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workshop 3: development of metropolises

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### Critique

common problems of metropolises

- urban environment – citizens planning and living in a city
- space for youth and children – physical space and accessibility of the city
- mobility – transportation infrastructure

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### 1. Urban environment

citizens planning and living in a city

- Urban planning does not effectively involve citizens and thus cannot meet their needs.
- Inaccessability of important areas of our cities
  - o Increasing privatisation of public space
  - o Insufficient public transport - limits access

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### 1. Urban environment

citizens planning and living in a city

- SLOW DOWN
  - a city without stress
- swimming in the rivers of our cities
  - citizens making use of all redundant parts of the city
- no separation
- meeting the needs of everyone
  - not only adults, the wealthy and the culturally influential
- allowing more crazy architecture

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### 1. Urban environment

citizens planning and living in a city

- more contact between citizens and decision makers
- strategies for reclaiming the redundant parts of the city, e.g. roads and rivers
- architecture which ordinary people can understand
  - drawing the elitest sensibilities of architects closer to the sensibilities of citizens

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### 2. Space for youth and children

physical space and accessibility of the city

- lack of green playing areas for children
- in many countries the city does not provide the possibility of participation for youth
  - o youth is stigmatized in public space
  - o the city doesn't offer locales that are youth-friendly
  - o insufficient social and cultural institutions for youth

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### 2. Space for youth and children

physical space and accessibility of the city

- giving youth ability of voice in the parliament
- youth pension
- a city-centre drawing in youth

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### 2. Space for youth and children

physical space and accessibility of the city

- Requiring private development to devote funds to surrounding public spaces, especially green spaces.
- Diversity is the key to making cities accessible to youth; government support for ethnic and cultural communities will help open them up to youth and the entire city.
- Promote urban culture by relocating institutions, which youth depend upon, into the downtown core.



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### 3. Mobility

Lack of transportation infrastructure

- traffic jams
- too much private traffic
- in many countries public transport is underdeveloped

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### 3. Mobility: Transportation infrastructure

- inner city with no private transportation
  - more public transportation
    - promote programs that encourage group transportation,
      - e.g. company carpools
    - increased system of bike paths
      - covered paths
    - dedicated bike lanes
    - use PTS for the deliver of consumer goods + products

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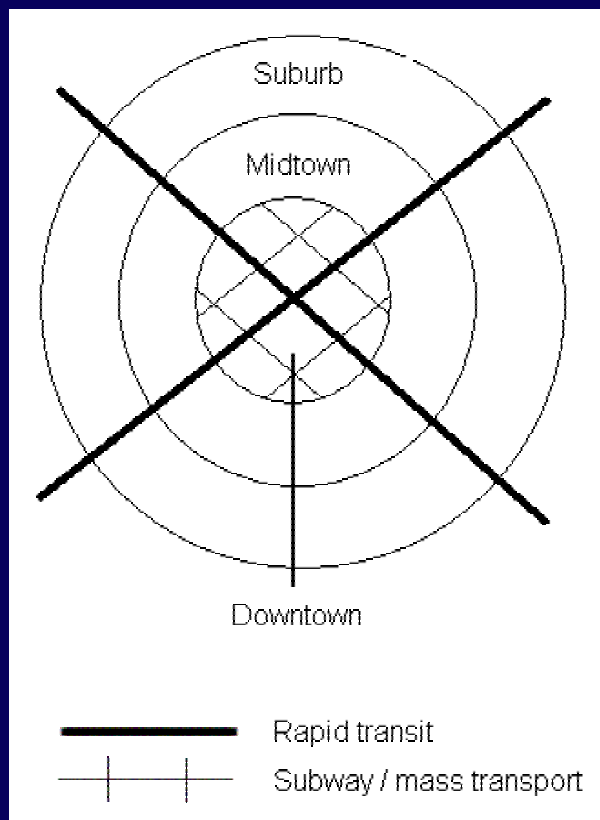
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### 3. Mobility: Transportation infrastructure

For public transport system:

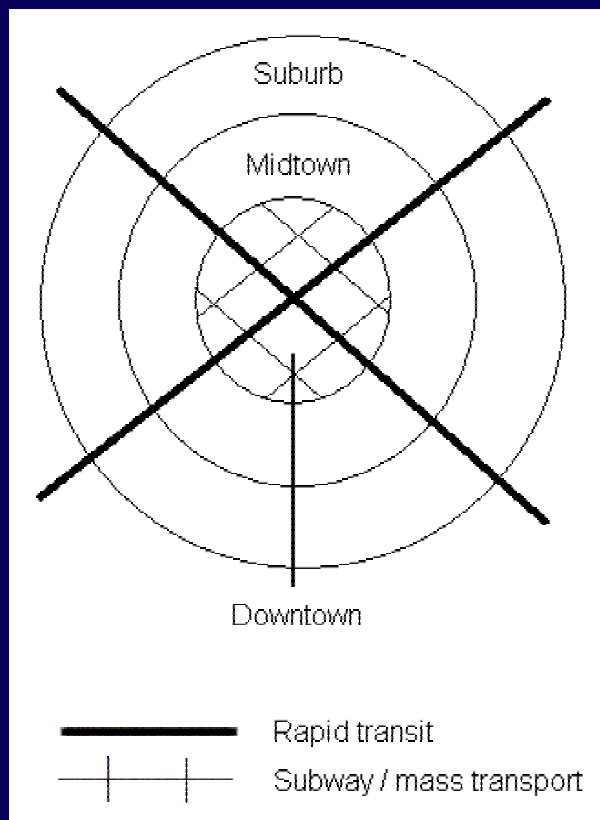
- 24h/day + very frequent
- should cover entire downtown
- saves space (smaller roads + no parking)
- clean + safe
- fast + reliable
- affordable (for people and state)
- With promote programs that encourage group transportation, e.g. company busses

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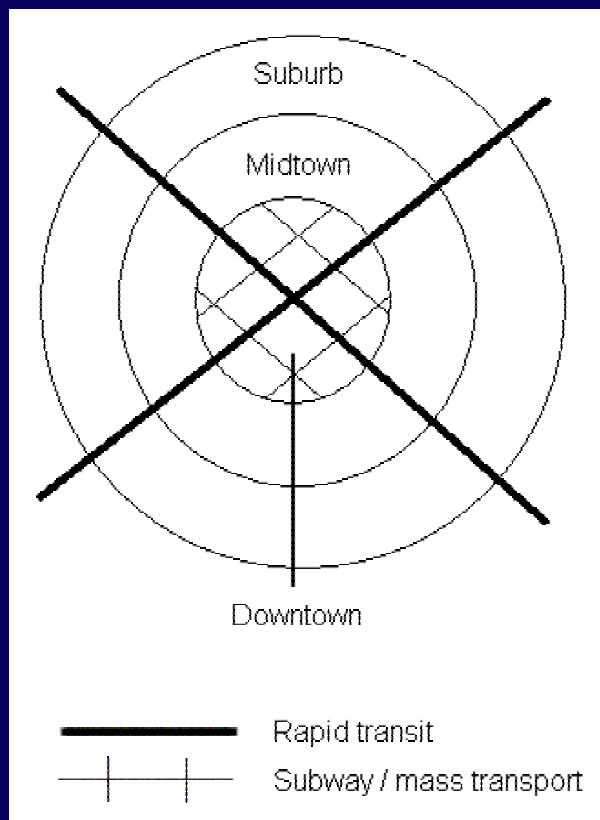
- Major means of transportation:  
Mass transportation
- Other encouraged means:  
Walking ; Bikes ;
- Discouraged means:  
Cars; taxis

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- **Downtown:**  
mainly subways; car free  
Limited company busses allowed;
- **Midtown and suburb:**  
mainly subways and busses;  
cars allowed

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- Connections between downtown, midtown and suburbs:
  - Rapid transit
  - Car parks
  - Busses and rapid transits.

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### Reality of Transportation & infrastructure : Role model ----- Berlin

#### Advantages:

1. Convenient
2. Running 24 hours

#### Disadvantages:

1. Too expensive
2. Rich people who have cars won't use the system.

#### Conclusion: **Youth must participate in cities, socially and politically.**

- Our ideas and contributions may be unrealistic or even naïve, but one has to try to shoot past the mark to hit it.

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