Pontevedra A city focused on pedestrians

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Pedestrian mobility as a basis for a high urban quality



14 years of intense and uninterrupted drive

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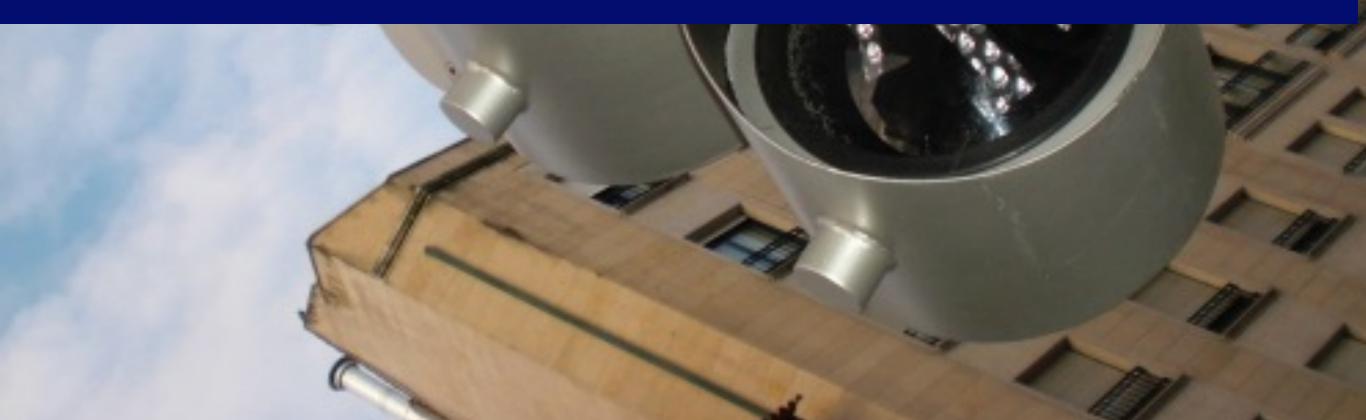
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Sorry for the inconveniences... We are playin' for u!



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Long distance mobility: safety and comfort of infrastructures and means of transport are higher and higher

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Urban areas: the outlook is not that optimistic









Are we well focusing the background problem?



We have to act in the cities we have inherited, giving solutions to our current way of life as well



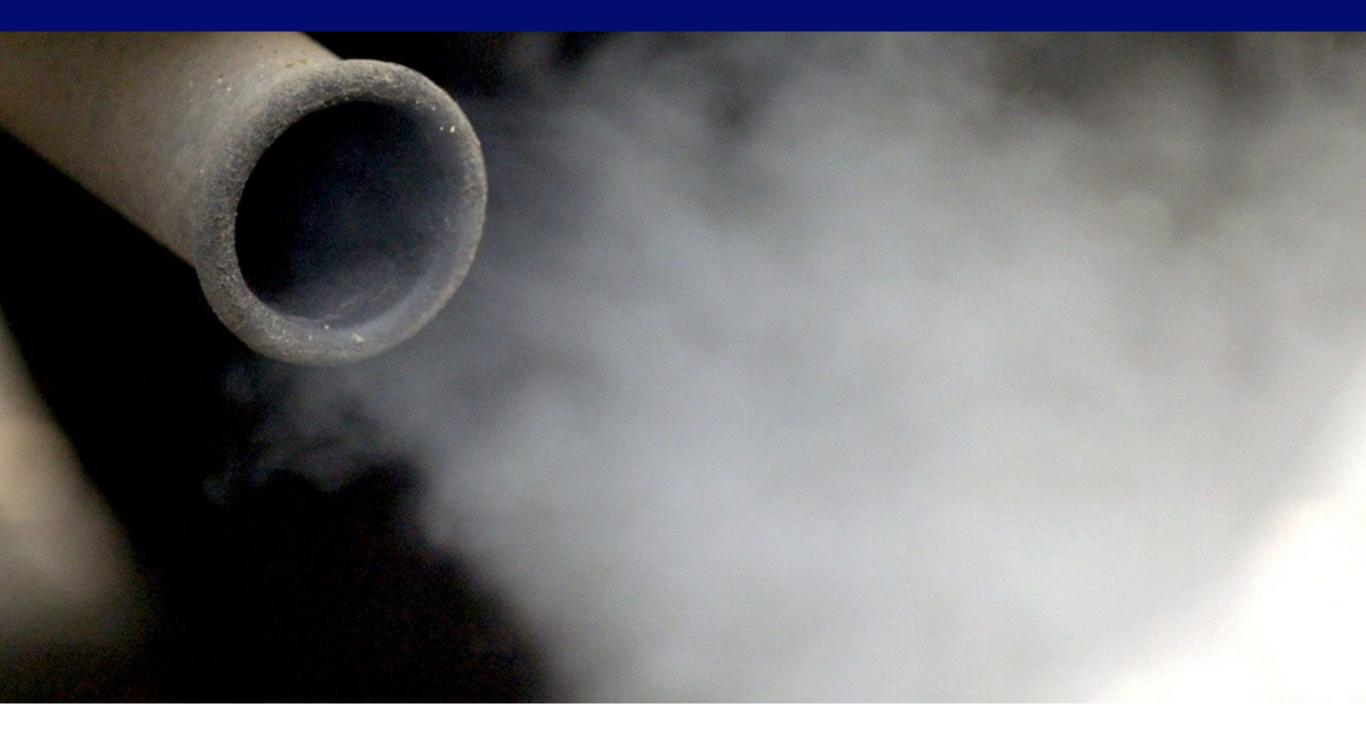




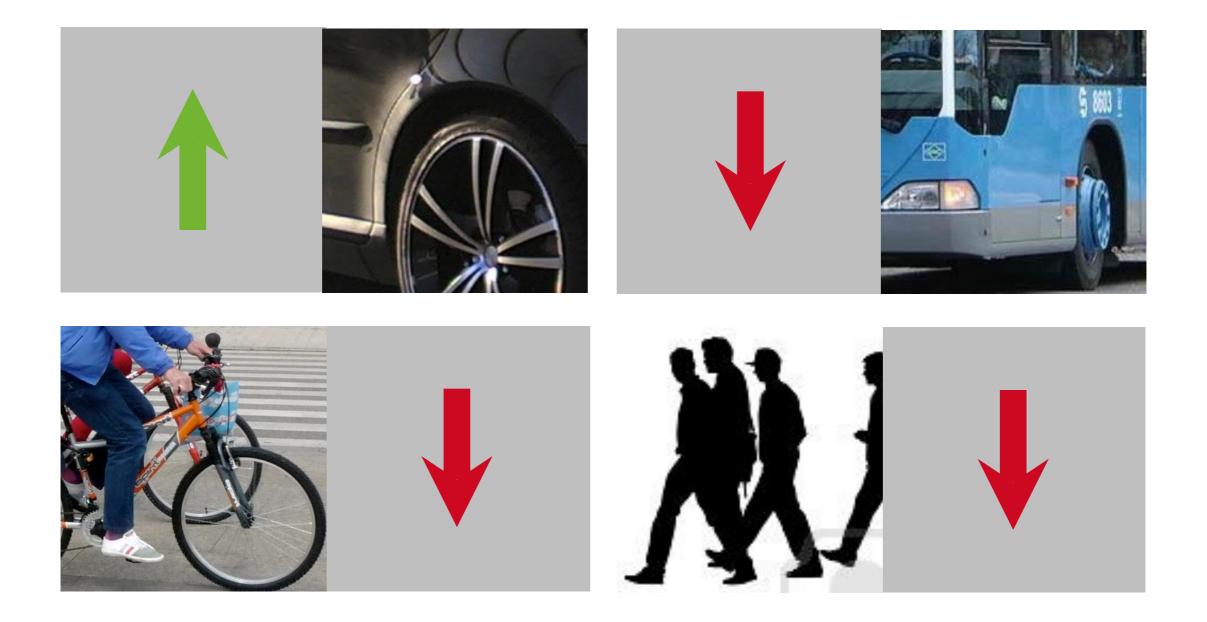
What's the current mobility model? How is it organized?



Motorized mobility vs. natural mobility



The supposed rights acquired by cars: the big unsolved background problem



Individual vehicle crashes other modes of urban mobility



Natural mobility became almost marginal





Pedestrian mobility is the most basic and natural



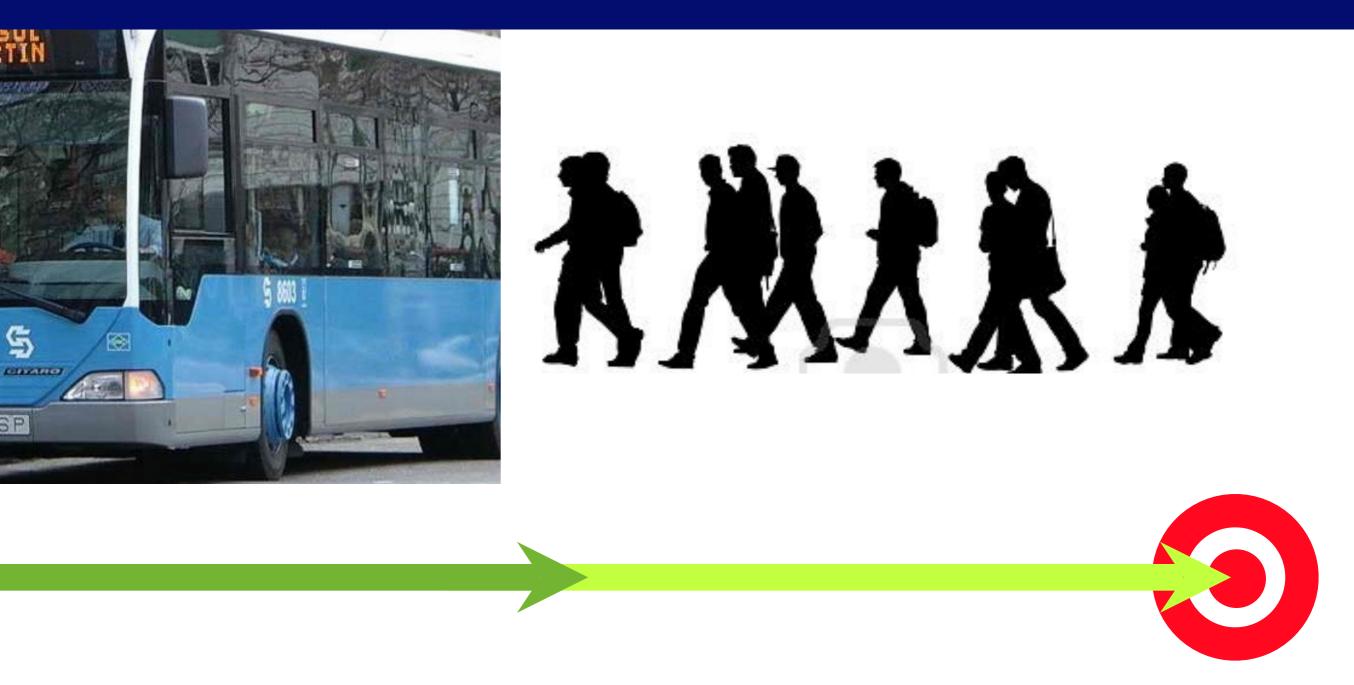
Motorized mobility was a huge advance...

... but its functionality was absolutely invasive

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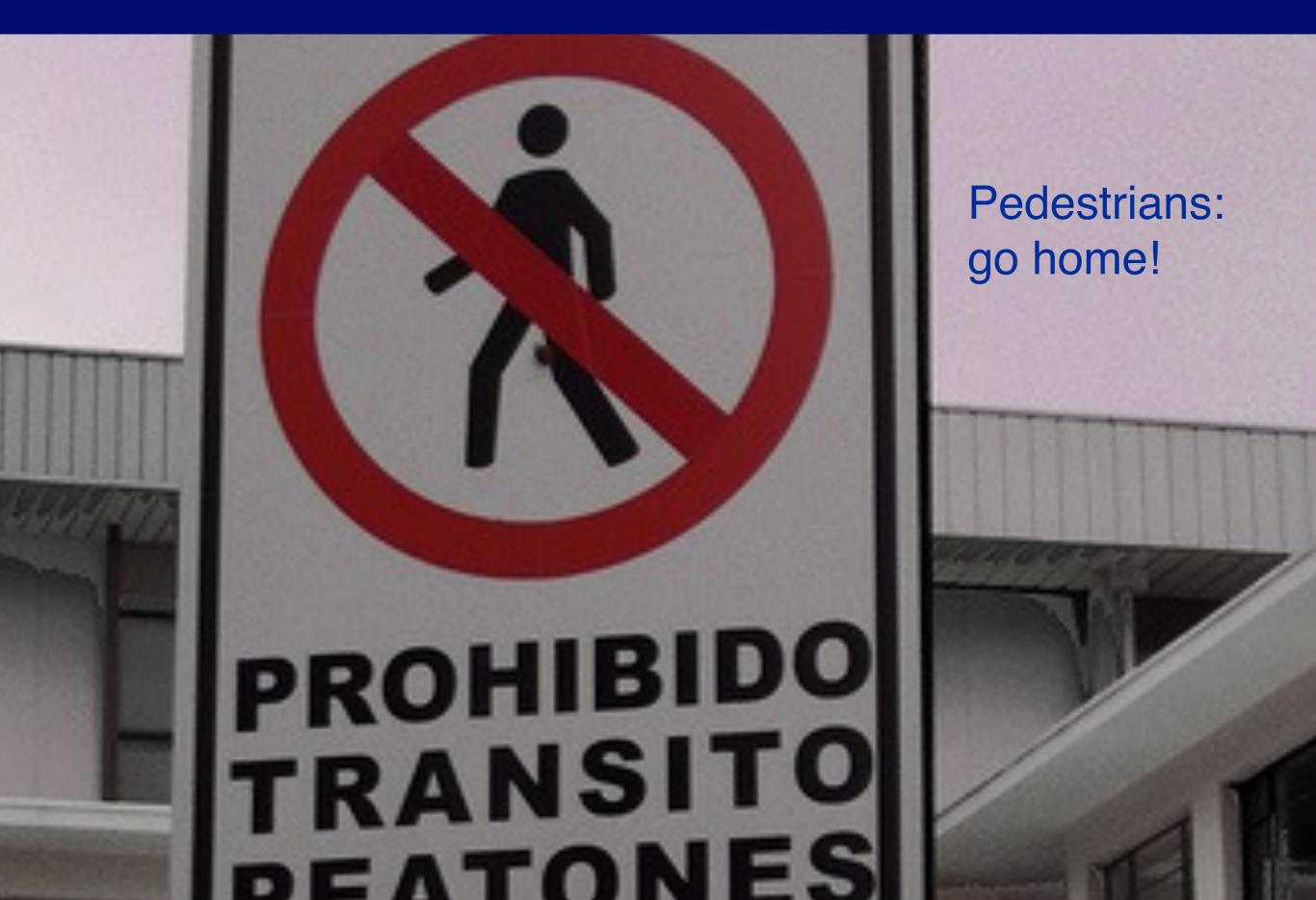
Walking: the healthiest and most natural way to move in an urban environment



And it should play a most important role in intermodality

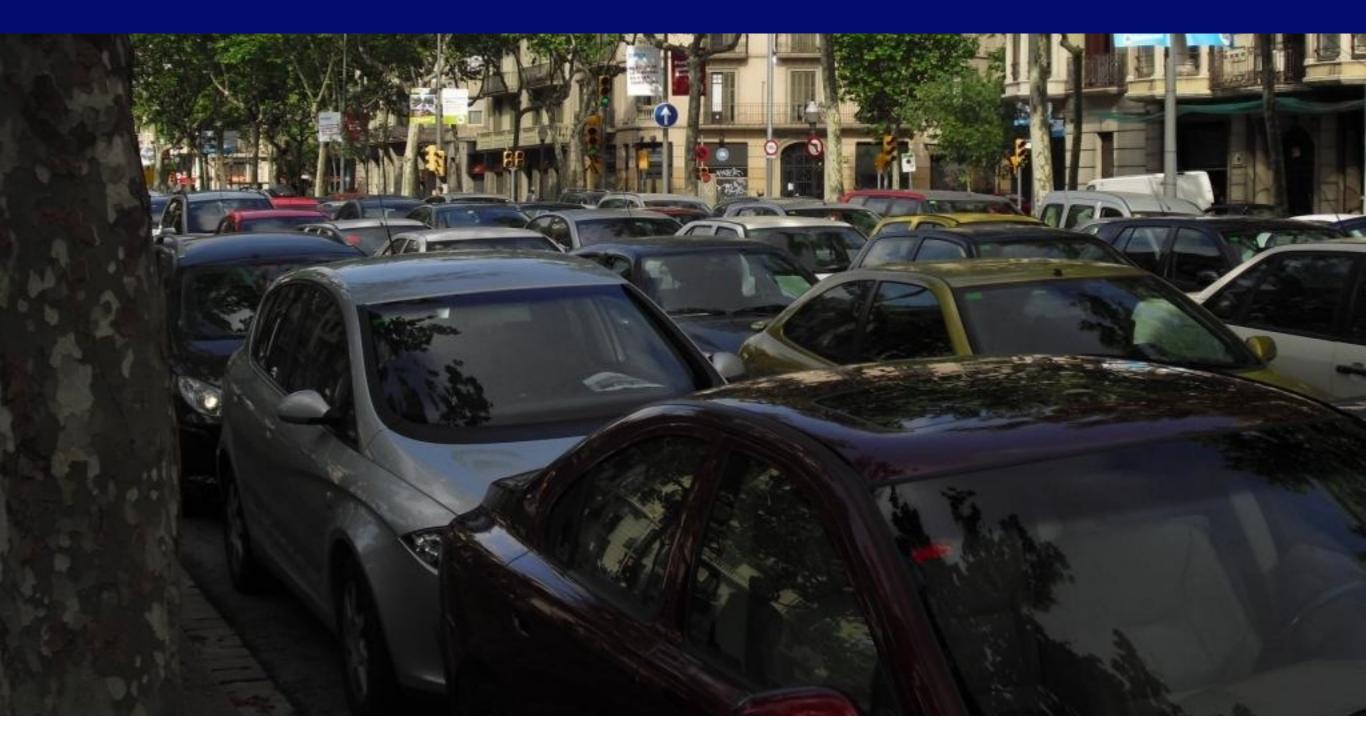








Urban roads became inhospitable and dysfunctional for pedestrians

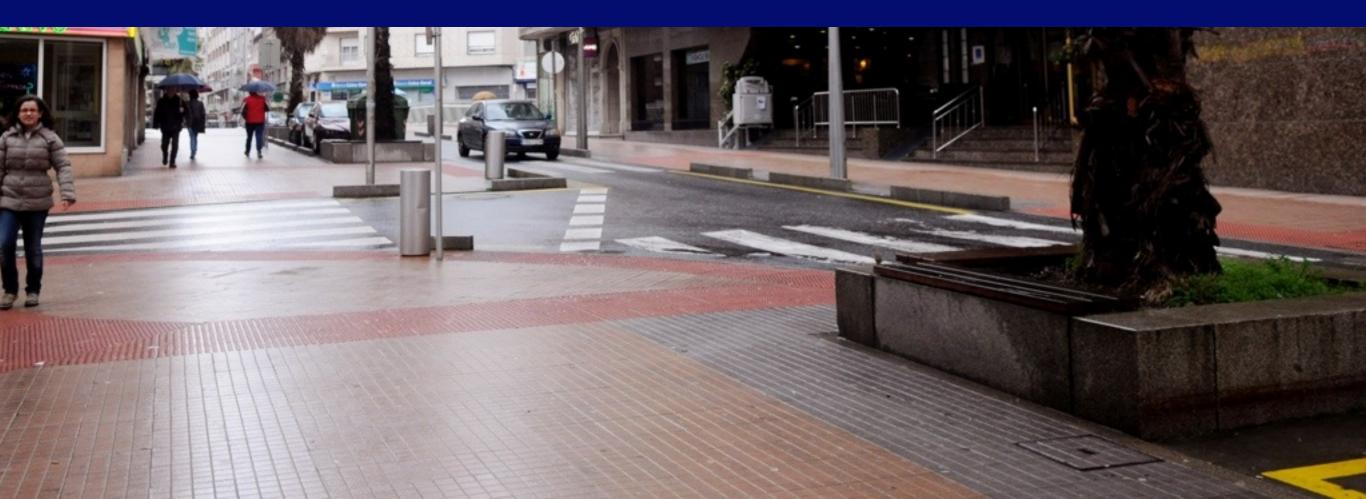


All the priority is granted to individual motorized mobility



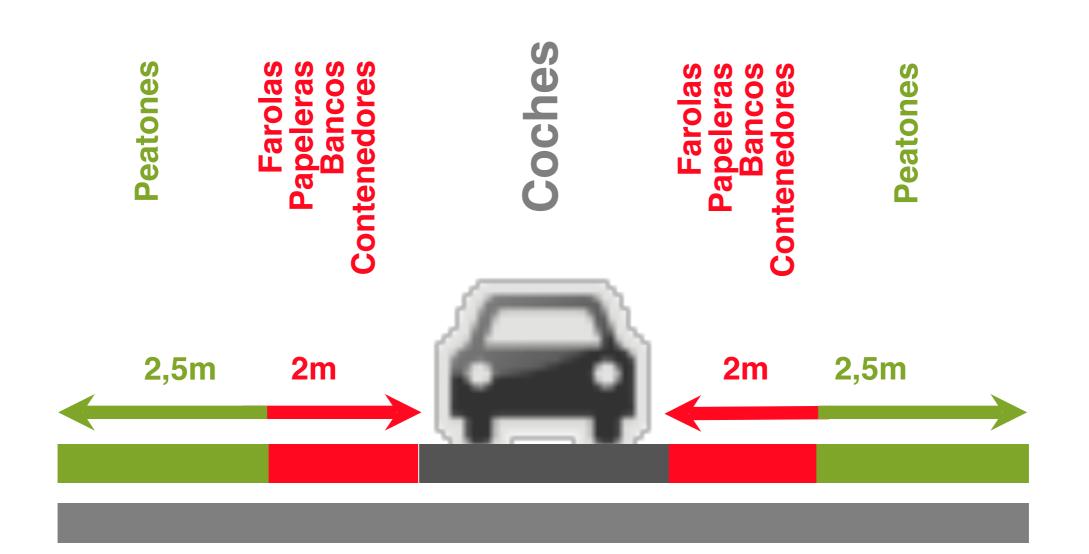
A roadway in bad conditions is always an important public problem





It's time for pedestrians

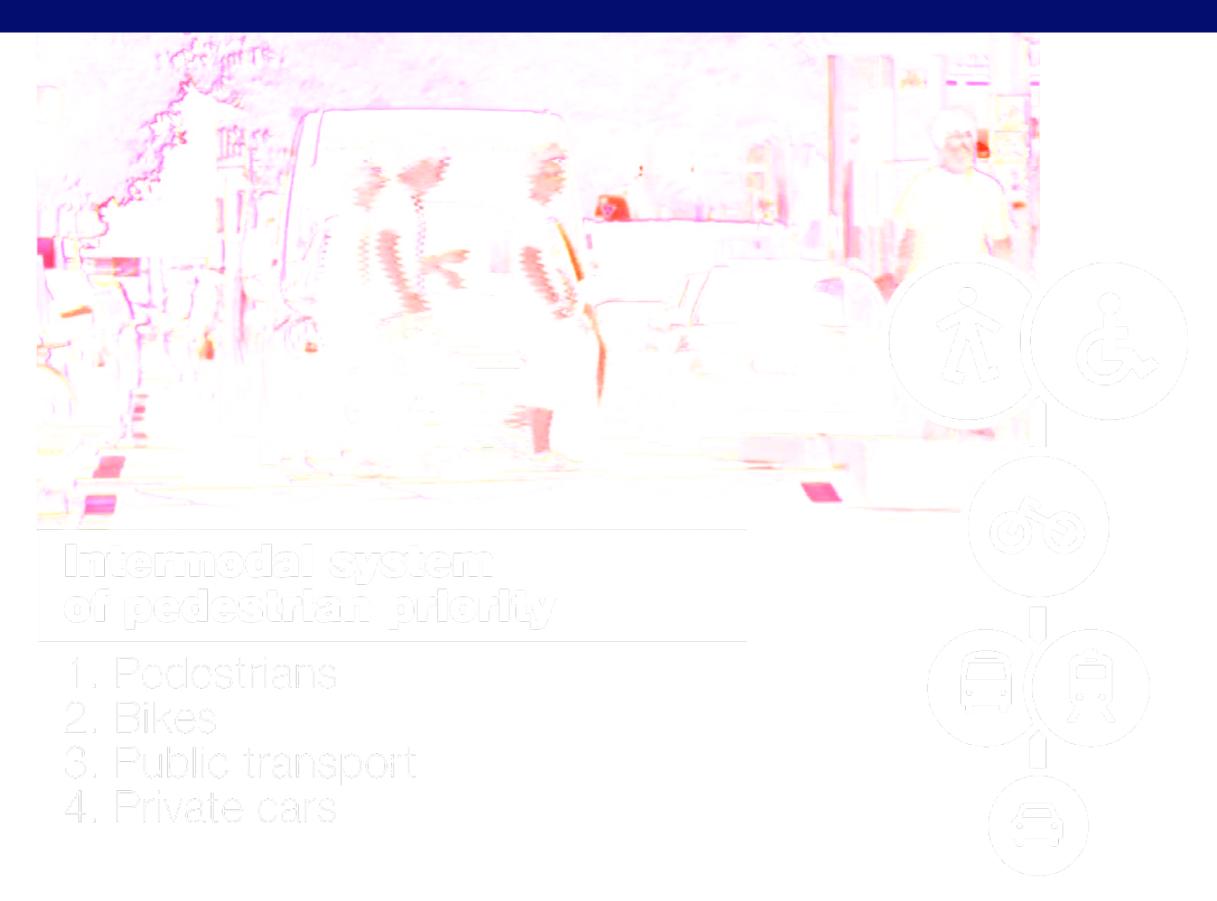
Traffic and pedestrian mobility must receive an equitable treatment in urban roads



There should be at least 2.5 m totally free for pedestrians



Narrower cross-sections: single platform, calmed traffic and preference given to pedestrians

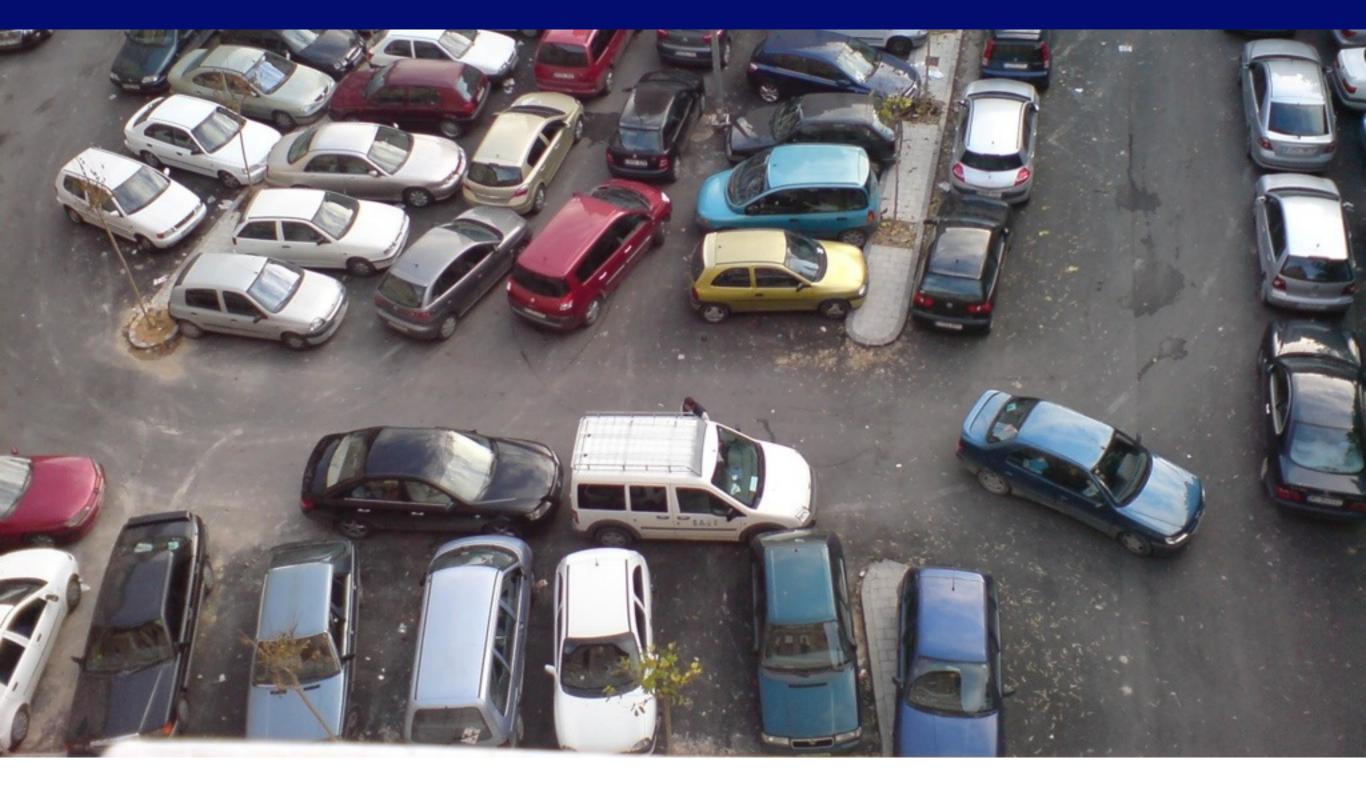




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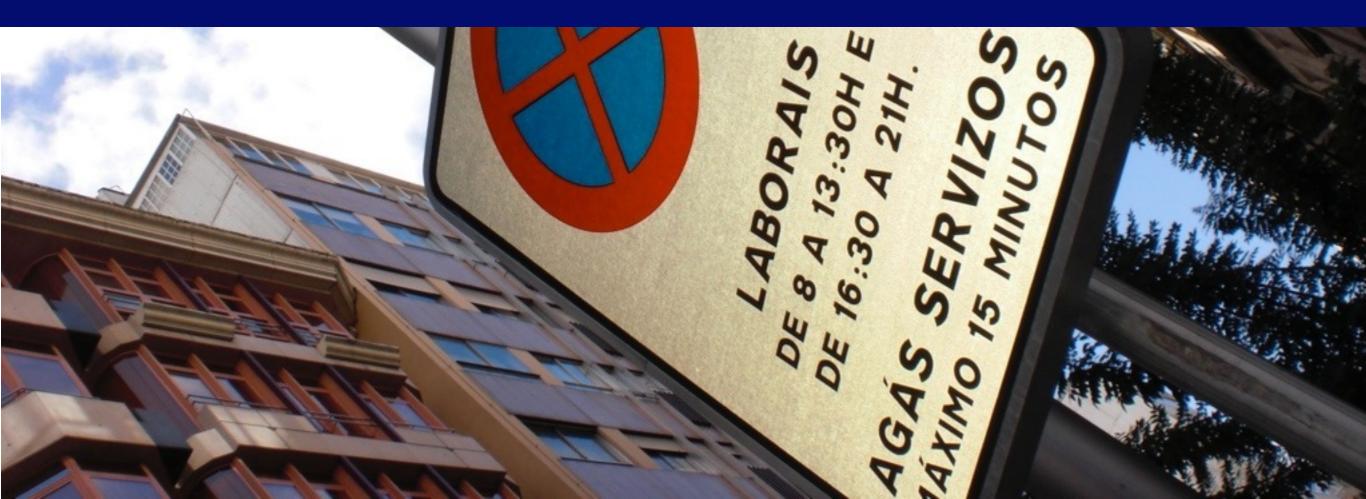
Space is NEVER EVER enough

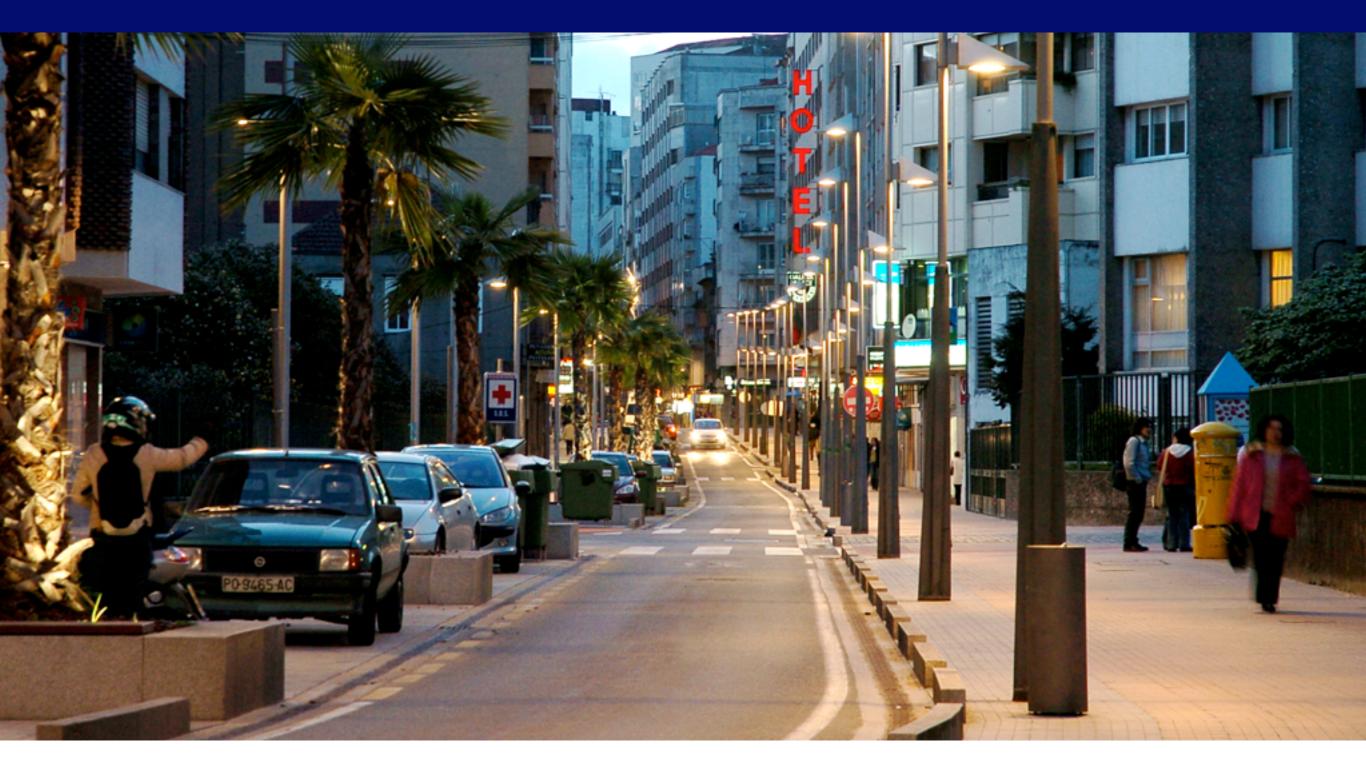
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Parking in the streets or other more interesting uses for urban quality?







Establishing the concept of 'necessity' in an equitable and assumable way



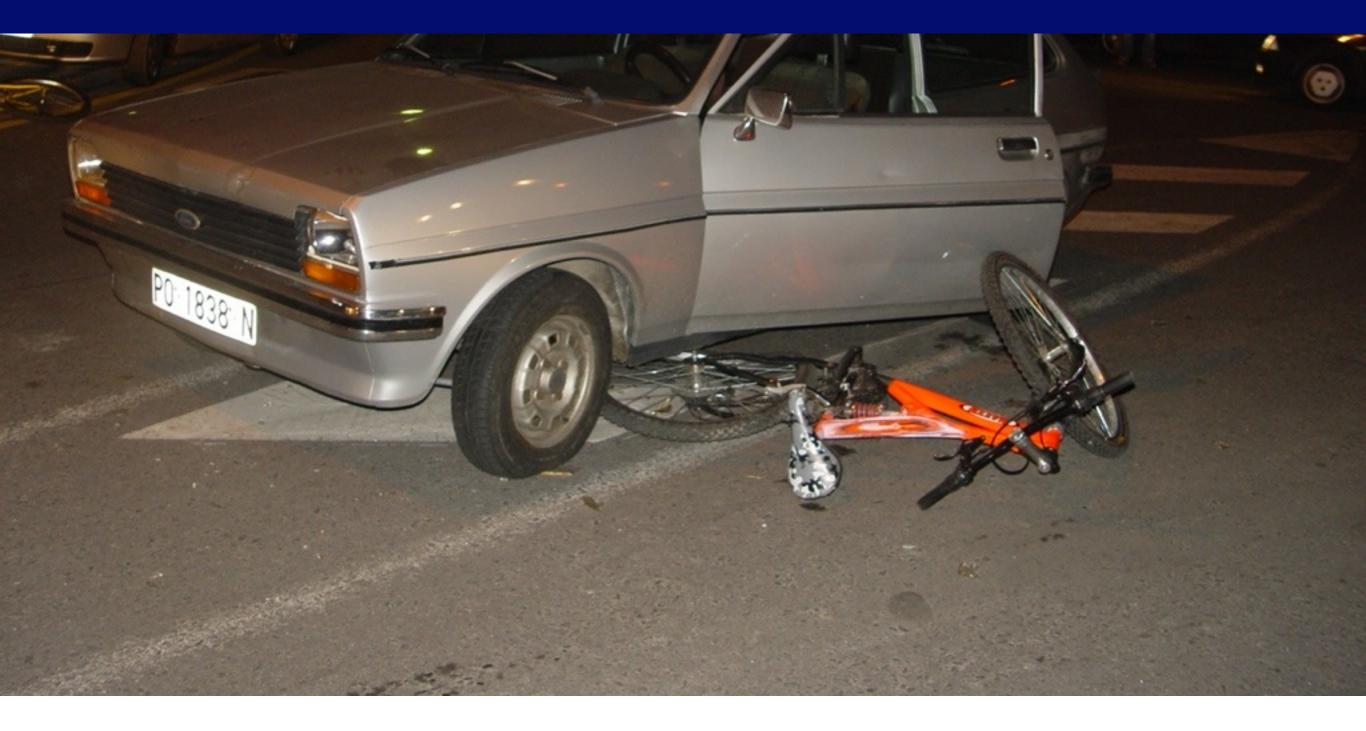
Streets should not be parking lots



A more balanced alternative







Permitting maximum speeds that may cause accidents: tragic consequences

Top speed of 30 km/h seems appropriate





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2010: a local law establishing a maximum speed limit of 30 Km/h citywide

Laws and ordinances are important...

...but effective compliance is even more important



10. Social dynamics



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We walk, but...

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... the motorized individual mode resists losing its prebends in cities





The implementation process has advanced considerably



Urban quality and the quality of pedestrian mobility are high



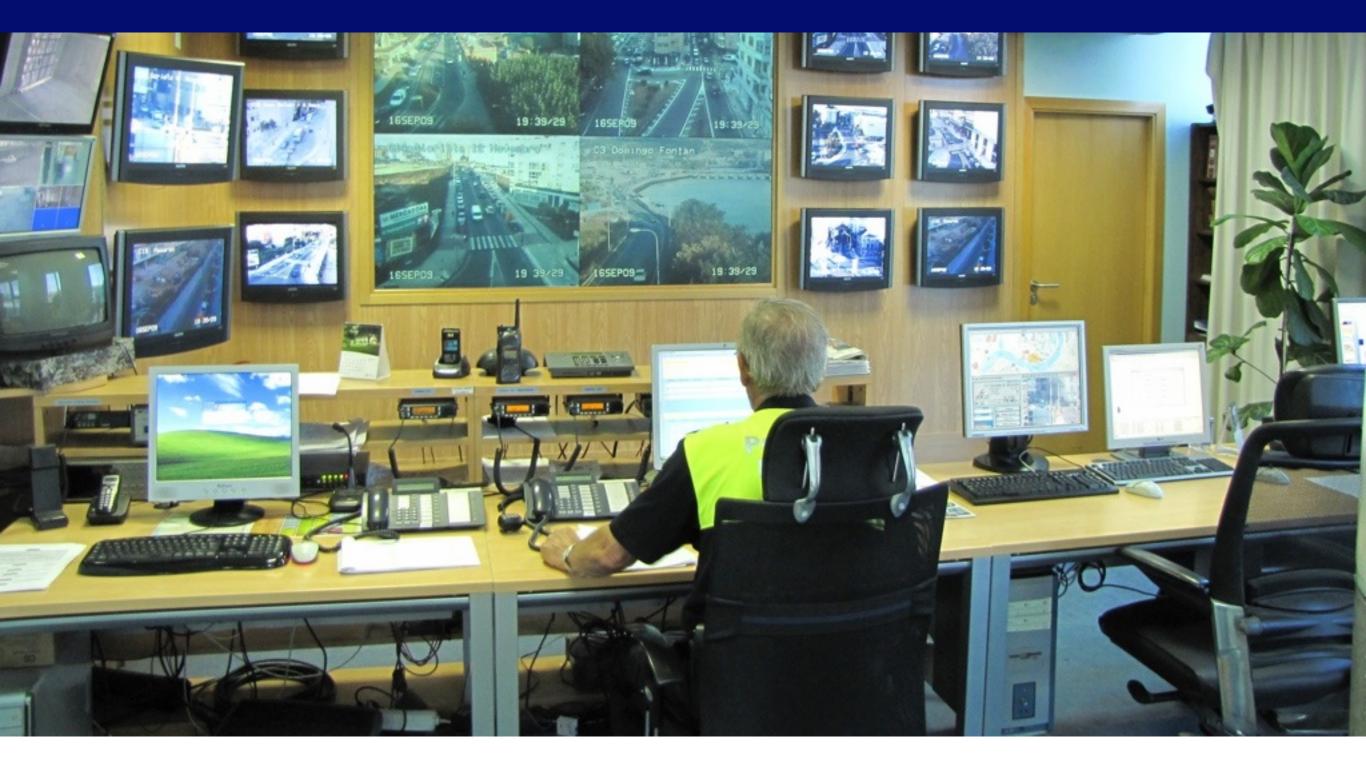
Accident rates are very low: no deaths or serious injuries in transformed areas



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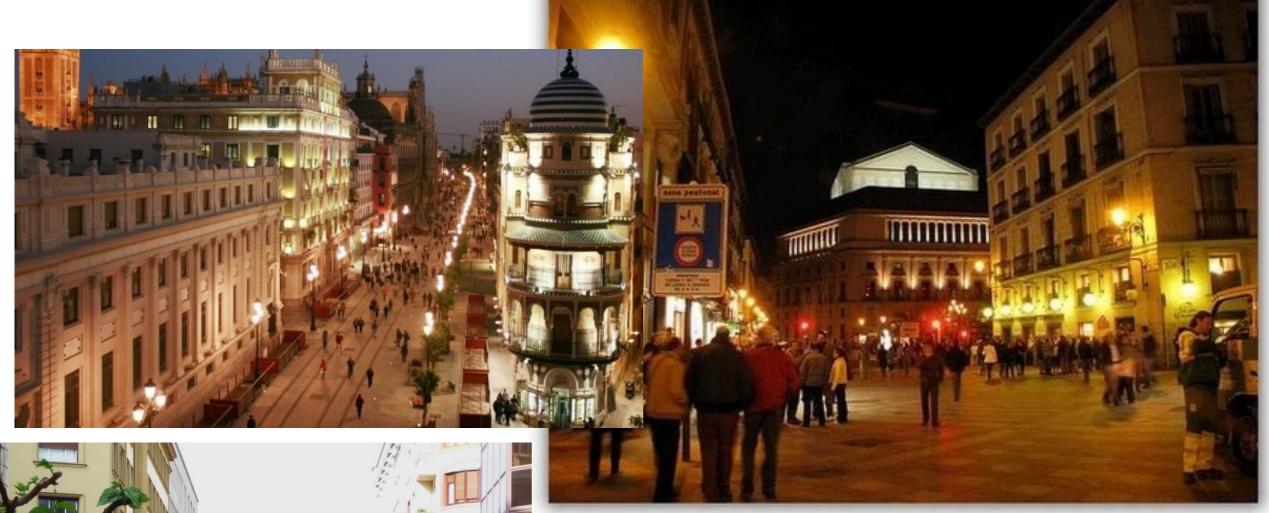


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Prioritizing pedestrian mobility motor traffic intensities become manageable

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Every city has a different size and characteristics but these principles of action can be valid for everyone



What Pontevedra sounds like?



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A really low ambient noise

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Thank you!



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