+

Leading
but sometimes
opposing
principles

489

Current
arrangements
from
DGMo to G40

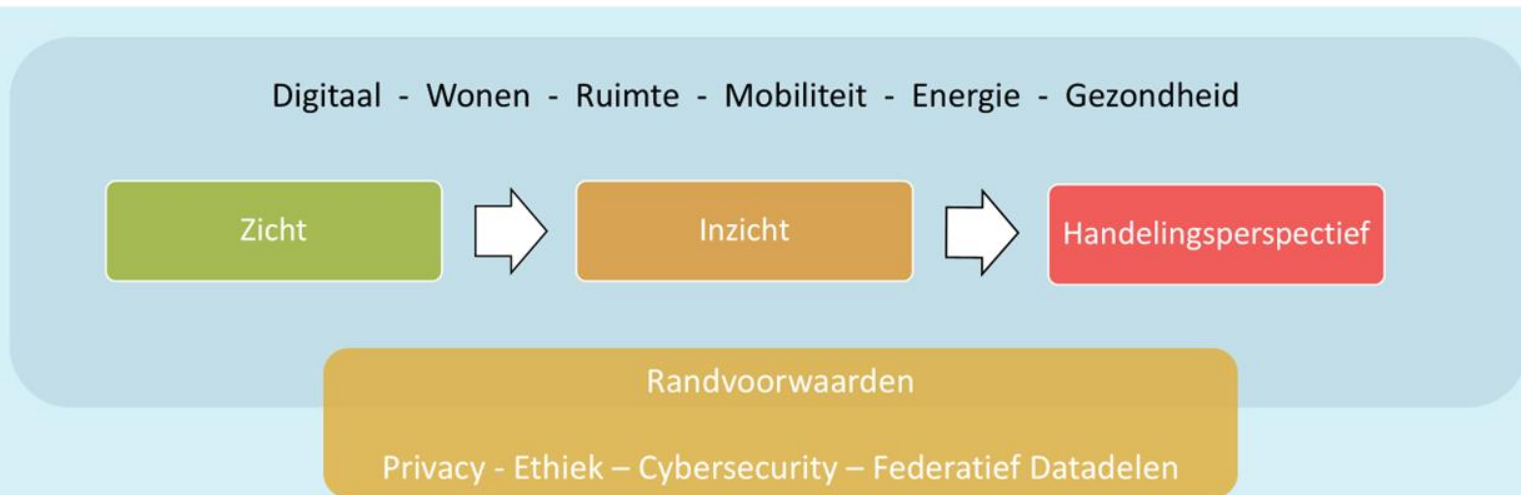
440+

Pilots by
municipalities in
the field of Smart
City





Kennis structureren in het fysieke en / + het digitale domein



Beleid



Beheer



Management



Vervanging



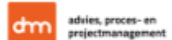
Besturing

Current participants in the DMI ecosystem



- 2** Dutch ministries
 - 21** Cities
 - 80** Private organizations
 - 7** Knowledge Institutions
- And counting.

Deelnemers DMI-ecosysteem



Deelnemers DMI-ecosysteem

HEROES

heijmans

hr GROEP



KPMG

Kurtosis

Gemeente Leeuwarden

gemeente Lelystad

luminis.

MAP>>

Ministerie van Binnenlandse Zaken en Koninkrijksrelaties

Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Waterstaat

MOBILITY SENSING

monotch
SMART MOBILITY PLATFORMS

Nelen & Schuurmans

Nijmegen

POSAD MAXWAN
strategy x design

Gemeente Rotterdam

Gemeente Sittard-Geleen

SMARTICIPATIE
PARTICIPATIE ANNO NU

StraTopo

STARLING ASSOCIATES

Trigion
Part of Facicom

swarco

Technolution

TEXROAD

the WEATHER MAKERS®
holistic engineering

TNO innovation
for life

townmaking

TU/e

UNIVERSITEIT VAN AMSTERDAM

Gemeente Utrecht

Vialis

ViNotion
Making surveillance smart

SIEMENS

vtron

WAYSIS.

we
LABS

Deelnemers DMI-ecosysteem

 WeCity
Build Smarter



Web-ICT
Services B.V.



 geosquare

 VISMA



 VIANOVA

IMAGEM 

 esri Nederland

 's-Hertogenbosch

Gemeente
Groningen

 SURF

 kpn

 keana



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TEA BREAK



XCARCITY Digital Twin Federation By Jingjun Li

DTs in Transport Planning



(a) Current Street View



(b) Current Digital Twin

3D Modelling of Infrastructure
in Dublin
(White et.al 2021)

DTs in Transport Planning



(a) Current Street View

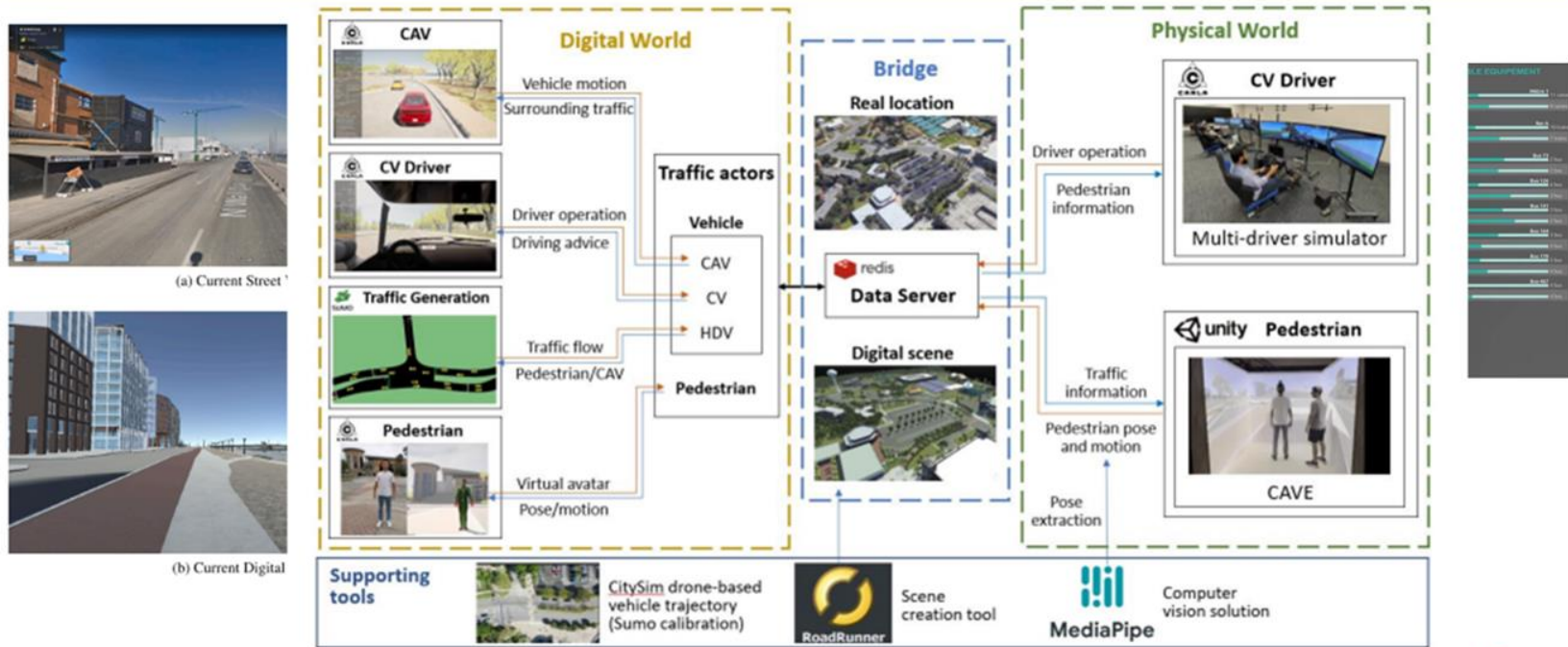


(b) Current Digital Twin



Regional Public Transport
Supervision DT in Paris
(Amrani, et.al 2020)

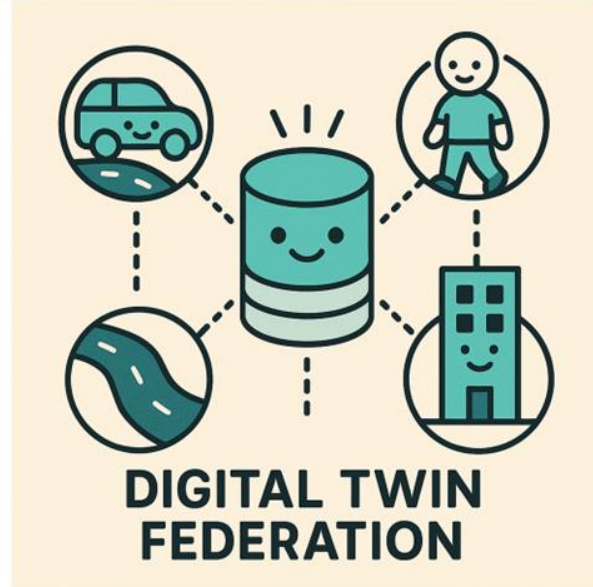
DTs in Transport Planning



DT for the management of
intelligent vehicular systems
(Wang, et.al 2022)

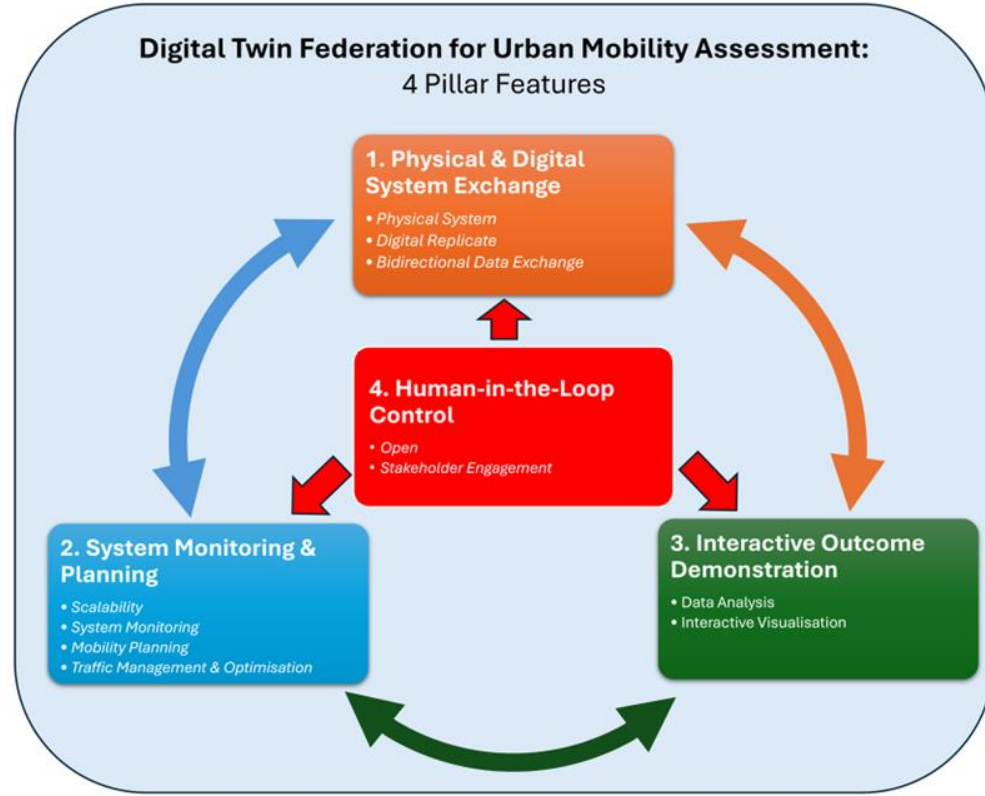
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Towards a Digital Twin Federation

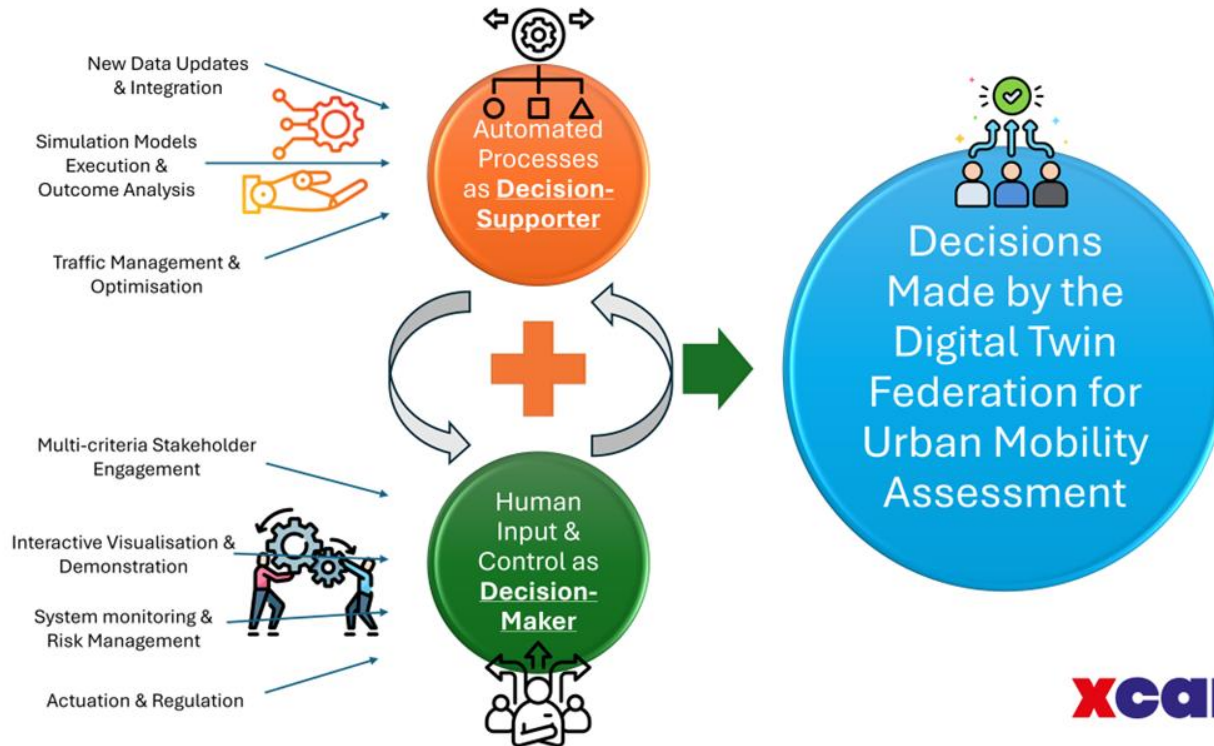


Single (technical) DT is not sufficient for a comprehensive evaluation of mobility systems with fewer private vehicles!

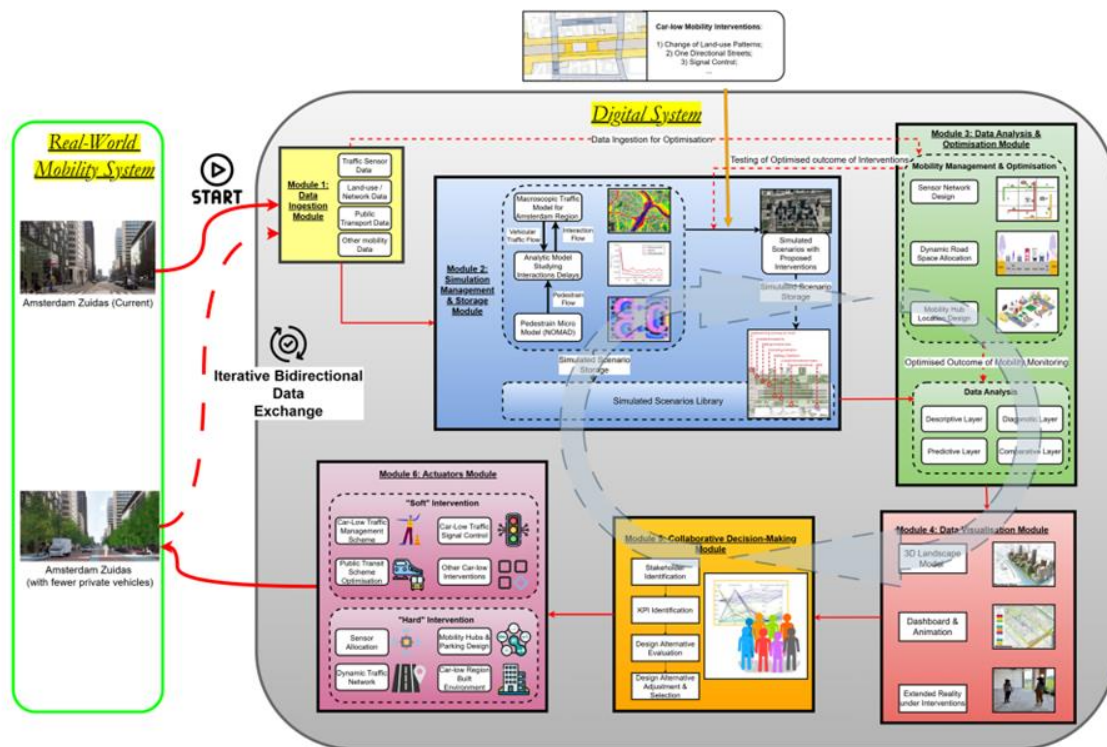
Features of Digital Twin Federations



Joint Decision-Making Between Automation & Human



FedDT Use Case Zuidas



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Digital Twin as a Service / NLDT

Geonovum: Verkent, verbindt, verankert

Auteur Geonovum

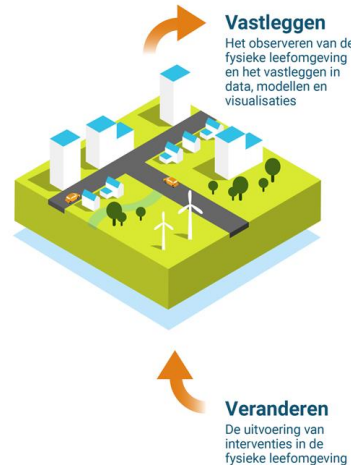
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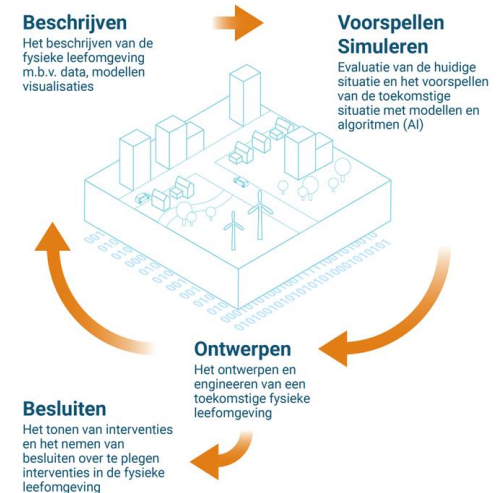
- Government foundation
- Knowledge and network partner
- Develop standards for the national spatial data infrastructure



Fysieke leefomgeving



Digitale tweeling





De verbindende kracht van standaardisatie

Vindbare, toegankelijke, uitwisselbare en herbruikbare geo-informatie

Aan de slag

→ [BGT | IMGeo standaarden](#)

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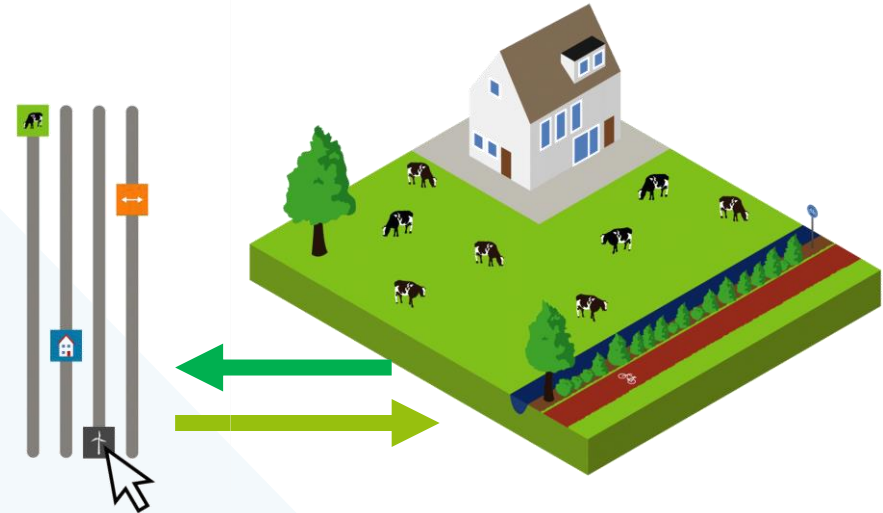
→ [Overzicht standaarden documenten](#)

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Why

‘A digital twin enables information from different domains to be brought together in an integrated, dynamic and interactive way. This provides a holistic insight into complex issues and supports the development of sustainable solutions.’



Digital Twins: a powerful connector

Digital twins connect data, people and policy. Connection is also needed when creating a Digital Twin. Between the technical world and the policy world. Two worlds, each with their own language.



Data



Indicators



DT Functions



Technical world

Policy world



Policy processes and building blocks for Digital Twins

Where policy and technology meet

Be more concrete. This helps us better understand each other.

On the one hand, the technological side, we reduce the 64 possible functions of a digital twin to 16. On the other hand, the policy side, we translate major policy themes into concrete indicators.

Together, we determine which data sources and functions contribute to implementing the indicators in one or more Digital Twins.



Goal/Policy theme



Subtheme



Indicator

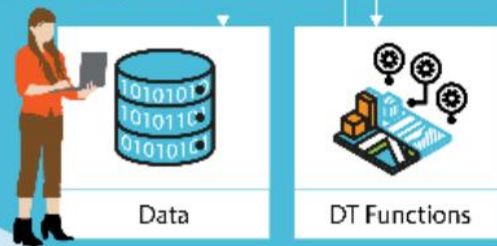
Nature policy:
Every citizen needs access to a park/forest by 202X

Indicator:
Presence of nature reserve

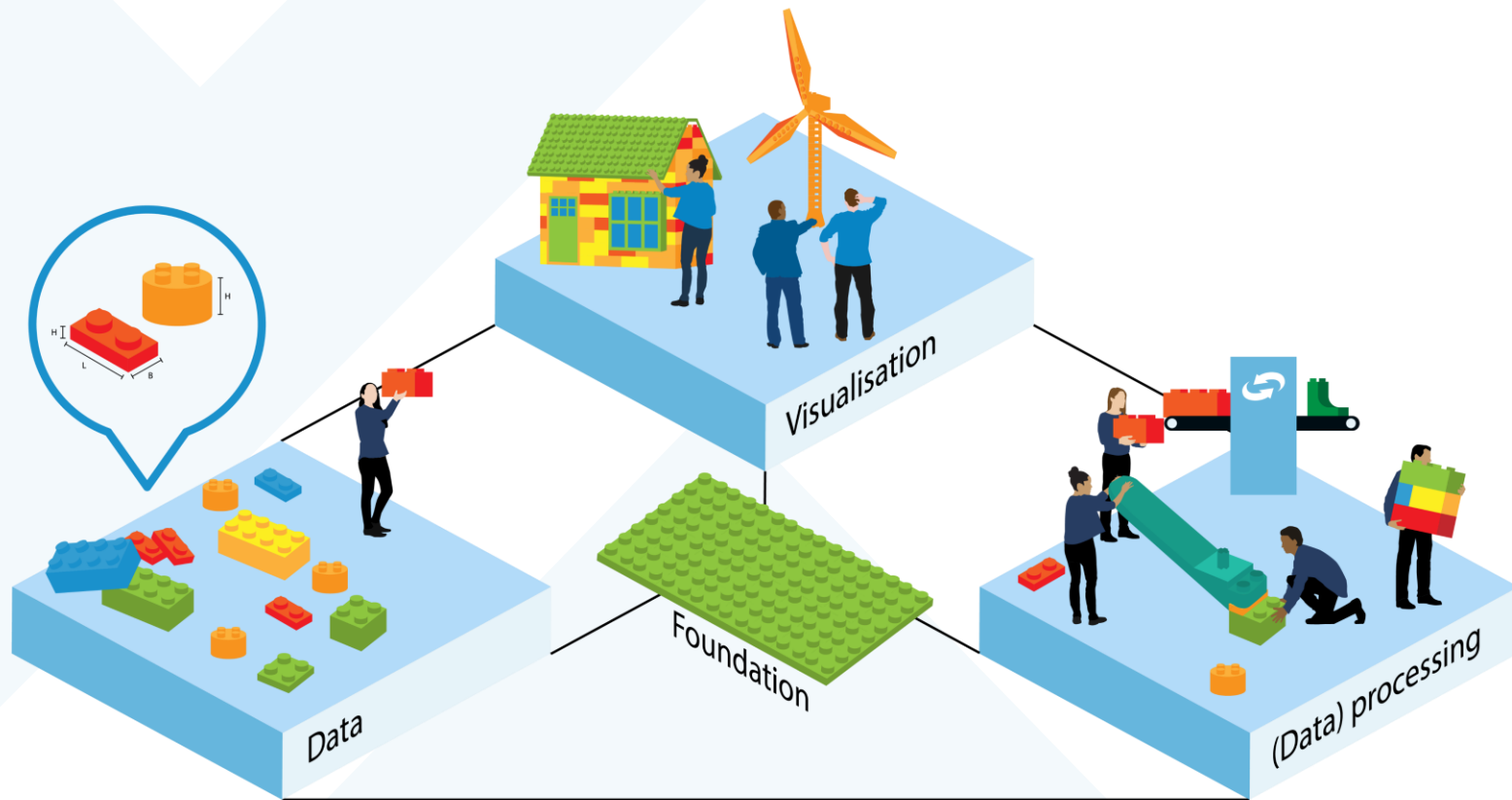
Indicator:
Wooded nature reserves within a radius of 300 m

Data source:
BGT

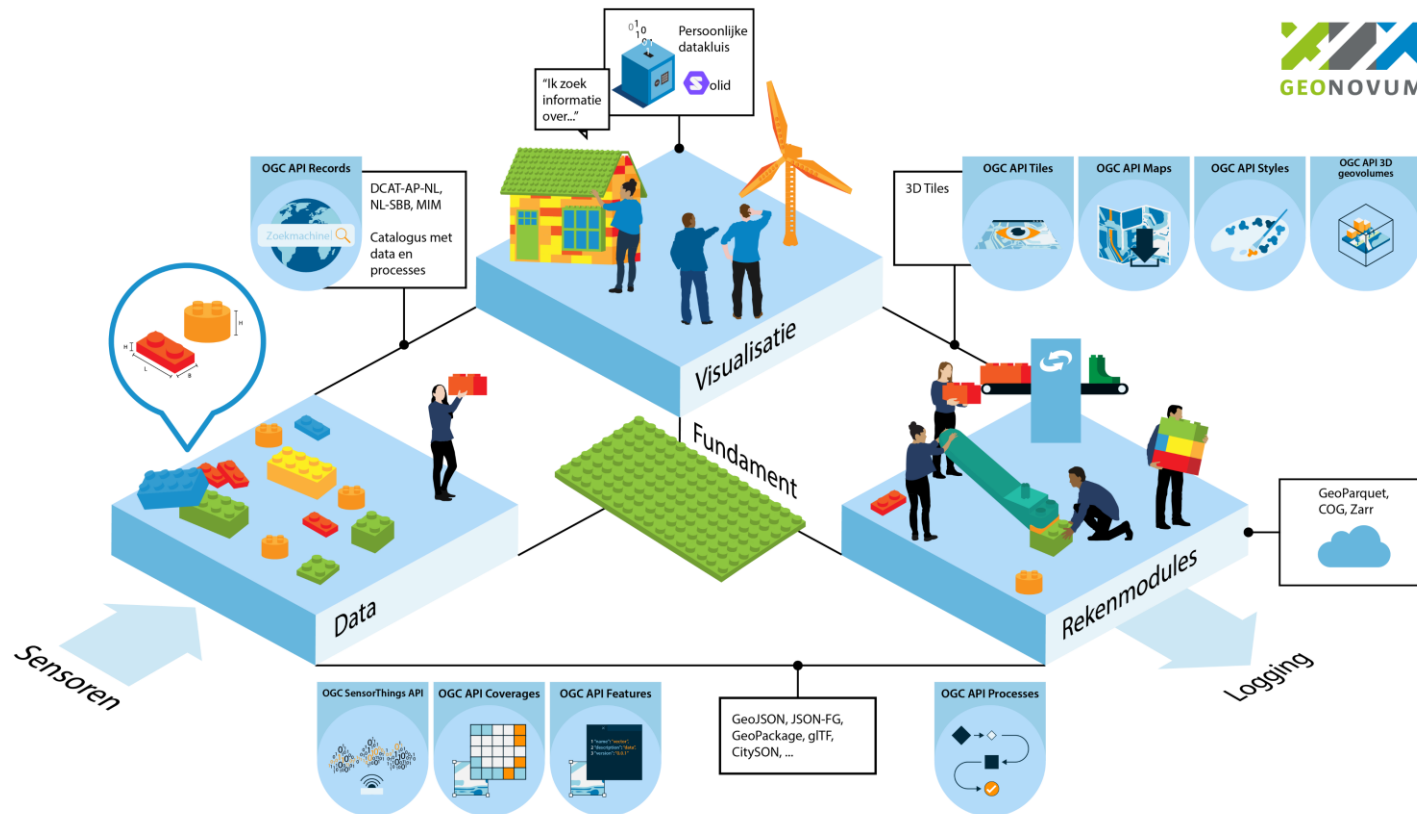
Functionalities:
Visualization,
Prediction,
Simulation,
Time travel...



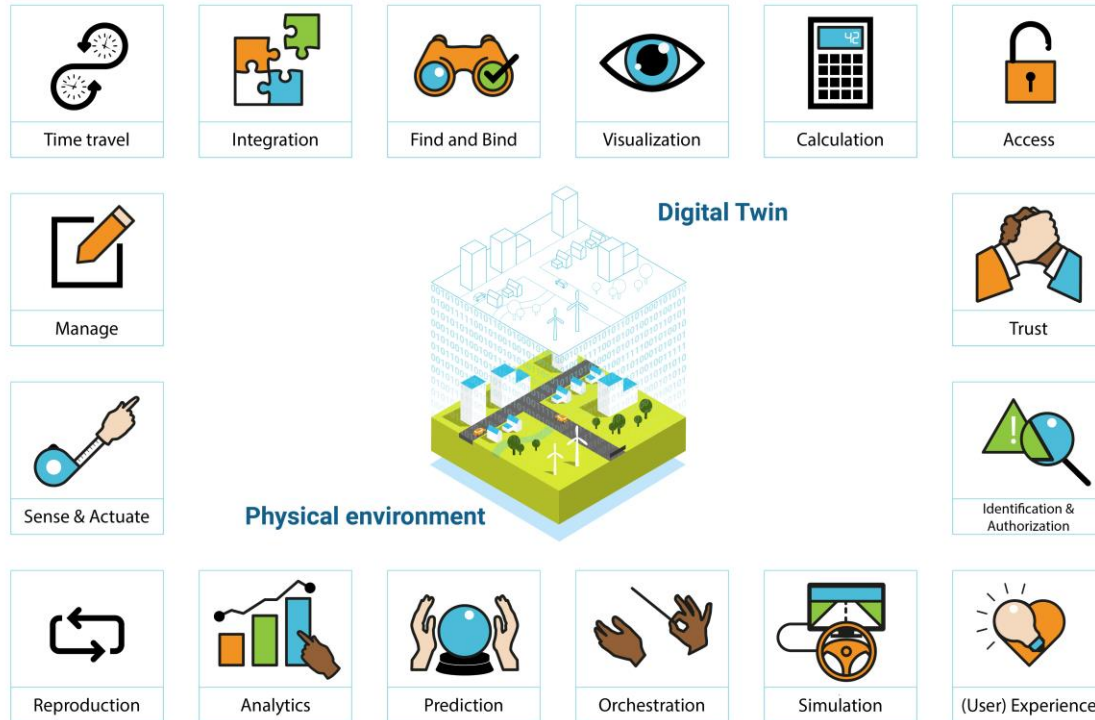
Interoperable, modular, scalable

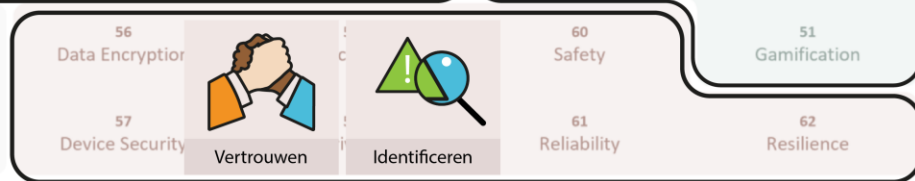
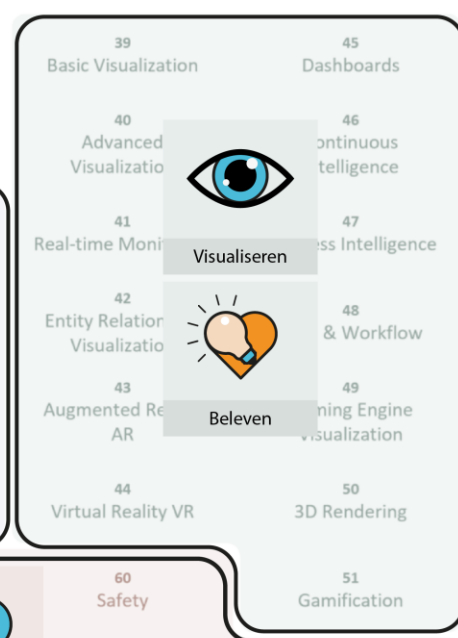
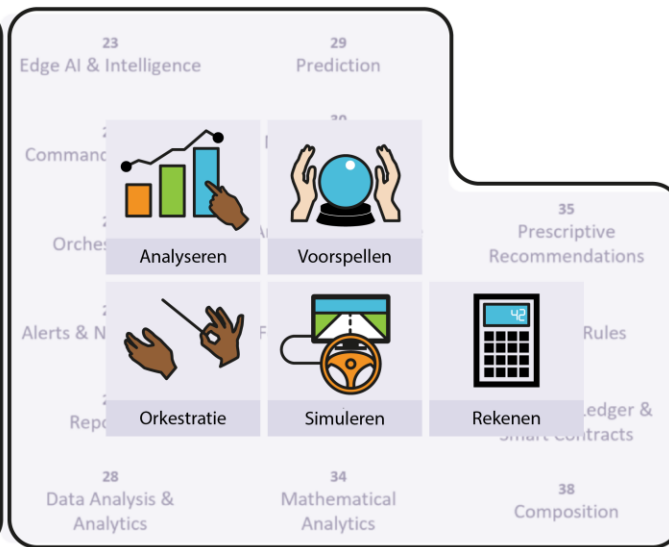
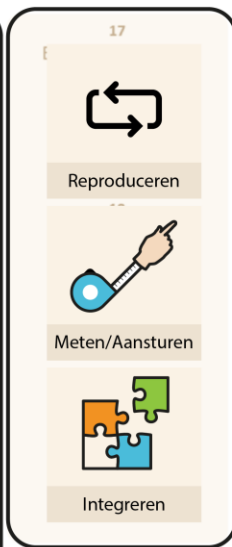


Standards in play between building blocks



Basic Capabilities for NLDT





NLDT reference architecture

NLDT

Architectuur

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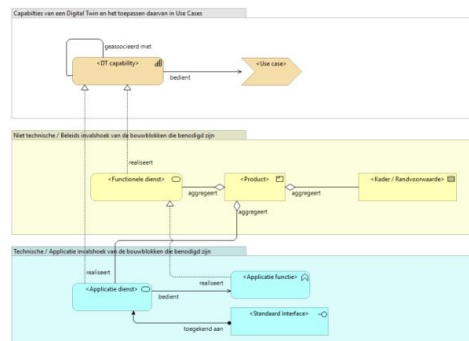
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Technical Framework for Local Digital Twins - Twins4Resilience project



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Testbeds

Invitation to tender | call for Testbed nr. 2 Digital Twin as a service is published

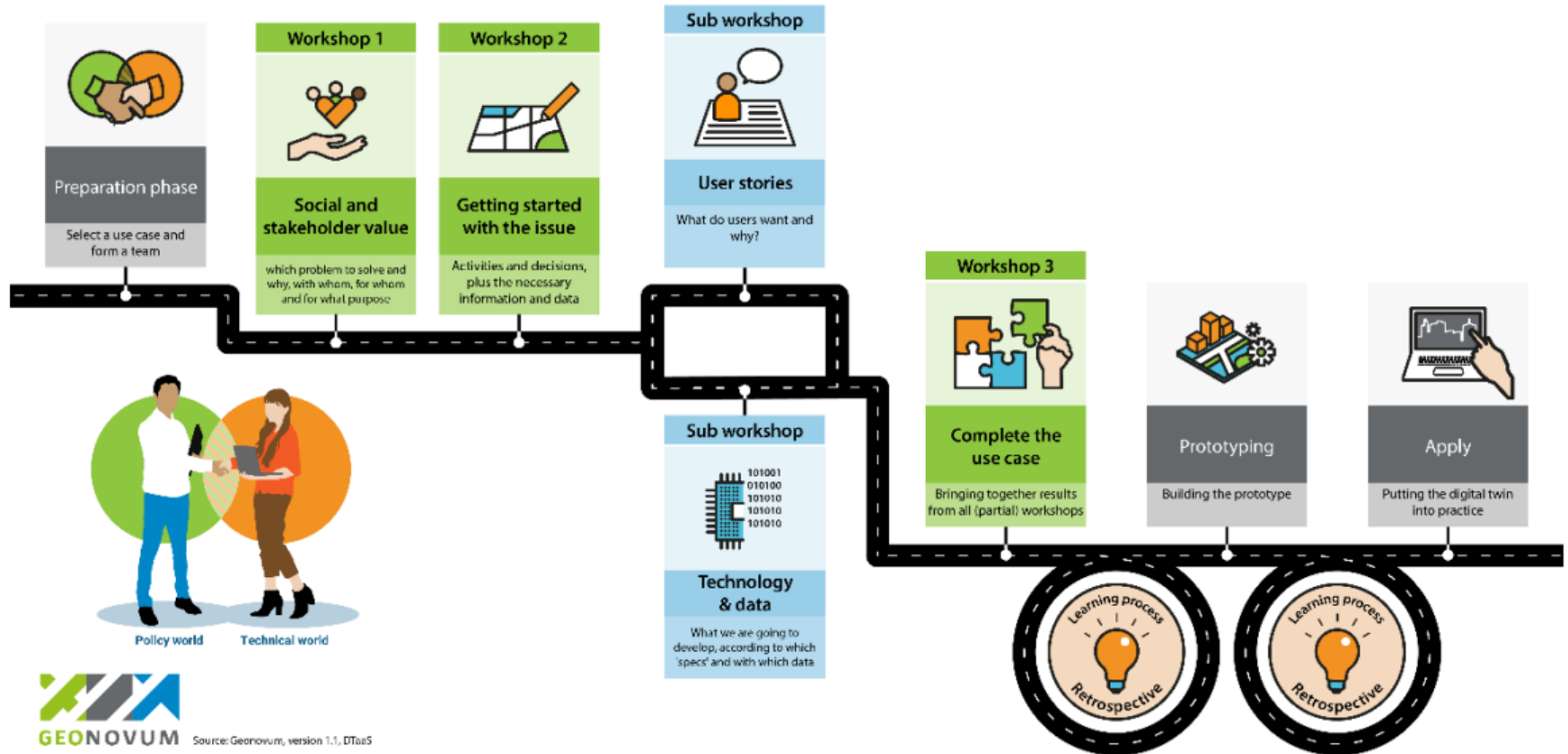
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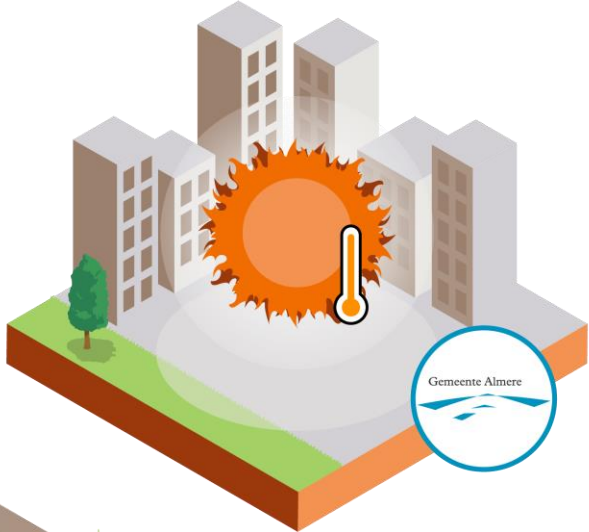
Testbed 1



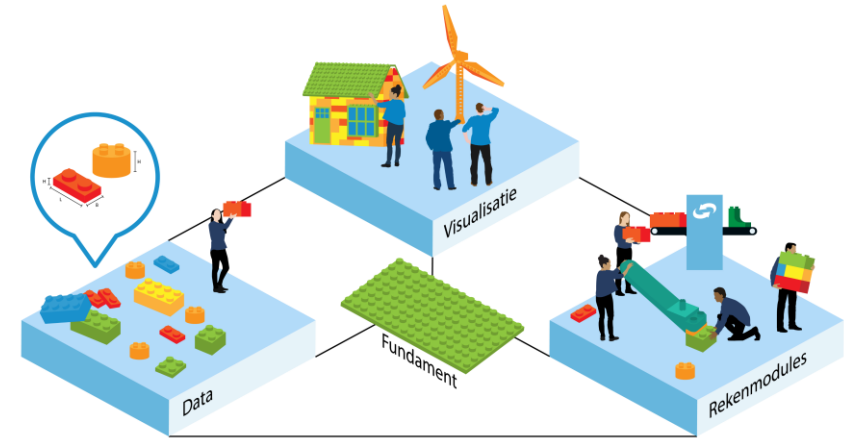
Process of learning to develop and embed a digital twin



Fieldlabs



From pioneers and frontrunners to a system of Digital Twins



NLDT

Reusable recipes for data, computational models & visualizations

Avoiding silo formation: platform and vendor independence

Collaborating and sharing data/ computational models.

Being able to share applications at the national & European level.

NLDT reference architecture

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Architectuur



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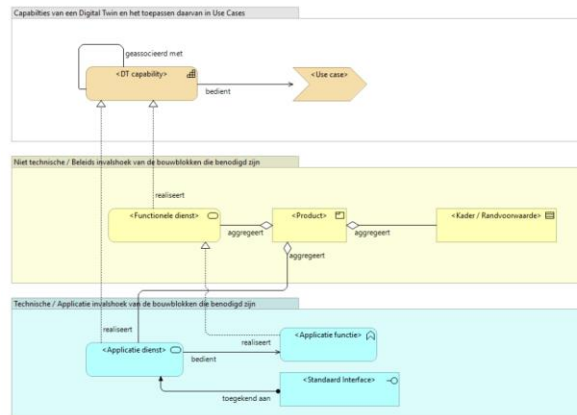
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Zicht op Nederland

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Het **Ministerie van Volkshuisvesting en Ruimtelijke Ordening** en de zes grote gemeenten hebben een convenant getekend voor samenwerking in het European Digital Infrastructure Consortium (EDIC) op het gebied van digitale tweelingen. Hoofddoel is het opzetten van een netwerk van Lokale Digitale Tweelingen (nLDT), die onderling en over de grenzen heen opereren. Met elkaar kunnen landen veel efficiëntere instrumenten ontwikkelen om maatschappelijke en ecologische vraagstukken op EU-schaal aan te pakken.

📖 Lees verder: <https://lnkd.in/eEW-sV-U>

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Car-low development and regulations

**By Michiel van
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Developing car-low cities within a regulatory and policy framework for Dutch sustainable urban mobility planning and the role of DTs

Xcarcity Digital Twin workshop

Cities with effective car-low measures

| | City | Mobility Focus | Tech Used | Policy Type | Impact Metrics |
|----|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | Amsterdam, Netherlands | Bike infrastructure, reduced parking, car-free zones | Mobility data, modeling (no full digital twin) | Car-lite agenda, street redesign | Reduced car use, increased cycling |
| 2 | Ljubljana, Slovenia | Pedestrian-only city center | Data-backed policy, no digital twin | Pedestrianization | Improved air quality, increased public transport use |
| 3 | Pontevedra, Spain | Extensive car-free zones | Minimal tech, people-first approach | Car ban in city center | 90% reduction in traffic injuries |
| 4 | Paris, France | 15-minute city, pedestrianization | Modeling, participatory tools | Car-free zones, urban redesign | Increased walking/cycling, cleaner air |
| 5 | Berlin, Germany | Neighborhood traffic reduction | GIS, traffic data | Kiezblocks (superblocks) | Reduced traffic, increased livability |
| 6 | Vienna, Austria | Car-free development (Aspern) | Simulation and planning models | Transit-oriented development | High transit use, low car ownership |
| 7 | Oslo, Norway | Car ban in city center | Smart city strategy, data analysis | Car ban, public space reclaiming | Fewer accidents, more pedestrians/cyclists |
| 8 | Copenhagen, Denmark | Cycling, pedestrian infrastructure | Live cycling data, dashboards | Cycling priority, parking limits | 62% bike commuting, carbon neutrality goal |
| 9 | Ghent, Belgium | Car-free zones via circulation plan | Data-informed planning | Circulation plan | 20% drop in car traffic, rise in active travel |
| 10 | Barcelona, Spain | Superblocks (car-free neighborhoods) | Simulations, environmental sensors | Urban superblocks | More public space, reduced traffic |
| 11 | Montreal, Canada | Pedestrian-priority downtown | GIS, urban models | Pedestrianization, transit integration | Improved public realm, reduced car dependence |
| 12 | Zurich, Switzerland | Transit and walking priority | Traffic light prioritization, data use | Parking limits, transit-first | Reduced car use, high transit ridership |

Quick polling some experts within I&W

What are the most effective measures to achieve car-low cities?

- Parking policies (rates, norms for spaces)
 - Levers exist within the housing and energy challenges
 - Densification with alternatives to car
 - Prioritise accessibility (through safe and fast physical infrastructure) for non-car modes
 - Applying traffic rules and regulations differently
 - Fiscal policy
- ➔ None are “easy”, due to path dependencies and human behaviour, and there are variations based on region, size and character of cities involved.
- ➔ System view with broad set of economic and wellbeing indicators is preferred. See e.g. KAW-Ecorys study

Over to the researchers 😊

- Sean and Shyotsa max max 15min in total (prefer 10min)
- Add comment or 1 pager on KPIs (“Delphi”?)

Reducing the number of cars in European cities

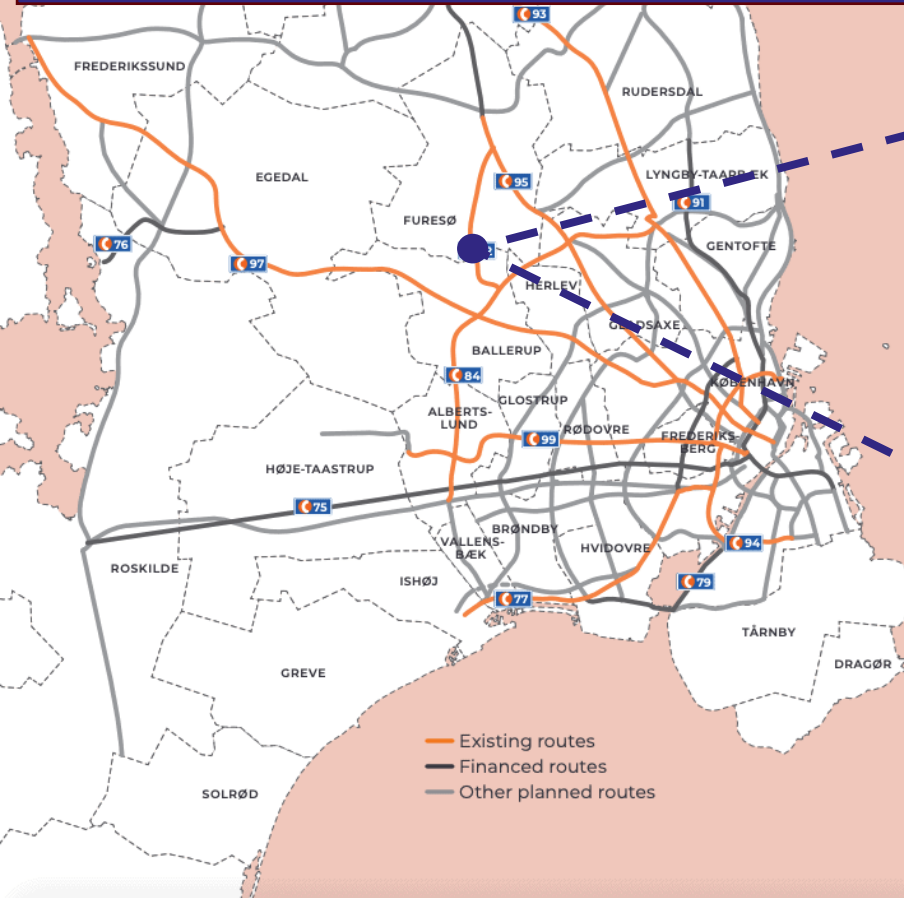
What are the keys to success?



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Copenhagen Cycle Superhighways



Success factors

Strategic
communication

Organising
responsibility

Showing
openness and
flexibility



Copenhagen Cycle Superhighways

Barriers

Resources

Policy &
institutional

Barcelona Superblocks



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Success factors

Trials to create
legitimacy

Organising
responsibility

Timing and
windows of
opportunity



Barcelona Superblocks

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Combining sticks
and carrots

Barriers

Social

Path dependence

Policy &
institutional

Resources

Legal

Additional success factors



The undeniable
of hard evidence

The inarguability
of schools



General Lessons

1. Continuously explore new possibilities
2. Be aware of the context and stakeholders' needs
3. Create and identify windows of opportunity
4. Test new measures

Regulations

Pricing

Land-use Planning

Infrastructure

Information Campaigns

| City | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R | S | T |
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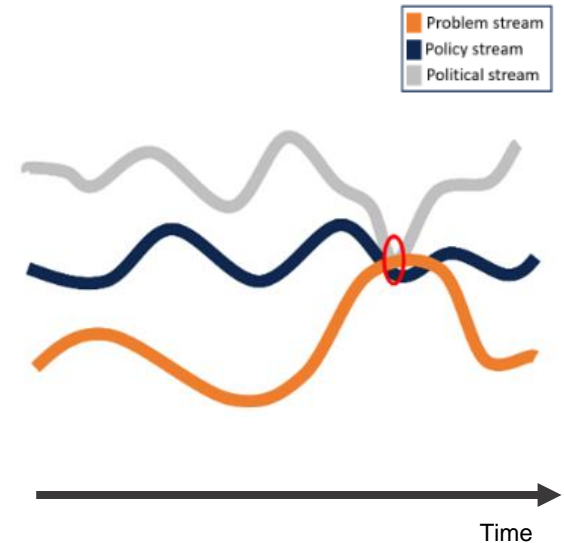
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Why Low Car/No Car?

**Environmental
Impacts**



**Traffic
Congestion**



**Reduced
Social Equity**



Pressure on
authorities

**Space
Requirements**



**Deteriorated
Health**

**Accidents/
Safety Problems**



Liveability for
People

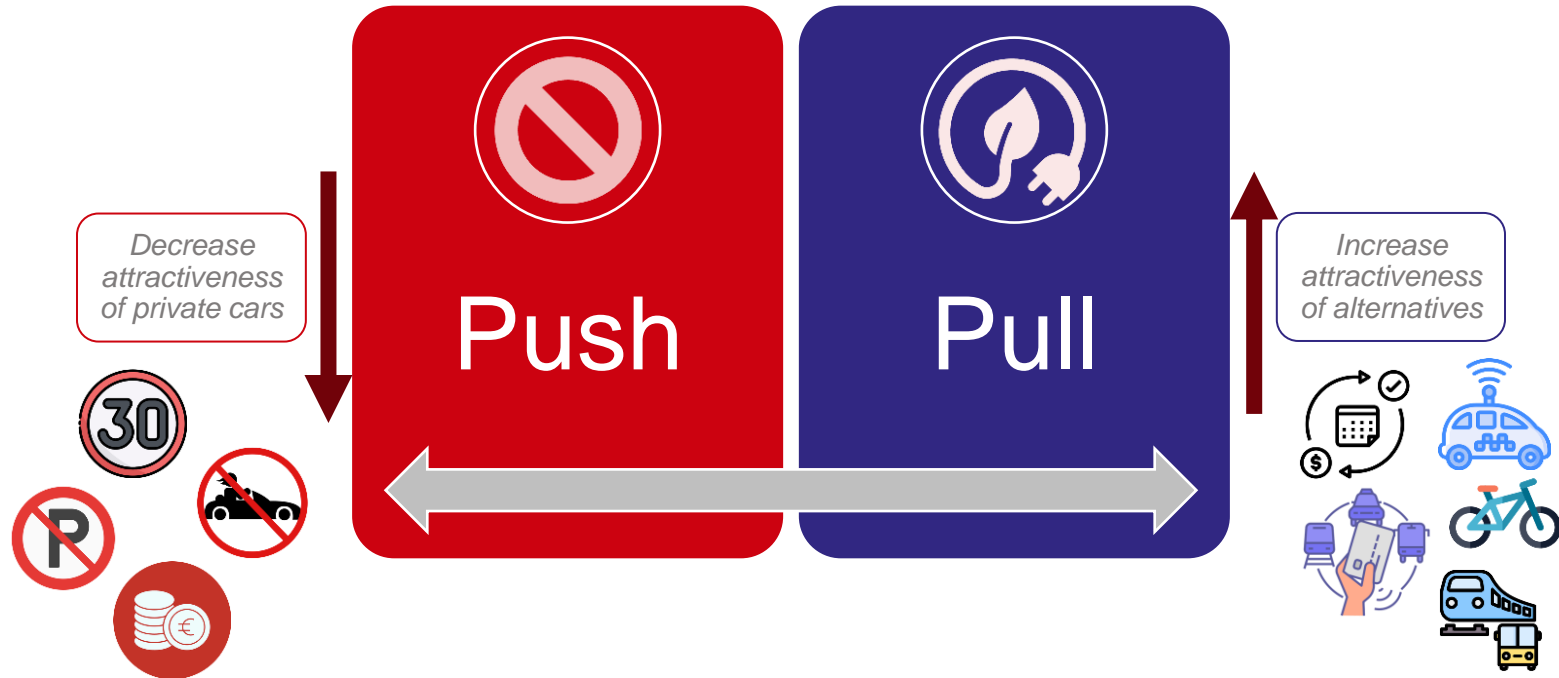


Popular Interventions



- Land-Use Density & Diversity
- Constraining Traffic
- Pricing
- Limiting Traffic
- Alternatives
- Fare/Subscription Schemes

Push & Pull Interventions



But if not planned properly..



Possibility of decreased liveability in other areas



Increased competition to live closer to the city centre



Economic loss



Uncertainties related to acceptability of such areas

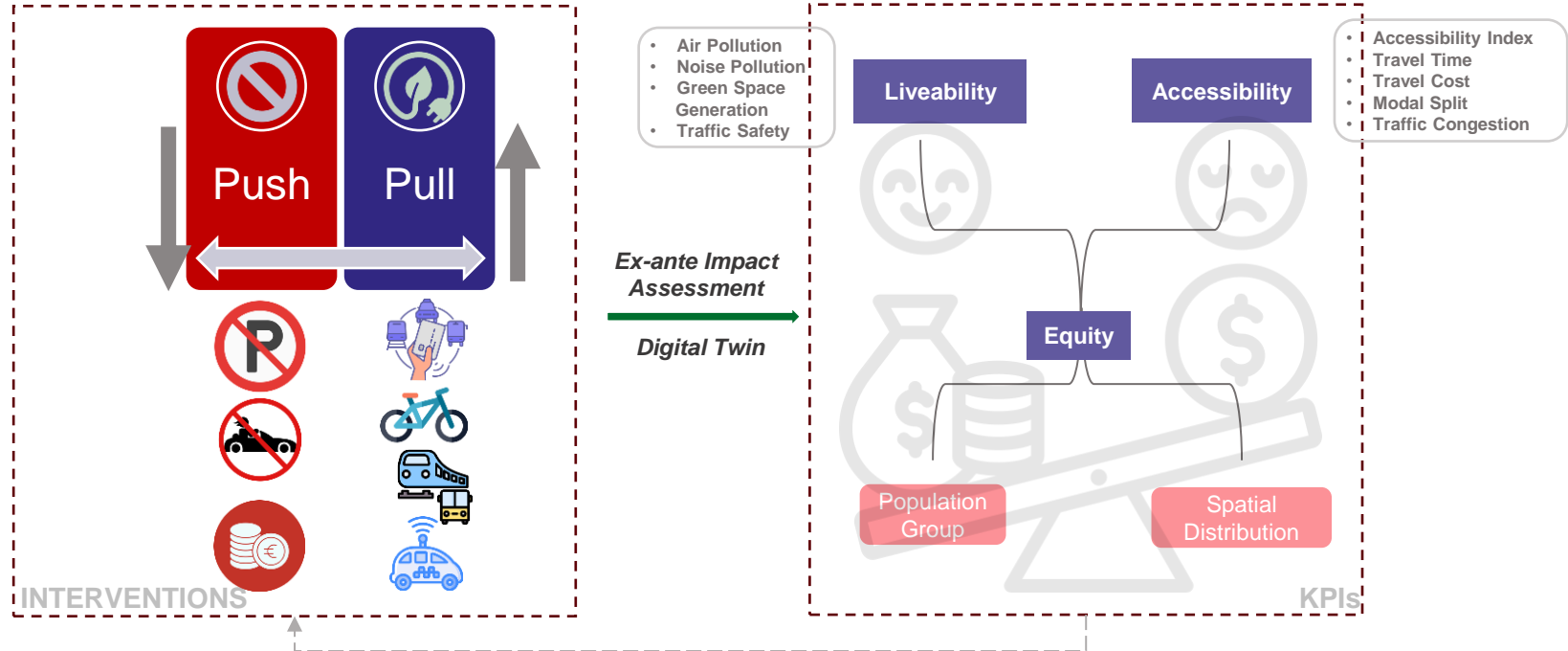


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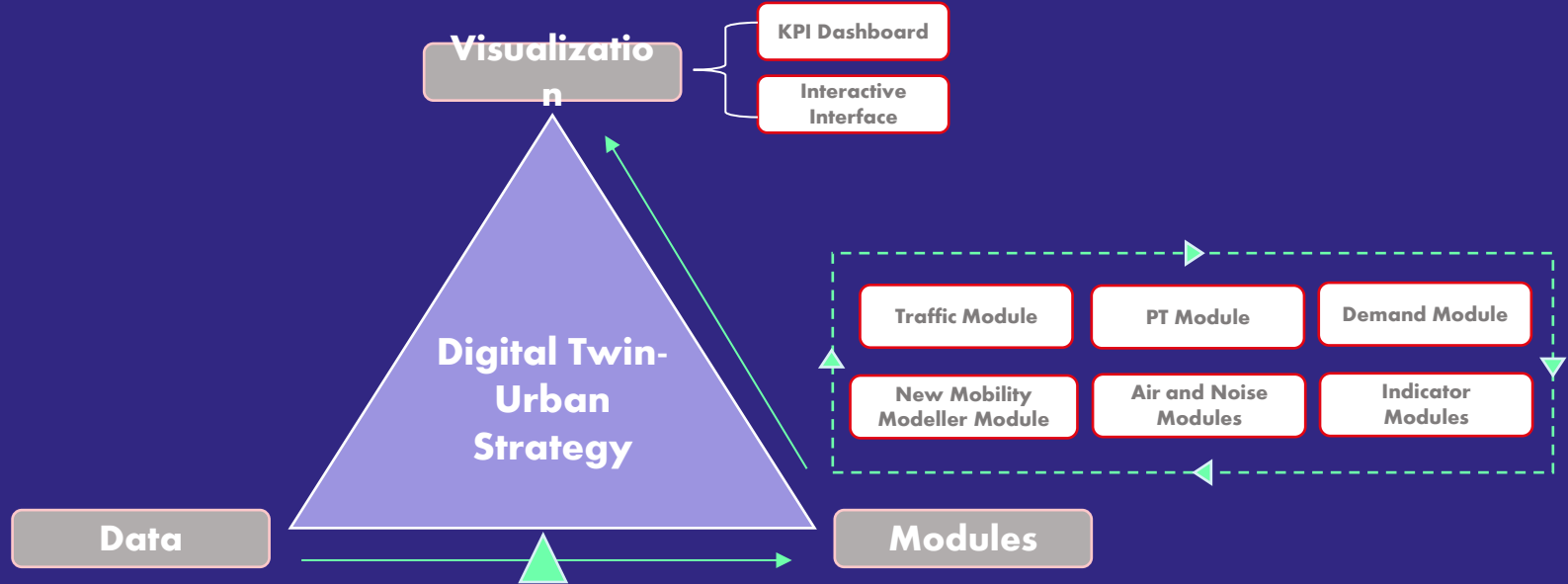
**Ex- Ante Detailed
Quantitative Studies**

**Shift towards new set of
indicators**

Framework



Digital Twin-Urban Strategy



Almere Delphi Study Approach

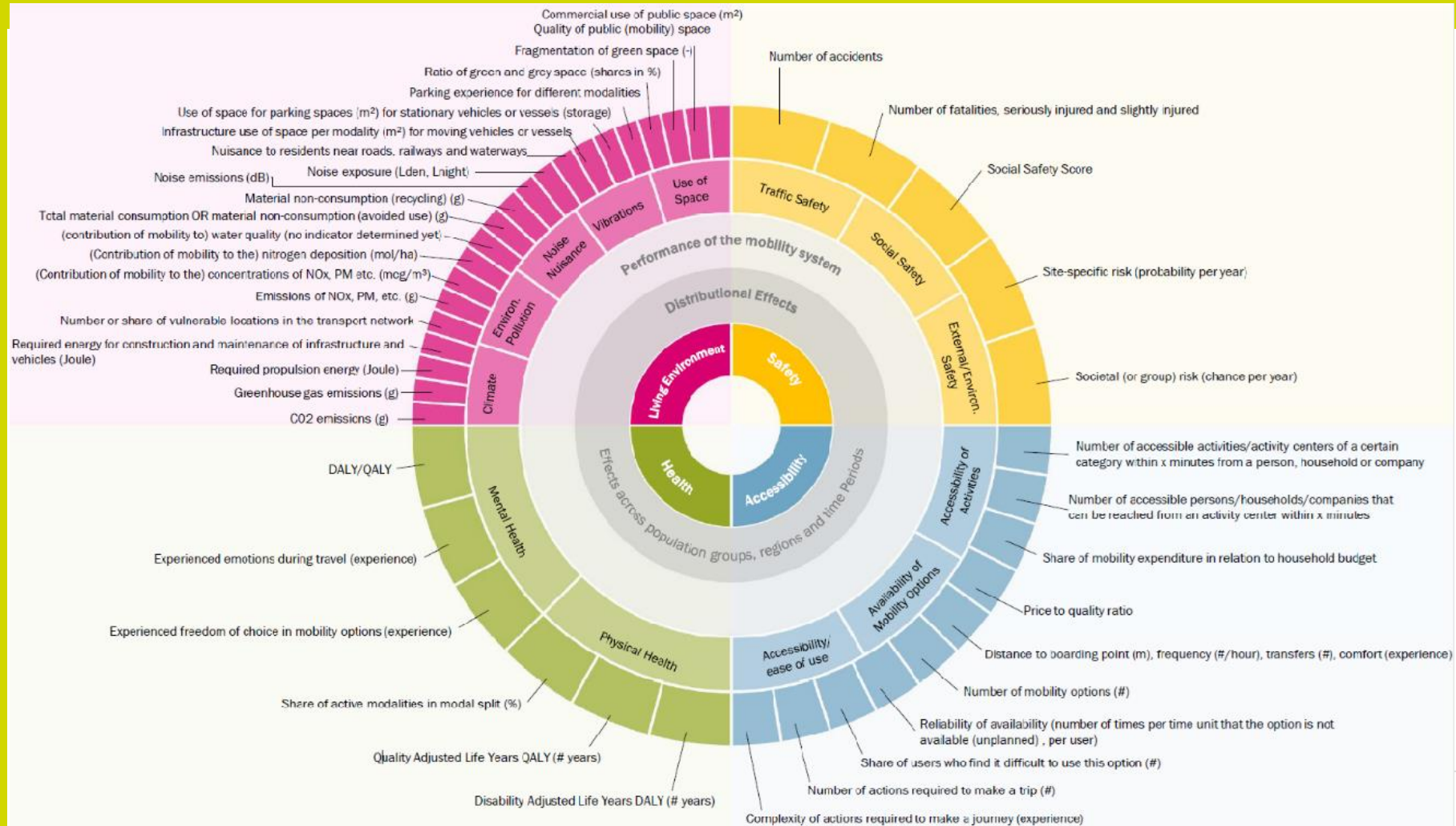


Defining KPI – approach in detail

- Interviewee organisations:

BAM, Fietzersbond, FSD, Gemeente Amsterdam,
Ministerie I&W, MRA, MRDH, RET,
Rijkswaterstaat, SWOV

*Interviewees invited, questions developed,
and interviews conducted
by Azarakhsh Salem*



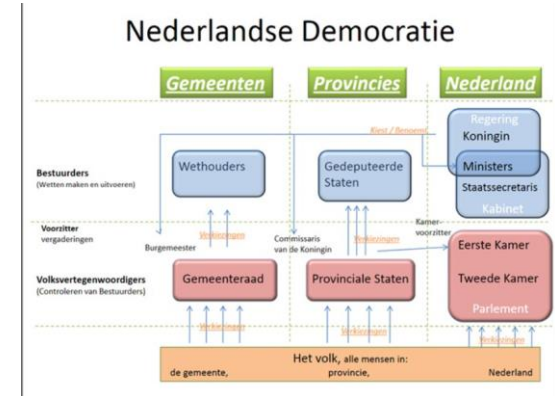
Defining KPI – longlist ‘families’

- Accessibility and Mobility
- Quality & Price of mobility
- Environment & Livability,
Emissions & Concentrations
- Spatial Quality
- Social and Traffic Safety

With measures and KPIs defined, from which framework are we implementing? Welcome to the Dutch governance lasagna.

Five Key Components:

1. National-Level Framework
2. Regional-Level Framework
3. Municipal-Level Implementation
4. Funding & Incentives
5. Guiding Principles for Mobility Planning



1. National Framework – Overview



SETS STRATEGIC
DIRECTION AND LEGAL
BASIS



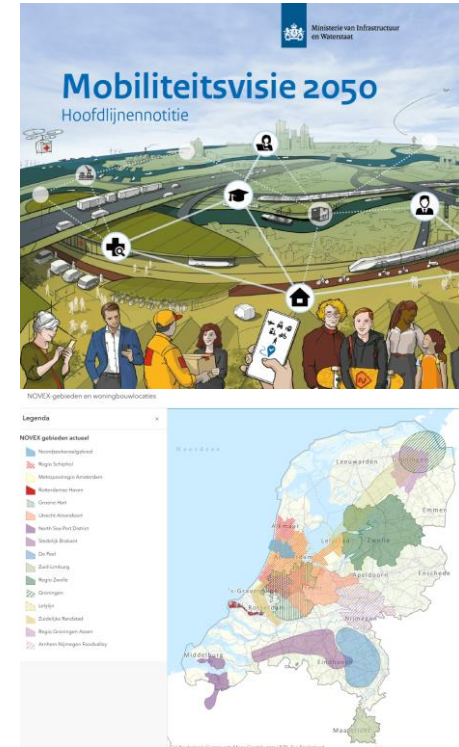
ANCHORED IN
SUSTAINABILITY,
ACCESSIBILITY, EQUITY
AND INNOVATION



INTERLINKED WITH
SPATIAL PLANNING AND
CLIMATE GOALS

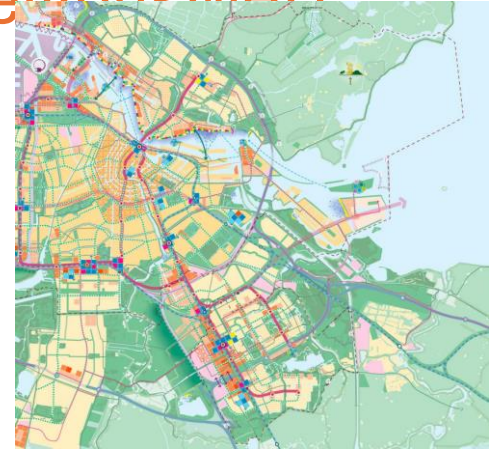
National Mobility Vision (Mobilitätsvisie)

- Strategic vision to 2050 by Ministry of Infrastructure (IenW)
- Goals: Multi-modal networks, inclusive and climate-neutral transport, innovation
- Supports economic growth and quality of life
- Calls for multi-governance operationalisation in regions
- Feeds into NOVi -> NOVEX areas



Environment and Planning Act (Omgevingswet)

- In force since 2024 – merges 26 laws into one
- Integrated land use, mobility, environment, health
- Municipalities must create environmental visions/plans (Omgevingsvisies)
- Emphasizes citizen participation and faster processes



Accessibility Monitoring – Bereikbaarheidspeil (brand new!)

- National tool for measuring access to jobs, services, etc.
- Multi-modal: cycling, transit, car
- Supports data-driven evaluation and prioritization



Interprovinciaal Overleg
van, voor en door provincies

THEMA'S OVER HET IPO NIEUV

Kabinetsstandpunt 'Bereikbaarheid op Peil' omarmd

27 MAART 2025

Het IPO en de VNG omarmen het kabinetsstandpunt 'Bereikbaarheid op Peil'. Ter voorbereiding op het commissiedebat 'Strategische keuzes bereikbaarheid' van 2 april 2025 roepen we op strategische keuzes die nodig zijn in het bereikbaarheidsbeleid onderdeel te maken van de Nota Ruimte. Daarnaast roepen we het Rijk op de medeoverheden de juiste instrumenten toe te kennen en juichen we verdere ontwikkeling van het Bereikbaarheidspeil toe.

Future Outlook – Car, rail and PT

(Toekomstbeeld Automobilititeit & OV en spoor)

- Strategy for sustainable car use
- Smart infrastructure, EV transition, shared mobility
- Urban restraint, rural access, dynamic pricing
- Vision through 2040 for public transport
- Investments in rail upgrades, TOD, electrification
- High-frequency trains and integrated mobility
- Agenda for developing stations (Stations agenda)

Climate Agreement & Energy Policy



ALL NEW CARS
EMISSION-FREE BY
2030



CHARGING
INFRASTRUCTURE
AGENDA (NAL
PROGRAM OF WORK)



ZERO-EMISSION
URBAN ZONES



PROMOTES CYCLING,
TRANSIT, CLEAN
LOGISTICS



INCENTIVES AND
SUBSIDIES (SEPP, SEB,
ETC)

Strategic Tools & Funding

- MIRT – long-term investment program
- National Growth Fund – innovation, infrastructure
- Smart Mobility Agenda – digital and automated mobility
- EU co-financing – Green Deal, Horizon, SCF, CEF, EIB



2. Regional-Level Framework & Programs

- Managed by Vervoerregio's (regional transport authorities)
- Align national goals with local needs
- Public transport, cycling highways, logistics
- Coordinate across municipalities
- Integrate housing, employment, mobility
- Projects: bike corridors, P+R, clean logistics

3. Municipal-Level Implementation

- Local Mobility Plans (Mobiliteitsplannen)
- Address walking, cycling, parking, logistics
- Align with Environment and Planning Act
- Active mobility prioritized: woonerven, bike lanes, fietsstraten, safety
- Smart tools: MaaS, traffic flow data, mobility hubs, smart traffic lights and digital access management

4. Funding & Incentives

- National Growth Fund – major projects
- MIRT – spatial/mobility co-investment
- Local tools: parking fees, congestion pricing
- EU funds: CEF, Horizon, Green Deal



5. Guiding Principles

- Avoid–Shift–Improve framework
- 15-Minute City model and compact planning
- Inclusive mobility: accessibility for all
- Aligned with health, climate, land use



Reality can bite back



Enter: SUMPs

- Mandatory tool from the TEN-T directive (2024), delivery dec 2027
- Focus on multi-governance, comprehensive and system based approach to sustainable urban mobility planning
- Key elements:
 - **Urban Nodes** with a **Functional Urban Area (FUA)**
 - **Analysis of current mobility system**
 - **Long term vision AND short term action plan** with financial underpinnings
 - **Participation + monitoring and evaluation (M&E)**
 - **A long list of guidelines** towards seamless mobility, accessibility, sustainability, health and safety, and **use of ICT and ITS** (begging for operationalisation)
- Basic requirement: **a common operational view** of past, present and future to guide KPI-based, comprehensive, and internally consistent mix of policy measures.

Question:

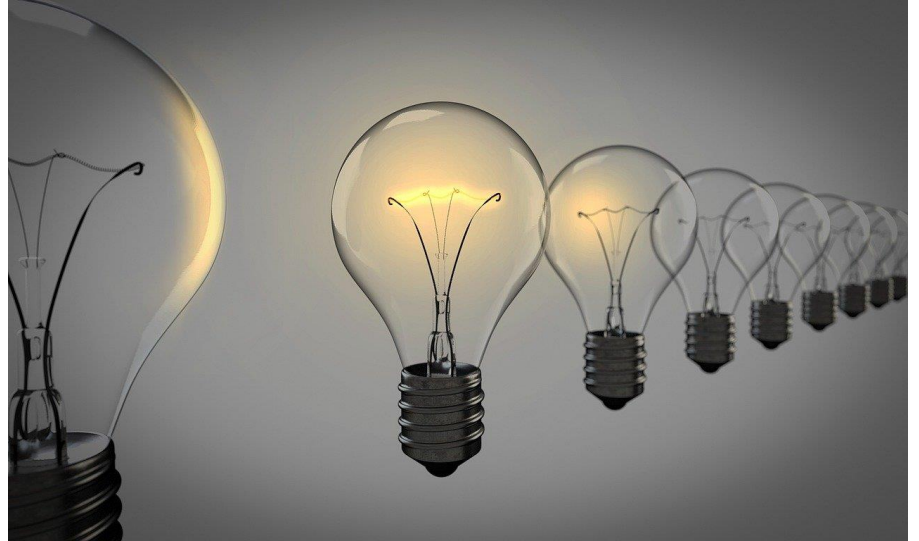
- Why would 26 Dutch or 431 European urban nodes go through this ordeal?!

A word on data collection...

- ITS Richtlijn <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2010/40/oj> en de herziening <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2023/2661> (zie m.n. annex III)
- MMTIS verordening https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2024/490/oj
- RTTI verordening https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2022/670/oj
- SRTI verordening <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32013R0886>
- SSTP verordening <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32013R0885>
- eCall verordening <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R1084>
- TEN-T urban mobility indicators

Not starting from scratch:

- Helsinki 3D+
- DUET (Rotterdam)
- Smart Cambridge
- Smarter Together (Lyon)
- Virtual Singapore
- Etc



Conclusions

Car-low measures are nothing new, but to achieve desired effects we need to solve a few challenges related to governance and implementation

(Mandatory) SUMP's offer an promising instrument for a more holistic approach to sustainable urban mobility planning

(On the back of good data) Digital Twins can support SUMP development by visualising possible futures, improve participation, modeling desired outcomes, evaluating policy mixes, and providing a common operational picture across siloes and governance levels

At the neighbourhood level, DTs with car-low focus can help with visualising solution space for other domains (housing, energy, etc) and bridge the gap with the Climate Neutral Cities mission

Call to action

- Join a SUMP pilot or the SUMP practice of your organisation
- Likewise, connect with the ClimateNeutral team in the G5, Helmond or Groningen
- Share knowledge and best practices with expert groups from within the SUMP (and UMI) and NZC space
- Start thinking about how to apply XCARCITY findings to make the Dutch lasagna more digestible

LUNCH BREAK



Amsterdam Zuidas Barry Ubbels



Amsterdam is growing (2020-2030)



| | |
|------------|-------------------|
| Population | + 200.000 |
| Tourists | + 9.000.000 |
| Jobs | + 88.000 |
| Mobility | +23 – 58% in 2050 |

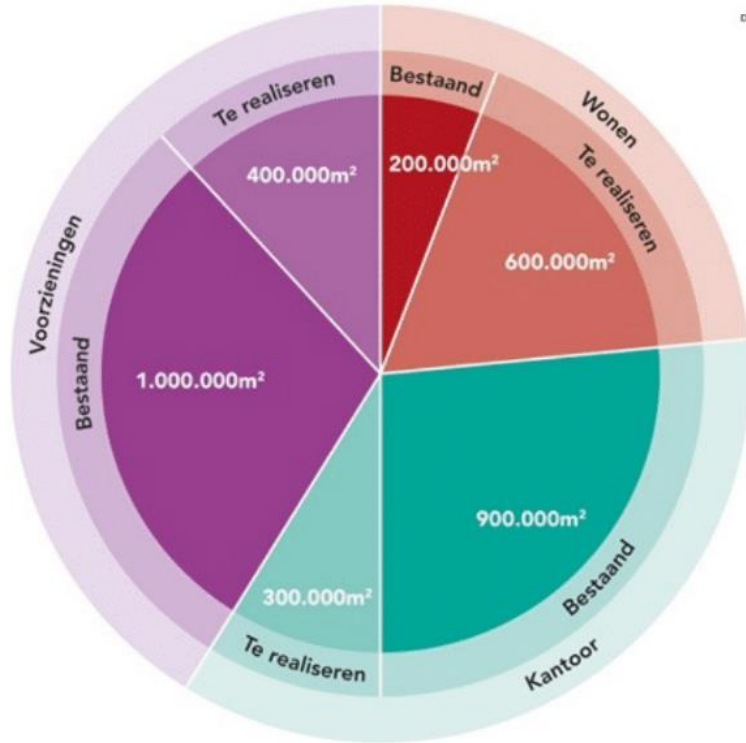
Zuidas is developing

- Zuidasdok
- Redevelopment of Zuidas (city area with businesses, housing and public spaces)
- 50% more users: citizens, students, commuters and visitors
- Jobs + 47%-73% in 2040, population from 6000 to 20000 (+233%)

Use case Zuidas (now)



Use case Zuidas (planned)



Policy making (Amsterdam city)



Gemeente
Amsterdam



Amsterdam maakt ruimte

Koersdocument

- Policy
programmes***
- ***Autoluw***
 - ***Walking***
 - ***Traffic safety***
 - ***Cycling***
 - ***Logistics***
 - ***Shared mobility***

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Amsterdam Zuidas Mobility policy (2023)



Gemeente
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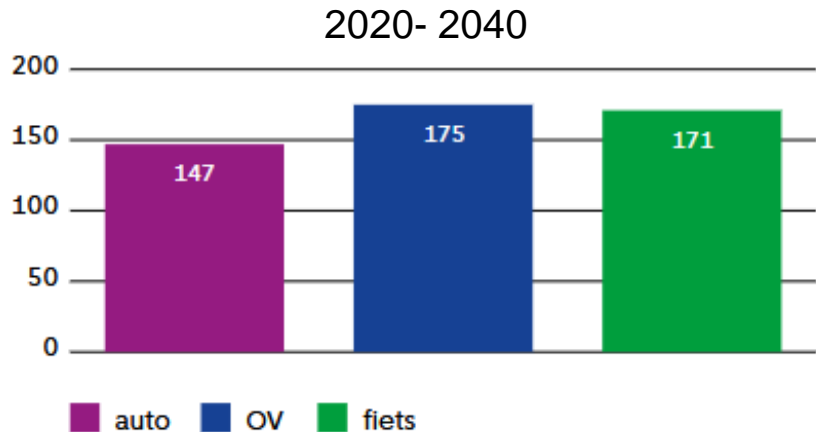
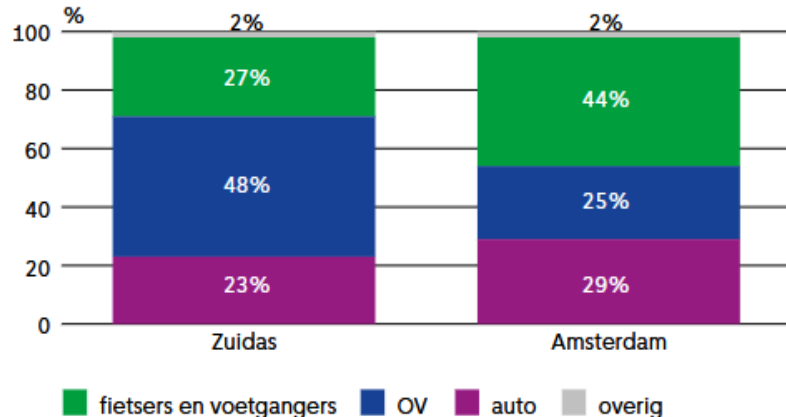
Mobiliteitsplan
Zuidflank Duurzaam
Bereikbaar

VNA | Vervoerregio
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Zuidas area

- Objective: keep Zuidas accessible and liveable
- Now: well accessible by car and public

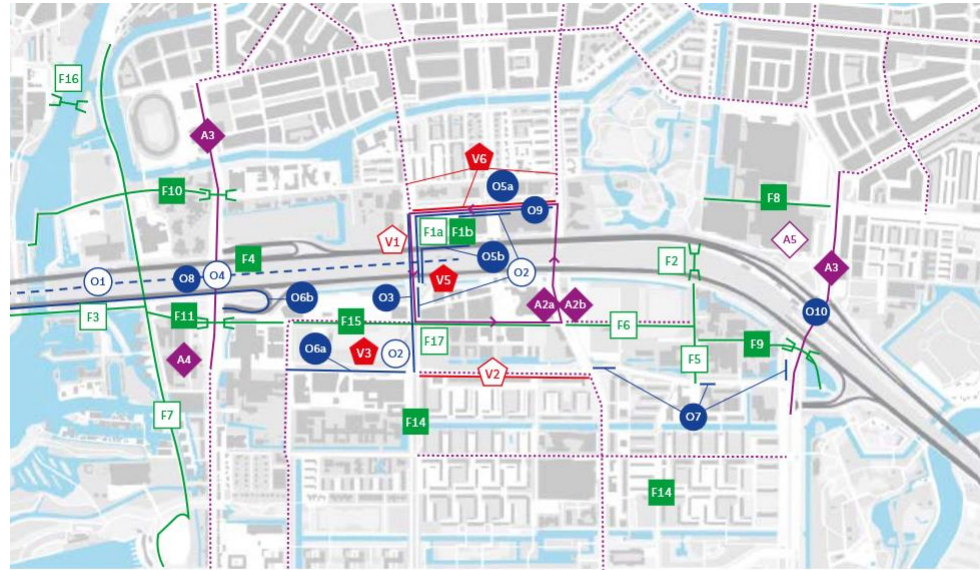


Zuidas policy interventions (4 pillars)

- Redevelop public space (space to meet, enjoy, play etc.) to support walking and cycling
- Change mobility behaviour (off peak travelling, less car traffic)
- Less car parking
- Development programme and impact on mobility

Different policy measures

- One way traffic
Mahlerlaan –
Beethovenlaan –
Parnassusweg
- Car sharing support
- Support cycling and walking
- Redesign intersections



OV



Fiets



Auto



Voetganger

● Nieuwe maatregel / verzoek tot wijziging Zuidasdok

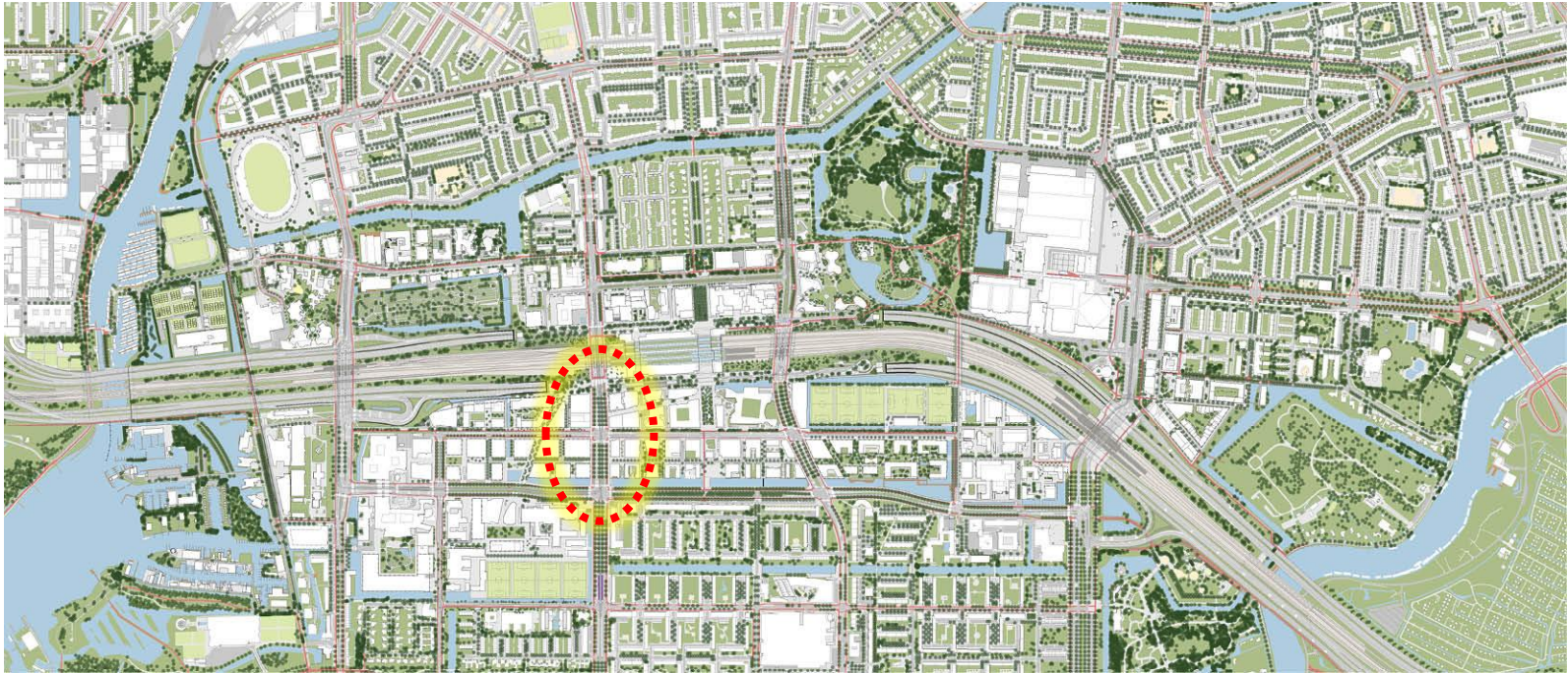
○ Bestaande maatregel

..... A5 50 km/u → 30 km/u

New tooling to support decision making

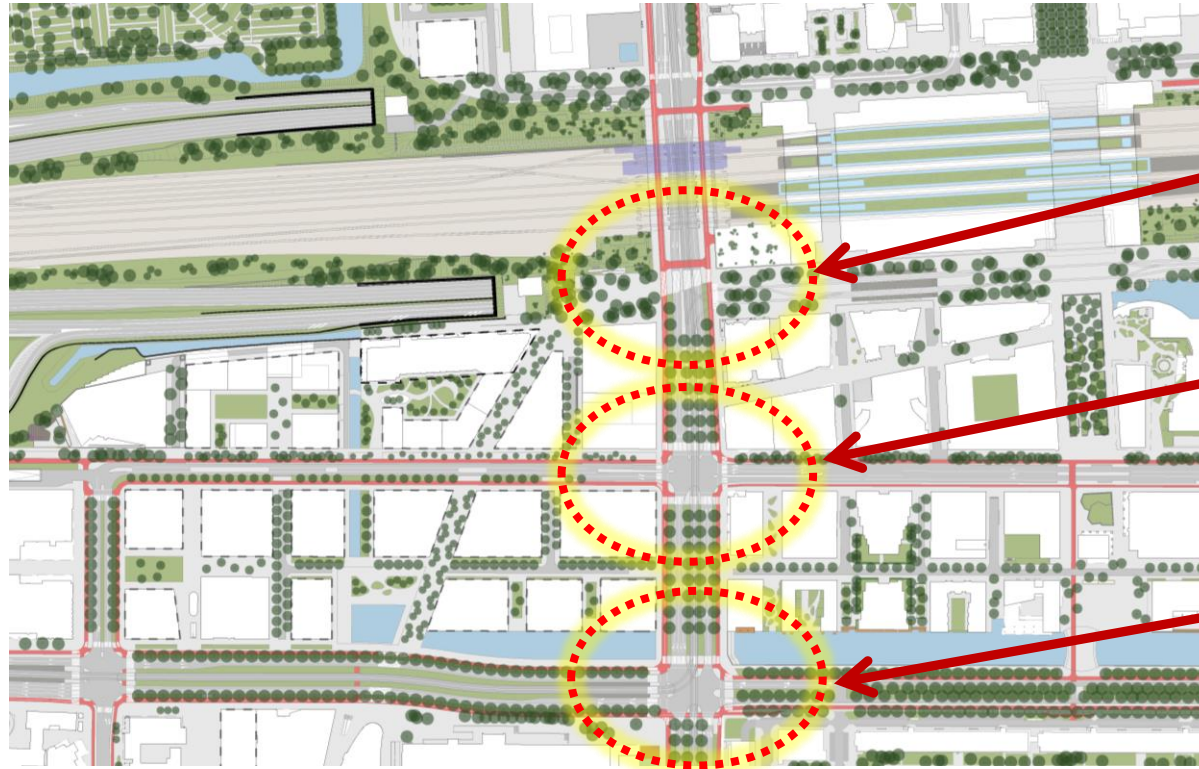
- Zuidas relies on tools such as 2D mapping and traditional transport model (VMA)
- Need for new visualization tools (3D) that support in spatial planning choices (how to divide space between staying and moving)
- Special attention for walking (large pedestrian flows expected)
- Use case design Parnassusweg

Case Parnassusweg (intersection)



Proposed (Zuidasdok finished)

Case Parnassusweg - Interventions



Case Parnassusweg

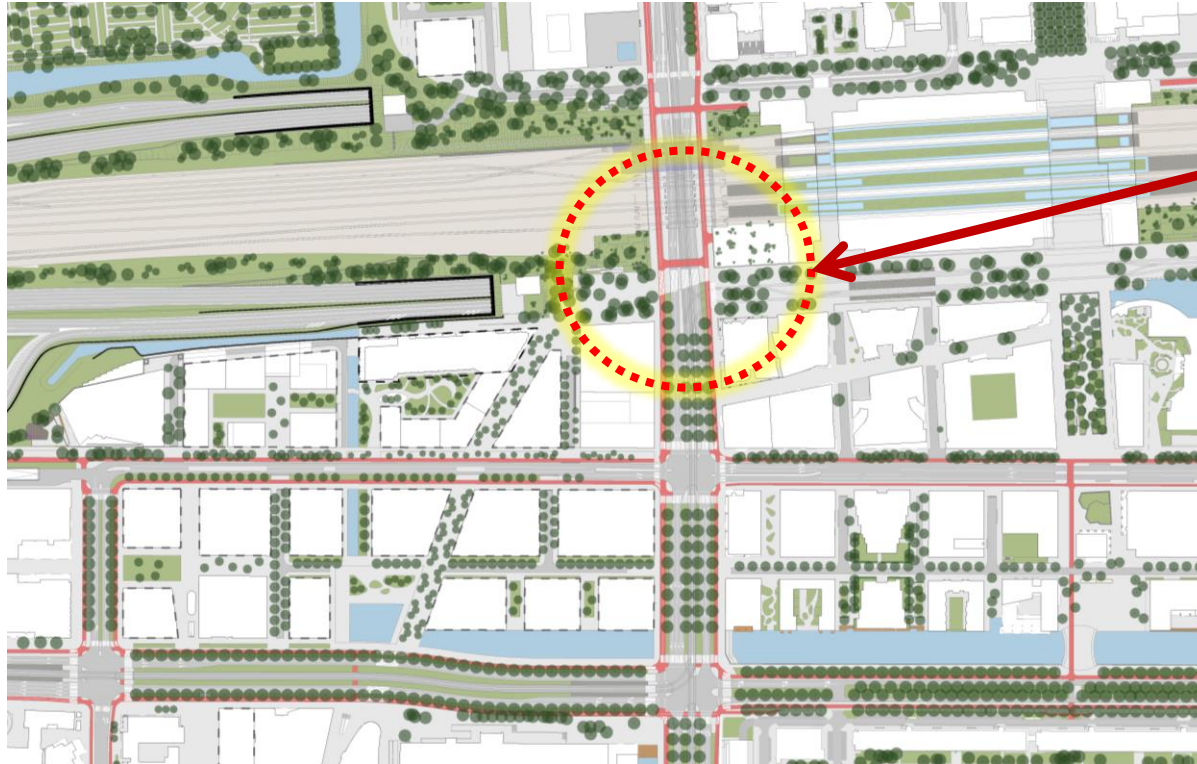
Intersection
Schonberglaan

Intersection
Mahlerlaan

Intersection
Boelelaan

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Case Parnassusweg



Case Parnassusweg

Intersection 1
Schonberglaan

Microlevel

Interaction between modalities
PT/Bike /Pedestrians/cars

Interfering flows of pedestrians

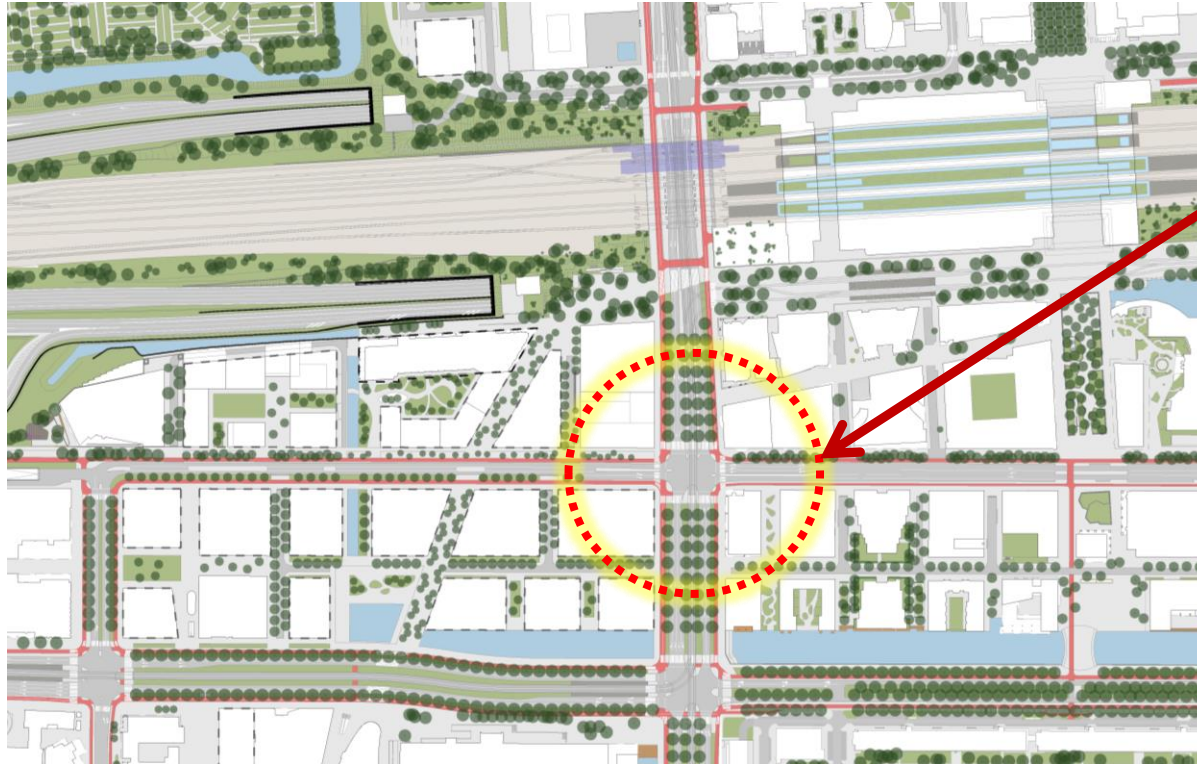
Insight for design decisions in
public realm

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Case Parnassusweg



Case Parnassusweg



Case Parnassusweg

Intersection 2
Mahlerlaan

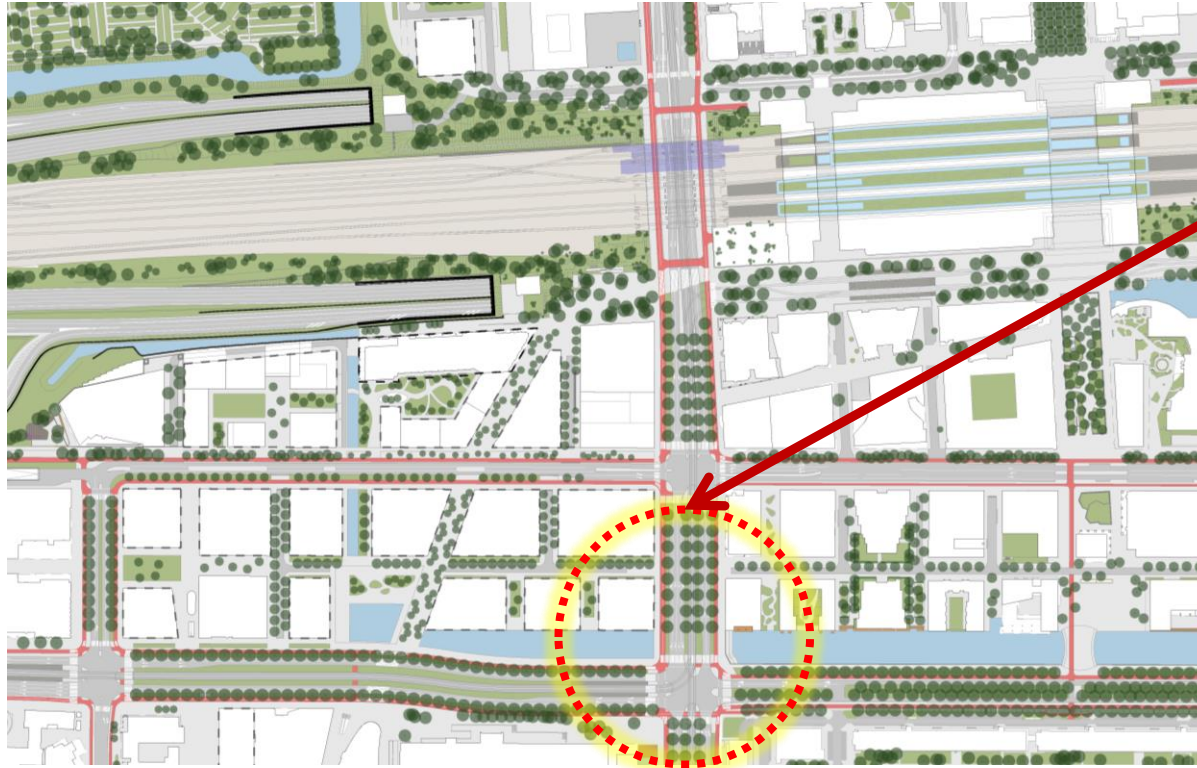
Intermediate level

Impact of reducing cars
(traffic flows and spatial
qualities)

Insight for strategic
decisions (in space and
time)

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Case Parnassusweg



Case Parnassusweg

Intersection
Boelelaan

Macro level

Impact of set of interventions
of behavioral changes

Insight for policymaking

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A photograph of a building with a corrugated metal facade. Numerous bicycles are parked on the concrete ledges of the building, arranged in a somewhat orderly fashion. The bicycles are of various colors and models. A large red rectangle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text 'Interactive session' in white.

Interactive session

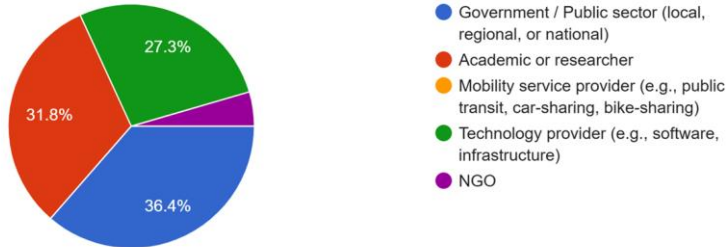
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Our collective understanding...

1. Which stakeholder group in urban mobility best describes your role? (Please select one)

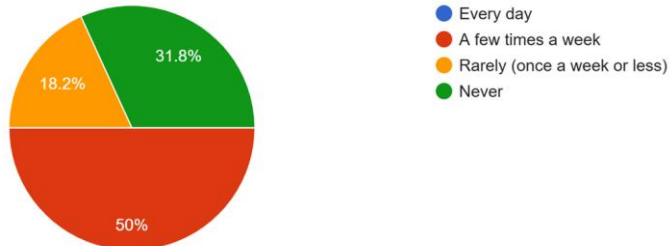
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Awareness of National Digital Twin Initiative:
yes(10), no (6), no response (6)

8. How often do you use a car for your daily commute or travel?

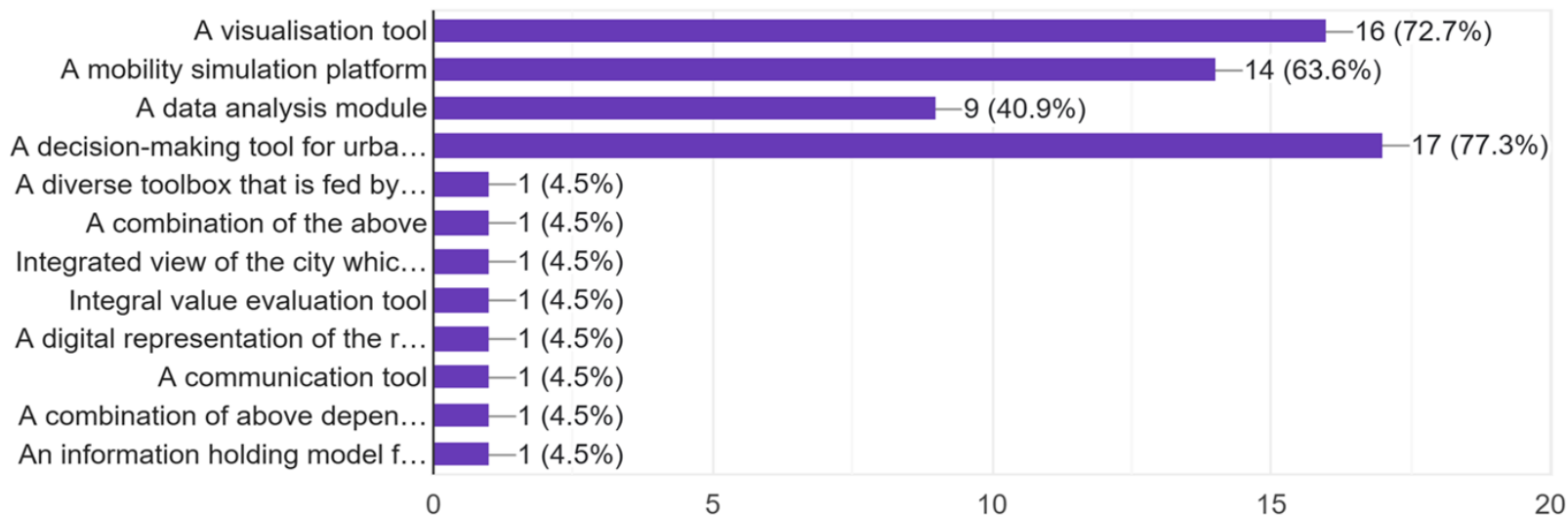
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Worked with DT technology:
Yes (19), no (3)

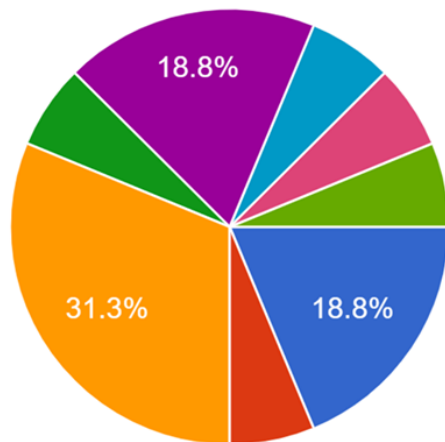
3. In your opinion, what is a Digital Twin? (Please select all that apply):

22 responses



5. What do you believe is currently lacking in the digital twins that you are using in your organisation or today's digital twin solutions in general? (Please select all that apply)

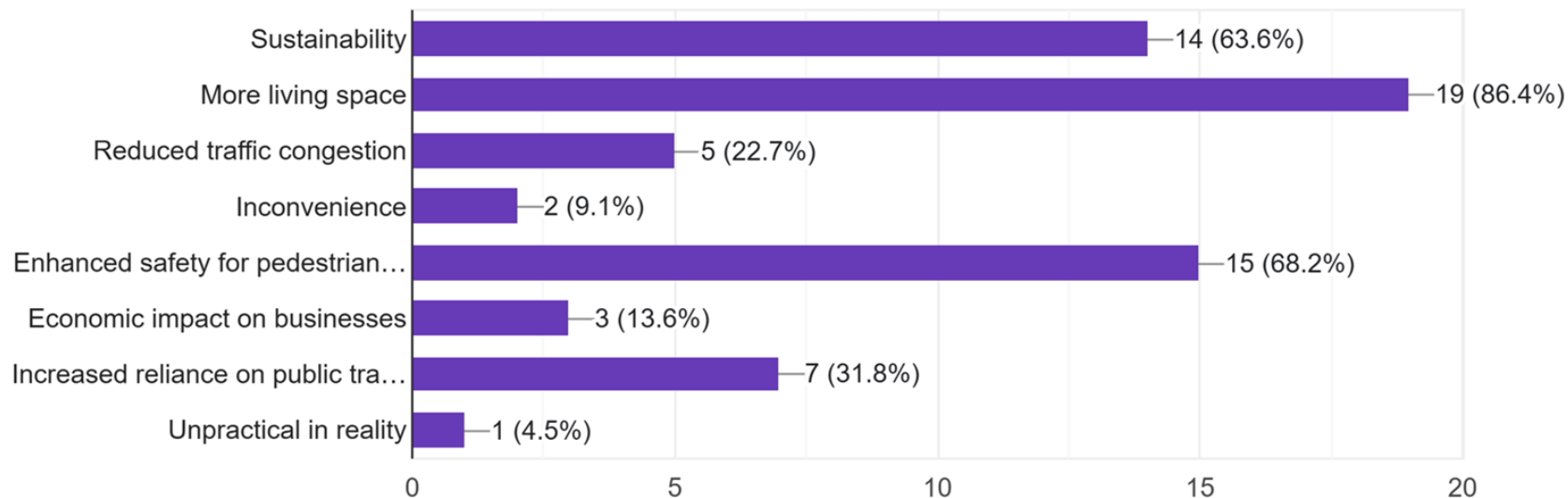
16 responses



- Standardised data models and formats
- Clear governance or regulatory frameworks
- Adequate collaboration among stakeholders
- Sufficient funding or investment
- Better predictive capability
- Sufficient data
- There is a lot available and also lackin...
- do not know, not my expertise

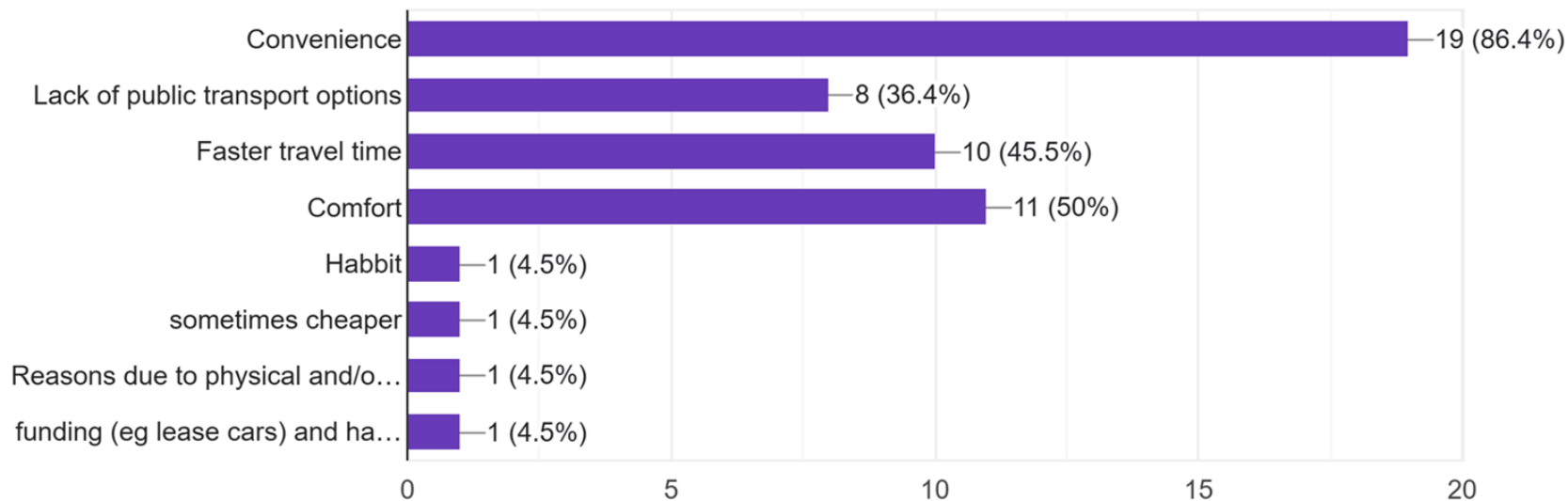
7. Which of the following are the top 3 features that describe your overall impression of car-low cities? (Please select top 3 that apply)

22 responses



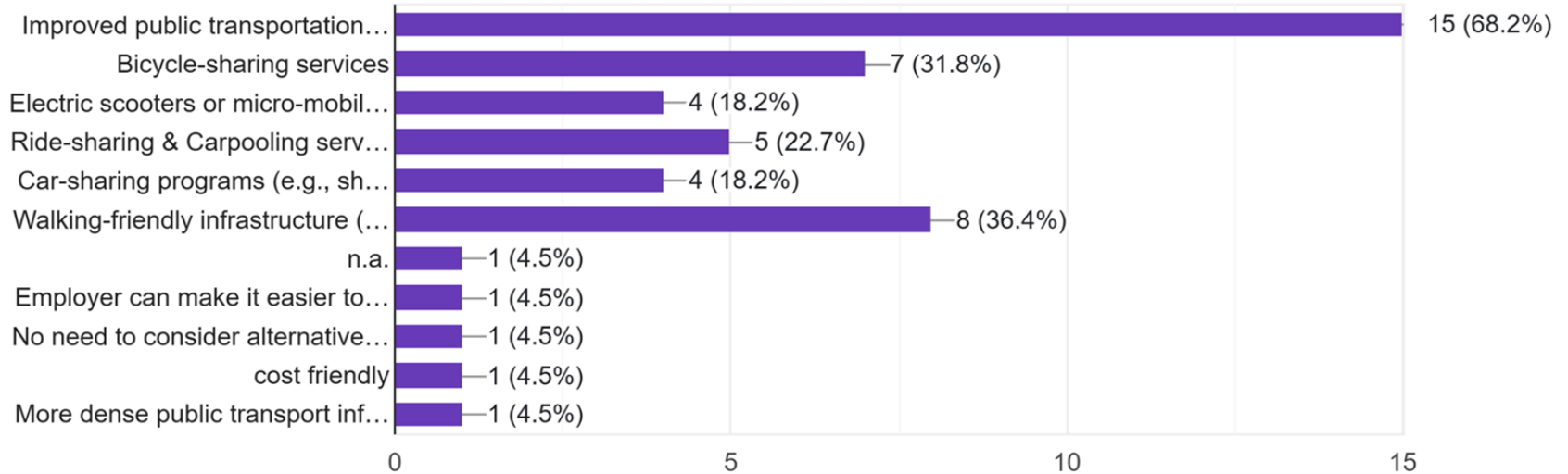
9. What do you think are the main reasons for choosing private cars other than other modes of transport? (Please select all that apply)

22 responses



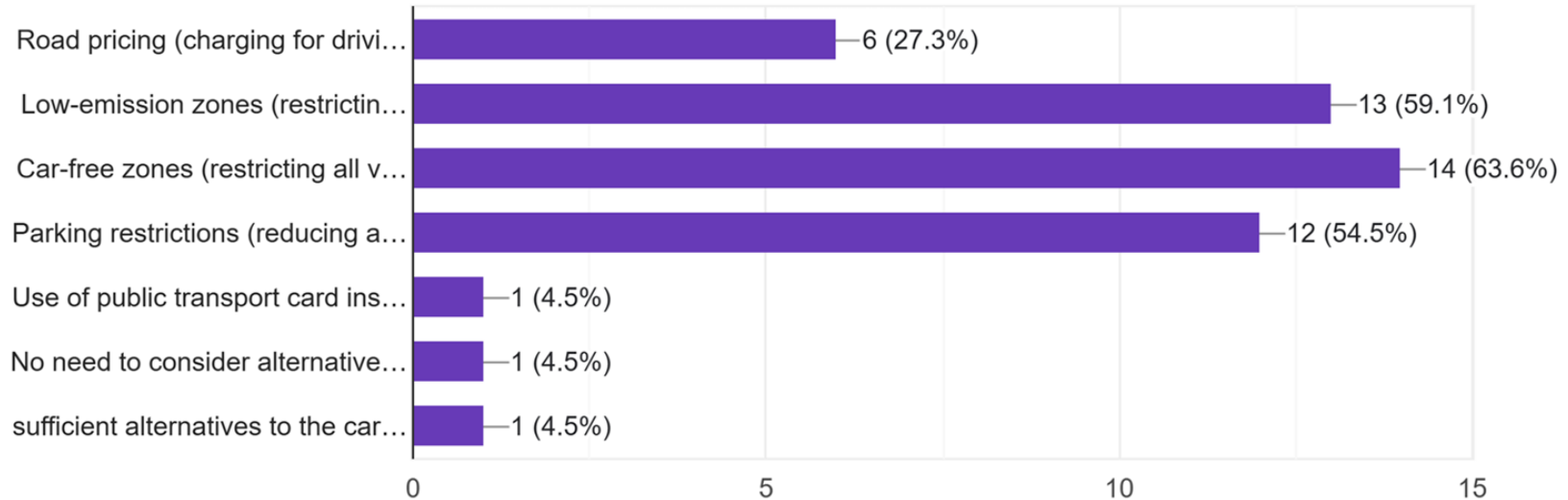
10. If offered the following alternatives in the Amsterdam Zuidas region, which one(s) would you consider using so that you no longer need to use your car? (Please select all that apply)

22 responses



11. If offered the following interventions to reduce car usage and promote sustainable transport in the Amsterdam Zuidas region, which one(s) do you think you would use in your current experience? (Please select all that apply)

22 responses



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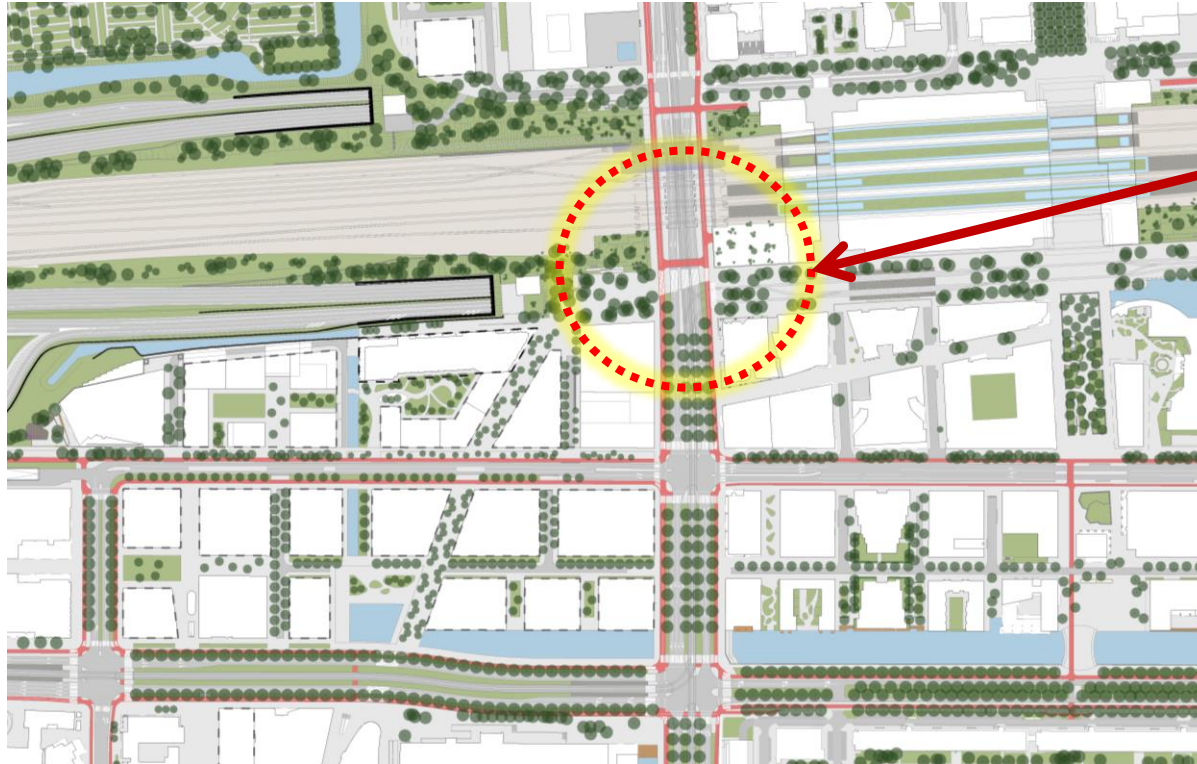
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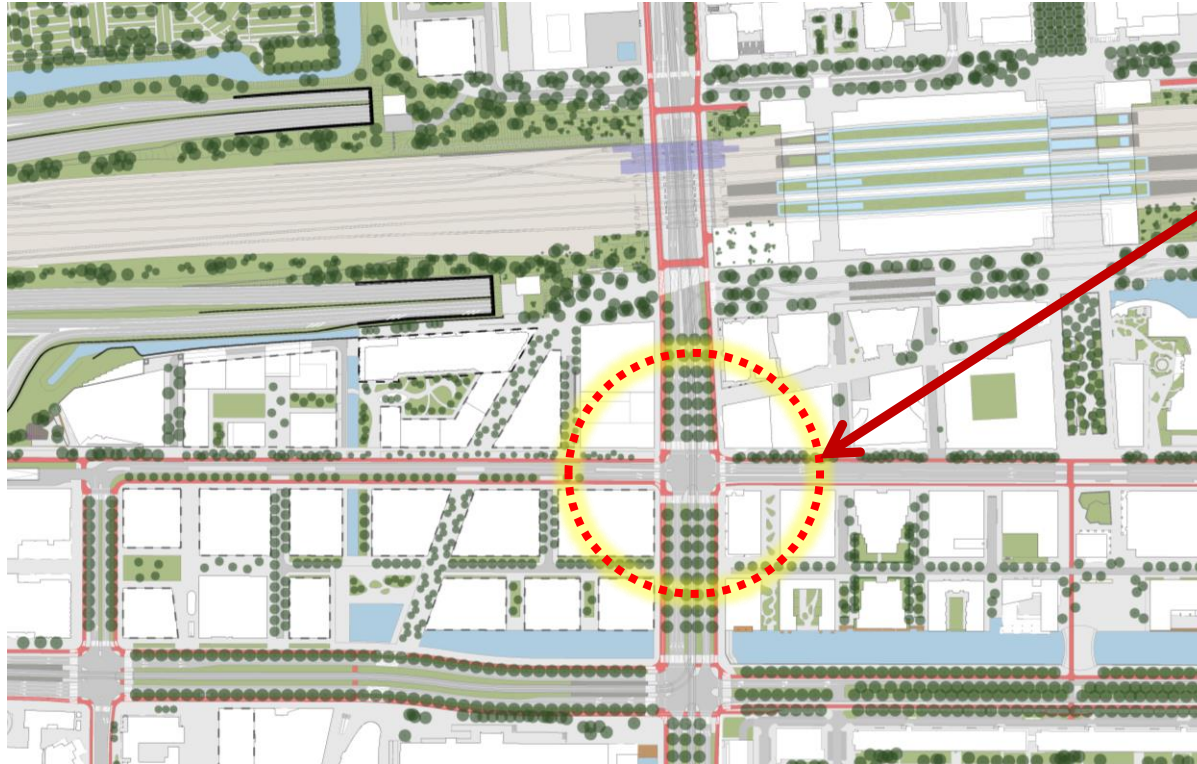
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Intersection 2: Intermediate level

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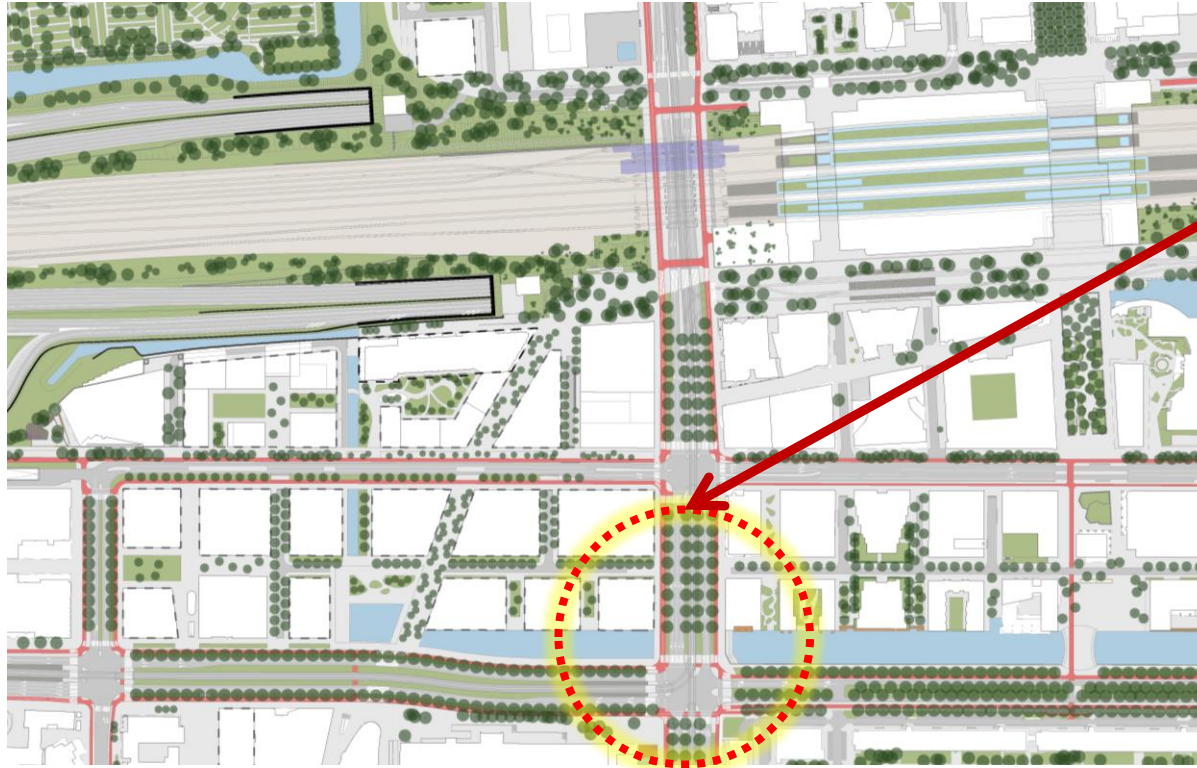
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Intersection 3: Macro level

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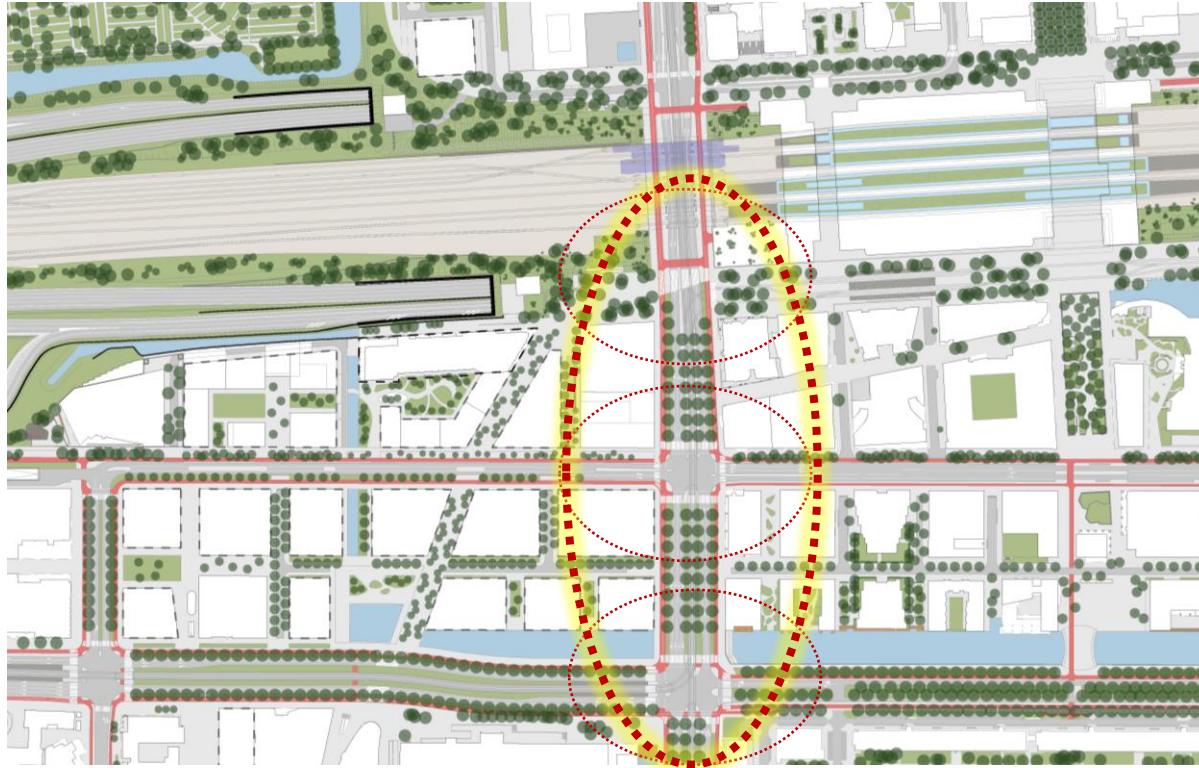
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Group 4

All three intersections: How does this work together?

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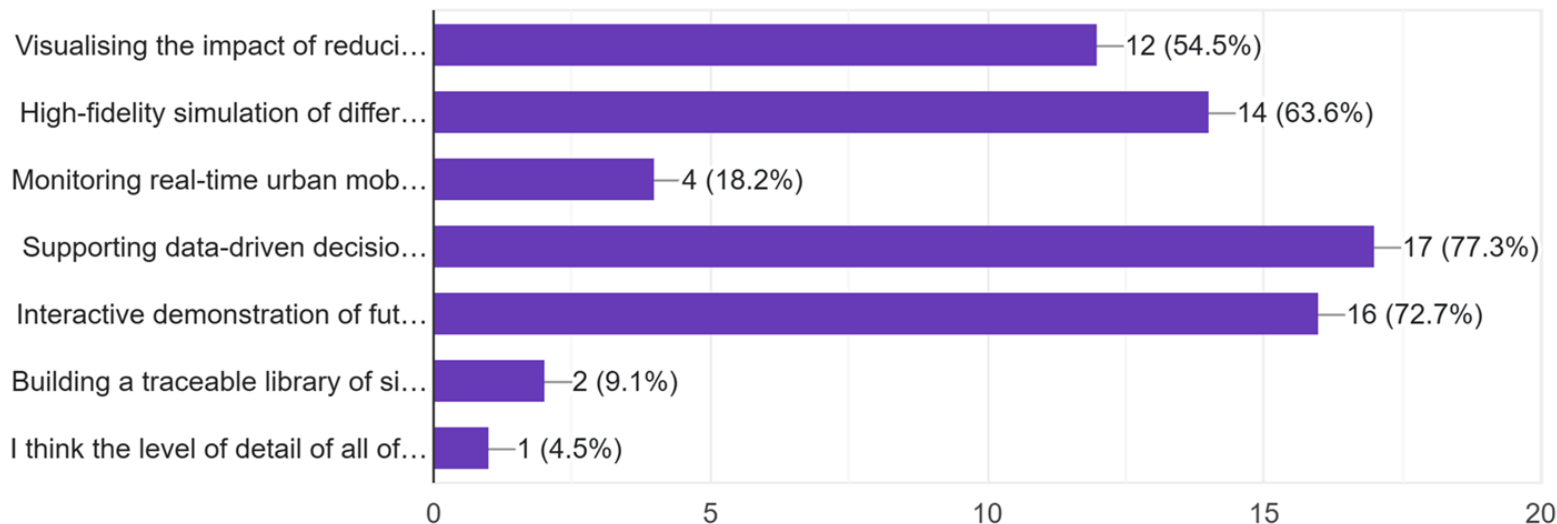
Break



Feedback Session

12. In your opinion, which of the following features are the top 3 most important for using Digital Twin technology to study the impact of car-low cities?

22 responses



Close out and Next Steps By Bart van Arem

Thank you!



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