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# Brainstorm the following topics.

- What types of areas/zones does urban environment have?
- Put example pictures that represent those types of areas in urban environment.
- Indicate people activities, possible expectations from public services and behavior they may have.

# Unit 4 Concept of Transport and Urban Space

## Topic

- Public transport and mass transit and its influence on urban physical environment
- The concepts of site and situation
- Public transport and urban forms
- How transport- related urban zones are divided?
- Urban space consumption
- Economics induced from public transport or mass transit

# Objectives

Students should be able to:

- Explain how public transport development shapes urban space development.
- Discuss impacts of public transport development on society.
- Explain the concepts of site and situation.
- Indicate transport- related urban zones categories
- Discuss potential urban space consumption and implication in tourism.
- Discuss problems and limitation of public transportation.

# Public Transport and Mass Transit



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# What is public transport?

Shared passenger transport service which is available for use by the general public

Most public transport runs to a scheduled timetable with the most frequent services.



The operation management of public transport includes the management of:

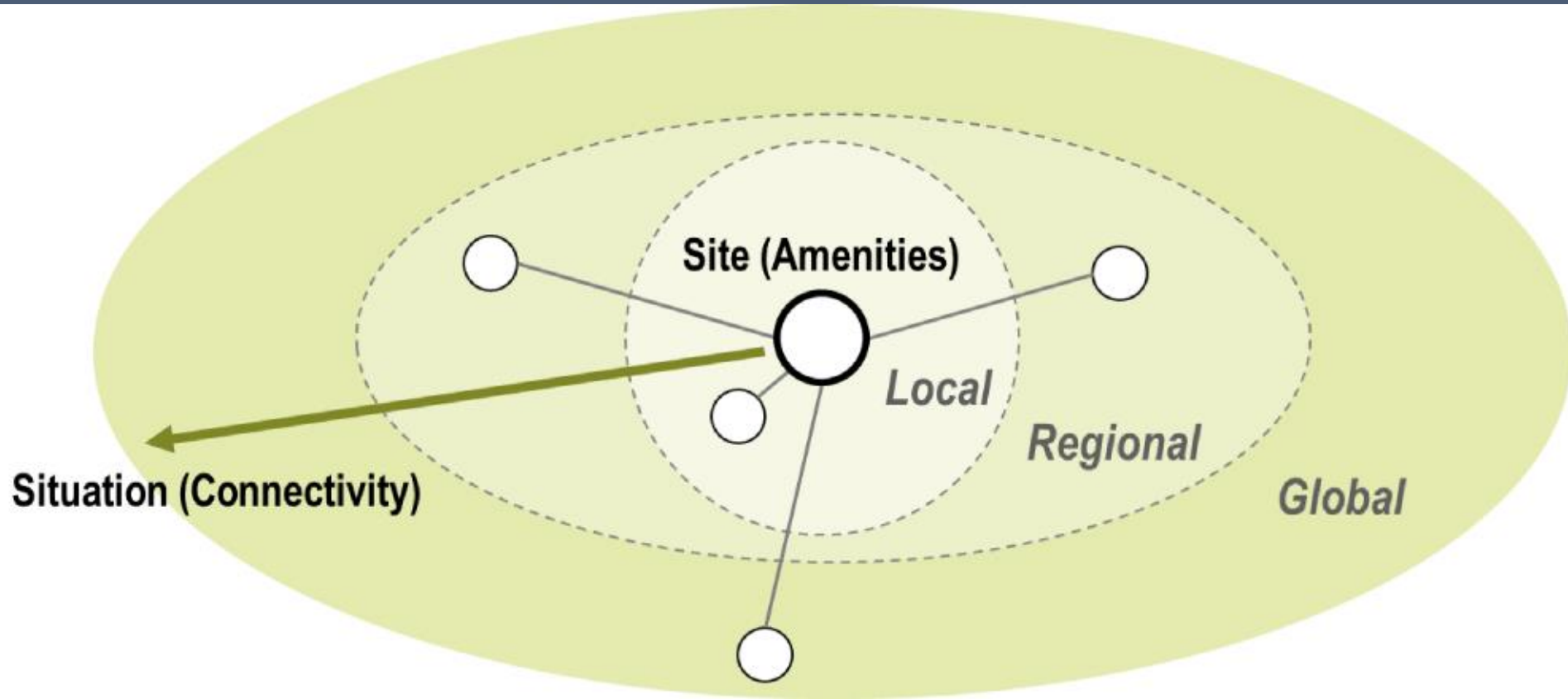
- Infrastructure
- Interchanges
- Timetables
- Financing (fare and ticketing, revenue, profit and subsidies)
- Safety and security
- Impacts (environment, land use social, economic)
- Regulations (food and drink, smoking, noise, banned items, other regulations, sleeping).

# **Public Transport and Its Influence on Urban Physical Environment**

# The Concepts of Site and Situation

The concepts of site and situation are fundamental to geography and transportation.

## Two Core Dimensions




What is site concept?



The site is mostly related to the attributes of a location, which mainly fall within physical, infrastructure and economic characteristics. They are usually amenities that make a location attractive to specific activities (e.g. commercial, residential, manufacturing).

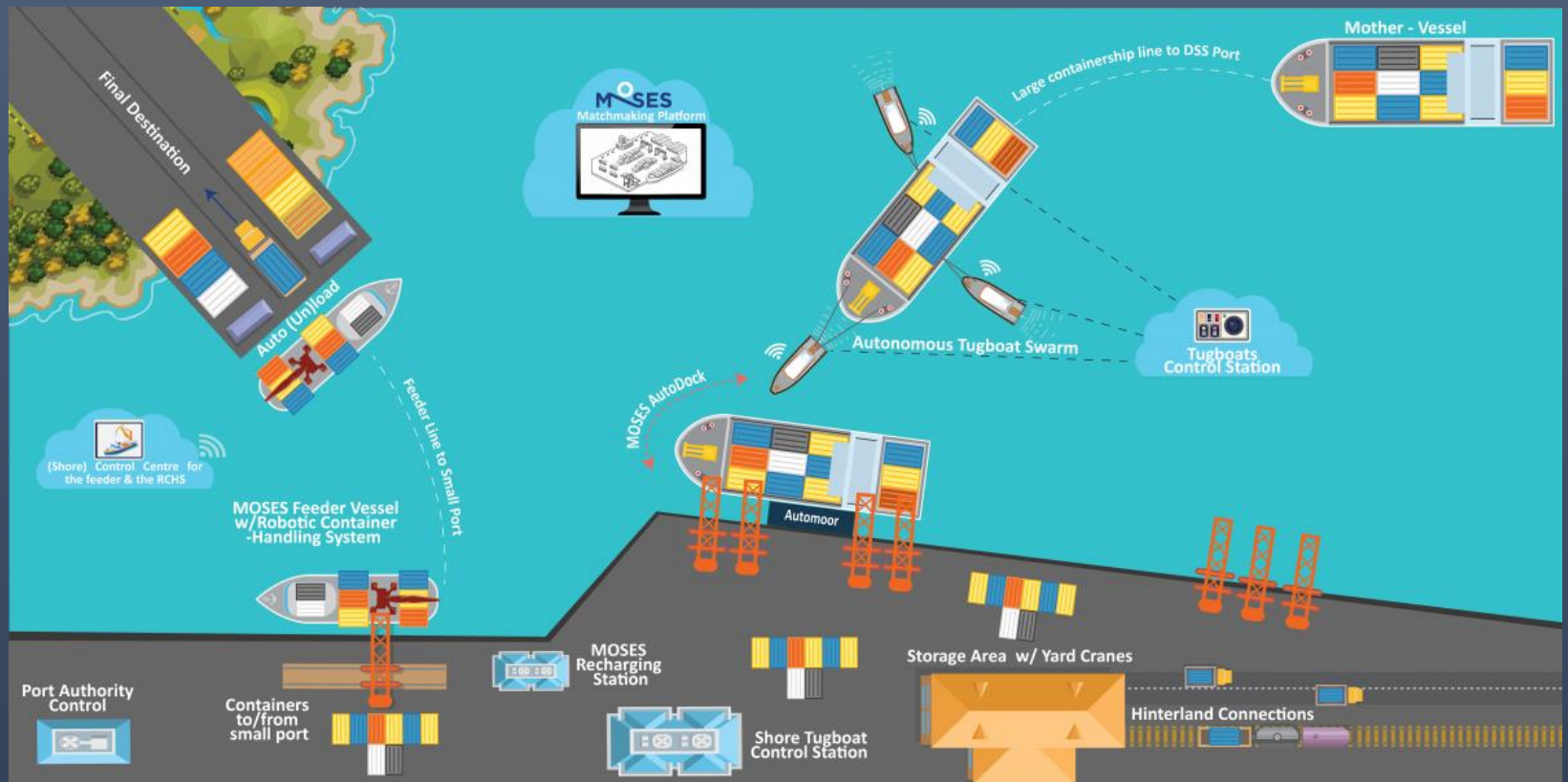
What is situation concept?



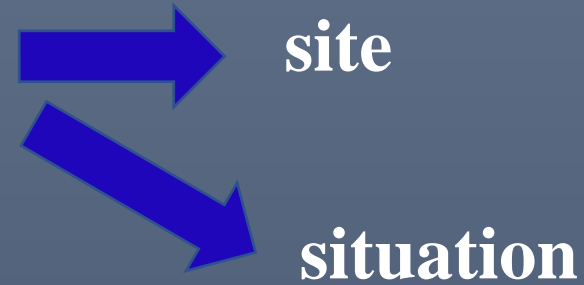
The situation is related to the relationships with other locations at the local, regional or global scale. It reflects the connectivity of a location to other locations.

# For instance

A port site relates to attribute such as the suitability of its harbor. In contrast, a port situation relates to its connectivity with its foreland (other ports) and hinterland (the inland market it serves).



**Space and Transportation**



The development of a location reflects the cumulative relationships between transport infrastructure, economic activities and the built- environment.

# Transport- related factors that shape urban environment

**Costs:** The spatial distribution of activities is related to factors of distance, namely its friction. Locational decisions are taken to minimize costs, often related to transportation.

**Accessibility:** All locations have a level of accessibility, but some are more accessible than others. Thus, because of transportation, some locations are perceived as more valuable than others.

**Agglomeration:** There is a tendency for activities to agglomerate to take advantage of the value of specific locations. The more valuable a location, the more likely agglomeration will take place. The organization of activities is essentially hierarchical, resulting from the relationships between agglomeration and accessibility at the local, regional, and global levels.

*Let's think what may be the supporting factors to decide to build a public transport in particular areas in urban zone/ city.*

*Go to Padlet.*



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*Let's think what may be the constraints or limitations not to build public transport in particular areas in urban zone/ city.*

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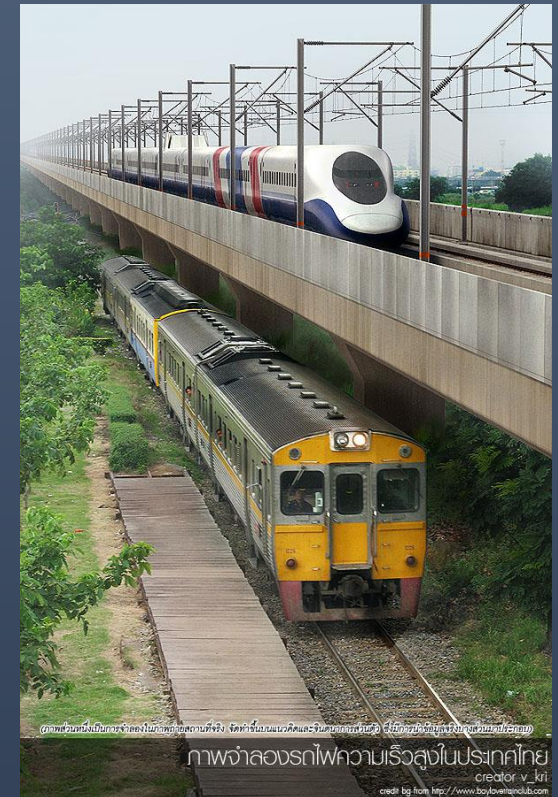
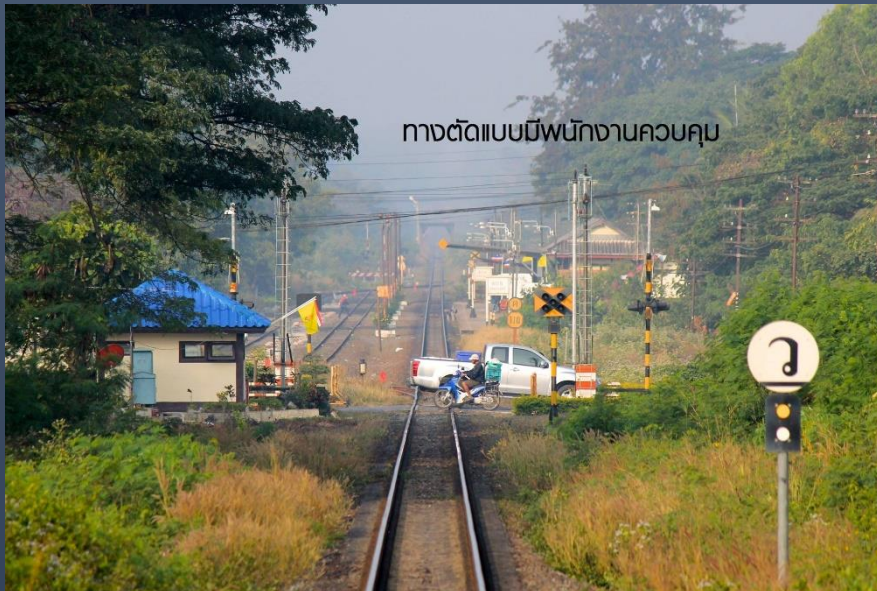
## *Physical attributes:*

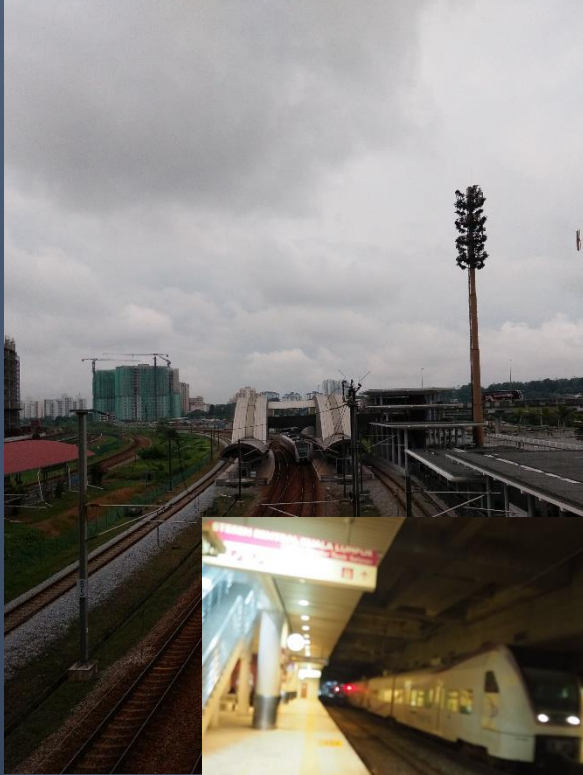
Some natural conditions have very difficult constraint, especially for land transportation. It is therefore not surprising to find that most networks still are those along the easiest (least cost) paths, such as valleys and plains (rather than mountains and islands).



## *Historical considerations:*

Old patterns of transportation infrastructure have influence on nowadays development of transport infrastructure. In many areas, new transportation modes and carrying units cannot replace the old one, due to the fact that changing costs too high cost.





Using the case of Bangkok, even though it is called a metropolis, it is still facing with a limitation of spaces, that affect its less capability to expand the number of roads for very high traffic today (18 million commutes/ridership per day).

Only 10% of the whole space in Bangkok is for road transport, comparing to Tokyo having 23% and New York 38%. This affects Bangkok become a metropolis that has a lower standard of being a metropolis with convenient travel.

# Bangkok



# Tokyo

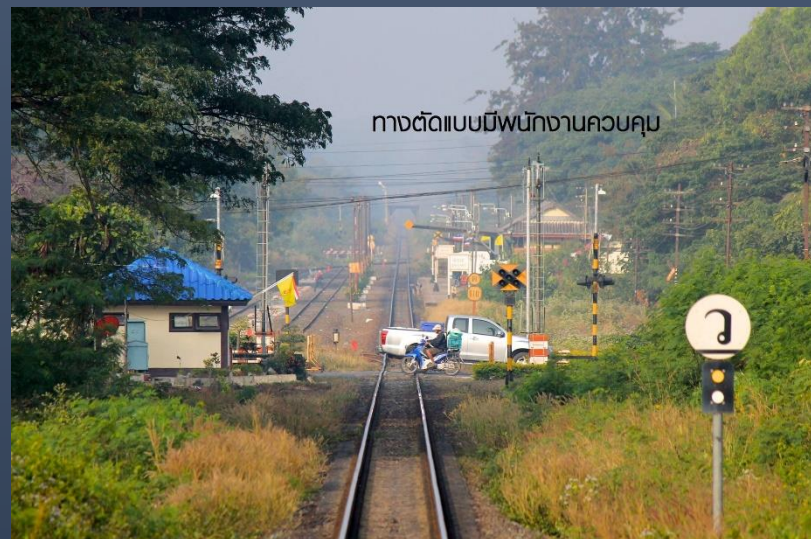


# New York





Most travelers use private car and many others also have a high level of need for car ownership, *whereas public transport (i.e. bus) and personal vehicles are still operated on the same lanes, and mass transit with rail system occupies only 3% of all transport modes in Bangkok* due to the fact that the network is not completed yet and the problem of integrated planning (no integrated transport planning at the beginning)s













SU JOINT VENTURE

บริษัท สวี จำกัด

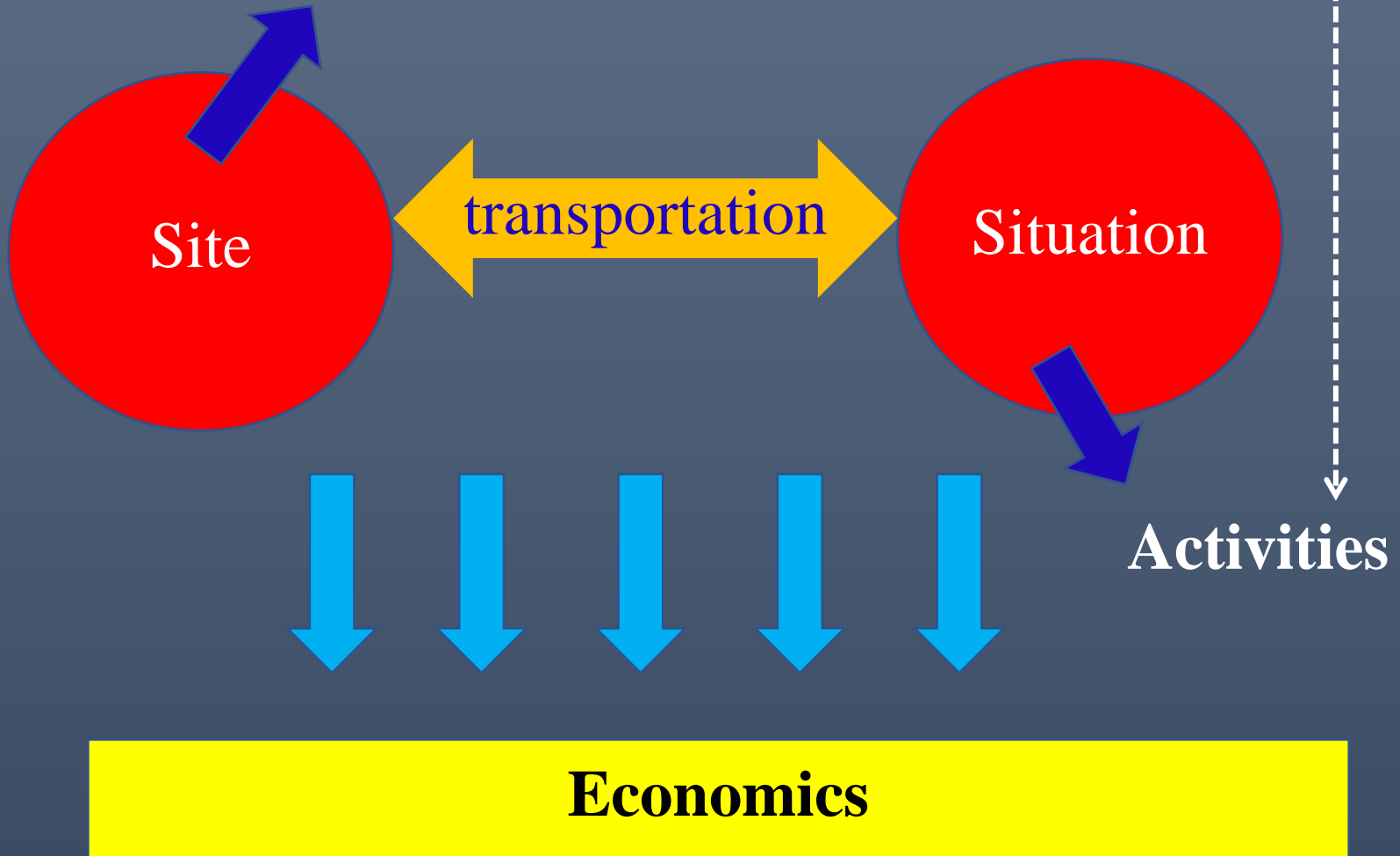
*Good public transport*  
*Effective / productive land use*  
*Higher spread of economics*  
*impact*

**VS**

*Bad public transport*  
*Ineffective / not productive land use*  
*Less spread of economics impact*

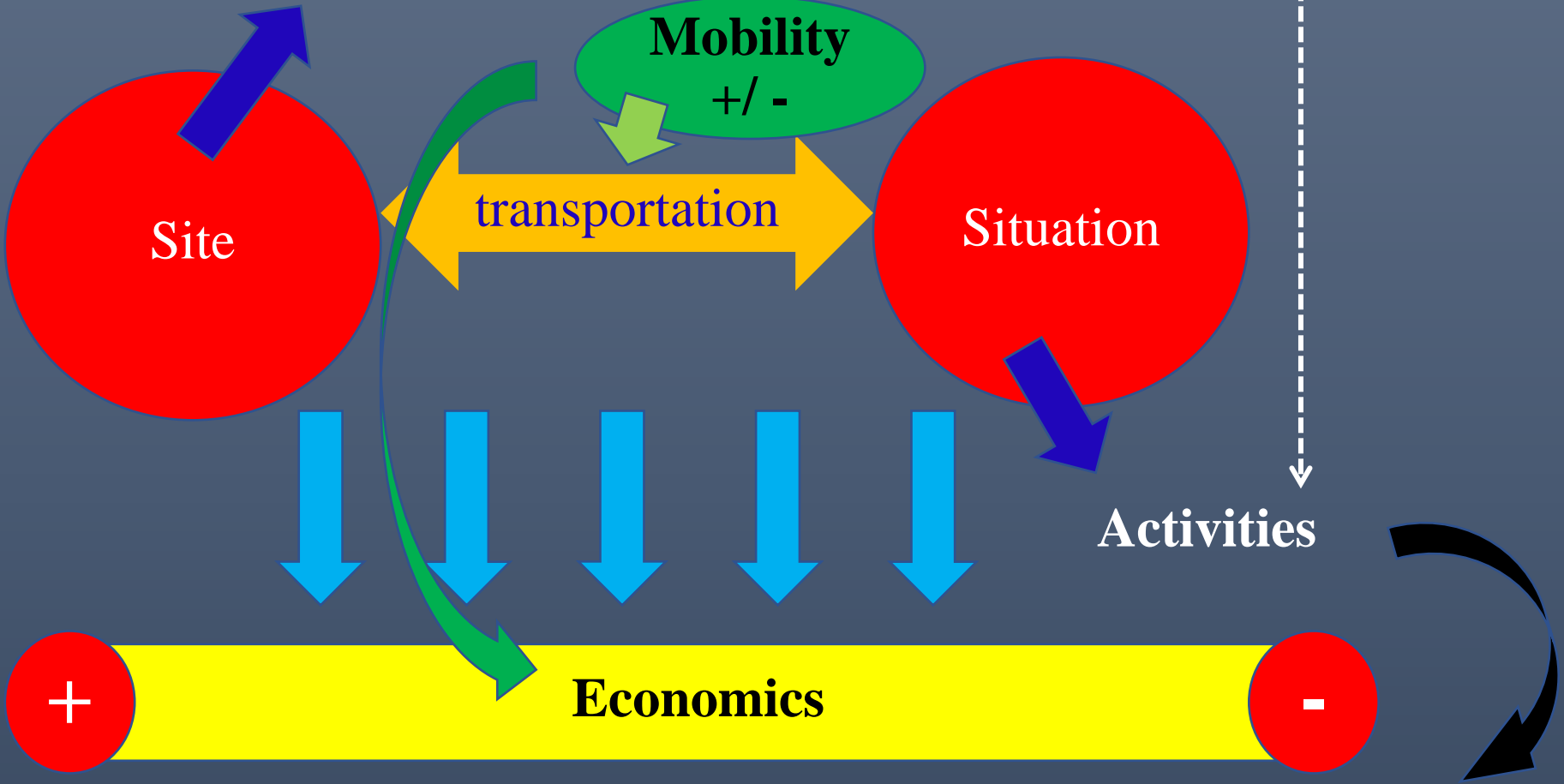
*Good public transport will allow the creation of centers around the transport hubs, serving passengers' daily commercial needs and public services.*

**Built- environment**





**Built- environment**



Passengers

Freight

# Public Transport and Urban Forms

# Global Urbanization

- Urbanization has been one of the dominant economic and social changes of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, especially in the developing world. After the industrial revolution, a network of large cities started to emerge in the most economically advanced parts of the world.
- Since 1950, the world's urban population has more than doubled and there has been a growing size of cities and the increasing proportion of the urbanized population.
- By 2050, 70% of the global population could be urbanized, representing 6.4 billion urban residents. Cities also dominate the national economic output as they account for the bulk of the production, distribution, and consumption.



Urbanization is the transition from a rural to an urban society. Statistically, urbanization reflects an increasing proportion of the population living in settlements defined as urban, primarily through net rural to urban migration. The level of urbanization is the percentage of the total population living in towns and cities, while urbanization is the rate at which it grows.

(UNFPA, 2007).

Global urbanization is the outcome of three main demographic trends.

Natural  
Increase

Rural to  
Urban  
Migrations

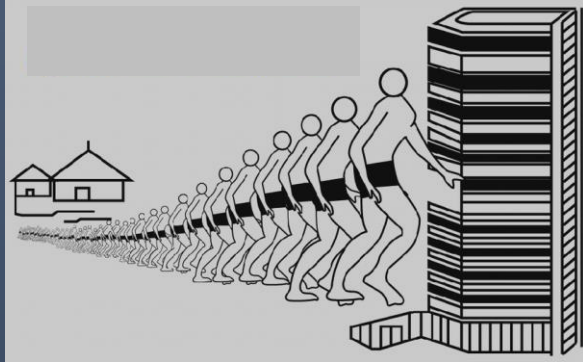
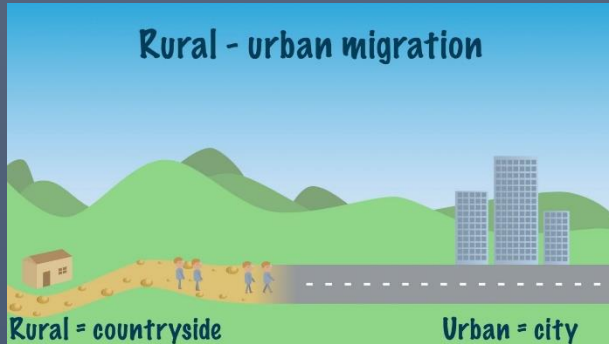
International  
Migration

## Natural Increase

The outcome of more births than deaths in urban areas, a direct function of the fertility rate as well as the quality of healthcare systems (lower mortality rates, particularly for infants).



## Rural to Urban Migrations



This has been a strong urbanization factor, particularly in the developing world, where migration accounted for between 40 and 60% of urban growth. Migration endured since the beginning of the industrial revolution in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It first took place massively in the developed world in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and then in the developing world since the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The factors behind rural to urban migrations may involve the expectation to find employment, improved agricultural productivity, which frees rural labor or even political and environmental problems where populations are constrained to leave the countryside.

# International Migration

The growth in international migration has been an important factor in the urbanization of major gateway cities, such as Los Angeles, Miami, New York, London, and Paris, as well as gradually in cities of smaller sizes.





Through urbanization, fundamental changes in the socio-economic environment of human activities have been observed.

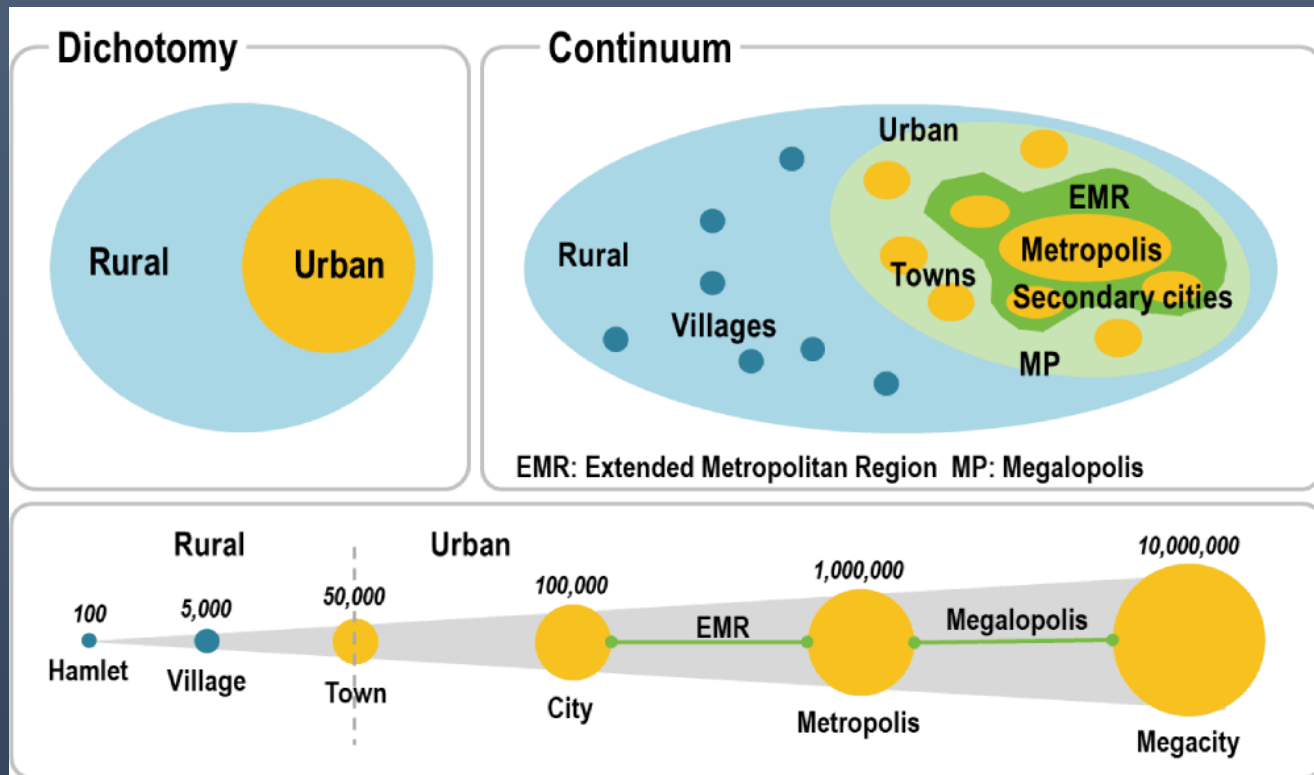
What drives urbanization is a complex mix of economic, demographic, and technological factors.

The growth in GDP per capita is a dominant driver of urbanization, but this is supported by developments in transportation systems.

Urbanization involves new forms of employment, economic activity, and lifestyle.



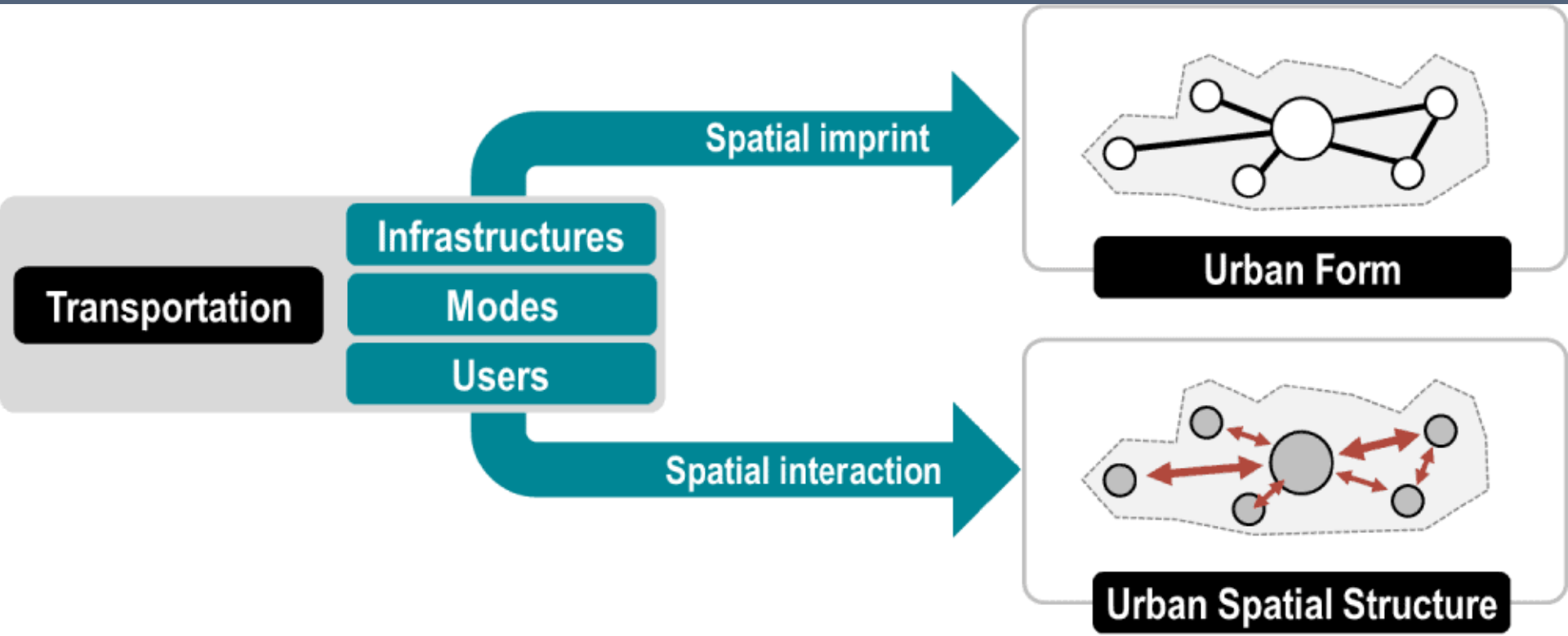
Urban mobility problems have increased proportionally, and in some cases, exponentially, with urbanization. This is associated with two outcomes. First is the emergence of a network of megacities that account for the most salient urban mobility challenges. Second, mobility demands tend to be concentrated over specific urban areas, such as central business districts.



# The Urban Form

Urbanization has been shaped by transport infrastructures, such as roads, transit systems, or even walkways. Consequently, there is a wide variety of urban forms, spatial structures, and associated urban transportation systems.

**\*\*Another word of “urban form” is “spatial imprint”.**



Considering transport developments, the urban spatial structure (urban space structure) can be categorized by its level of centralization and clustering:

**Centralization:** Refers to the locational setting of activities in relation to the whole urban area. A centralized city has a significant share of its activities within a defined center, while a decentralized city does not. Large employers such as financial institutions are the main drivers of centralization.

**Clustering:** Refers to the locational setting of activities in relation to a specific part of the urban area. A cluster of activities is, therefore, a concentration around a specific focal point, which tends to be transport infrastructures such as a highway interchange, a transit terminal, or a smaller town that has been absorbed by the expansion of the metropolis.

**Centralized**



**A**

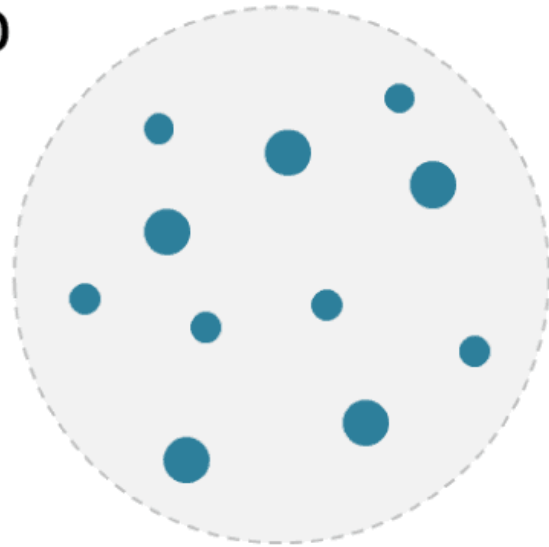


**B**

**Decentralized**



**C**



**D**

**Clustered**

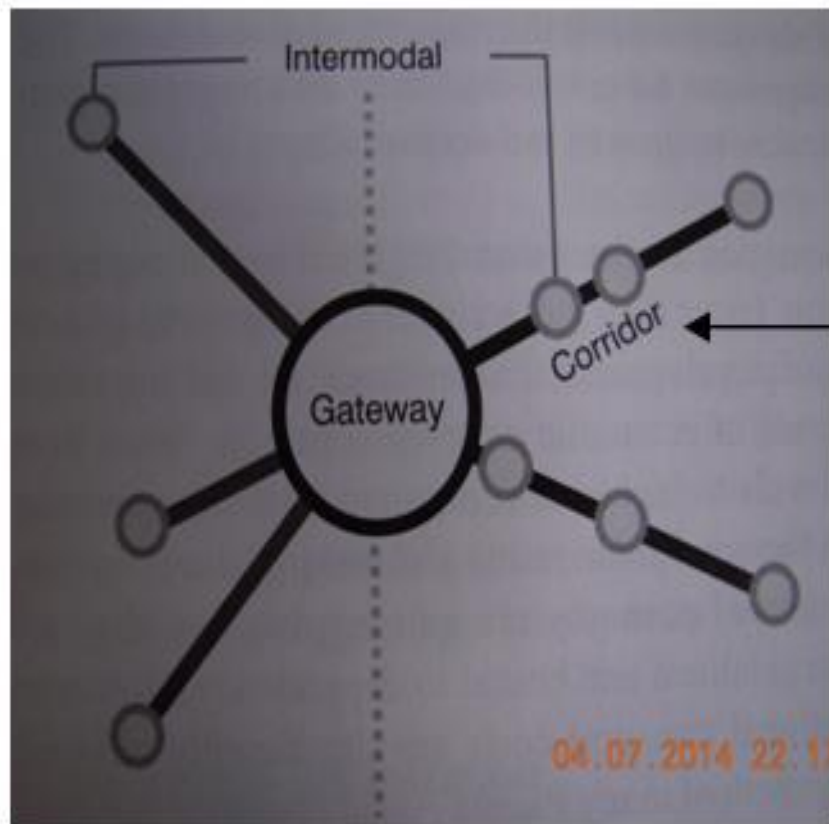
**Dispersed**

The urban form and its spatial structure are shaped by two structural elements:

**Nodes (urban nodes):** Urban areas where the transport infrastructure such as ports including passenger terminals, airports, railway stations, logistic platforms and freight terminals located in and around an urban area, is connected with other parts of that infrastructure and with the infrastructure for regional and local traffic. There are concentrated activities in the nodes. Terminals, such as ports, train stations, railyards, and airports, are important nodes around which activities agglomerate at the local or regional level. Nodes have a hierarchy related to their importance and contribution to urban functions, with high order nodes such as management and retailing and lower order nodes such as production and distribution.

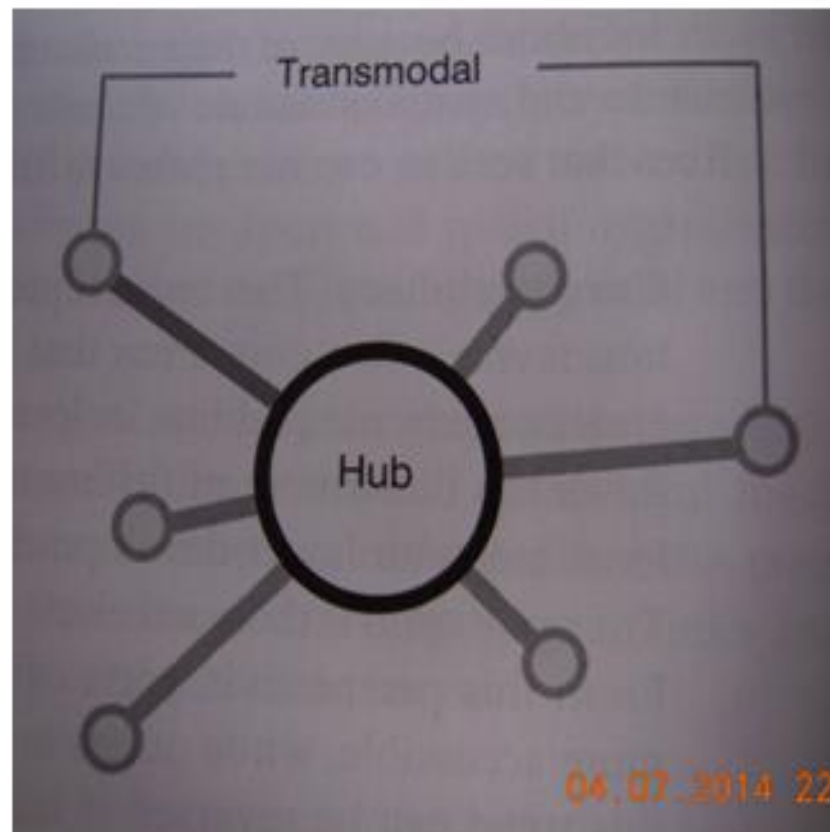
**Linkages (urban linkages):** These are the infrastructures supporting mobility from, to, and between nodes. The lowest level of linkages includes streets. There is a hierarchy of linkages moving up to regional roads and railways and international connections by air and maritime transport systems.

Performing an intermodal function  
(between modes)



Transport corridors are commonly linking gateways to the hinterland.

Performing an transmodal function  
(within a mode)





Urban nodes and linkages provide for functional connectivity, implying interdependent urban functions related to trade, management, and production.

### Production and Distribution

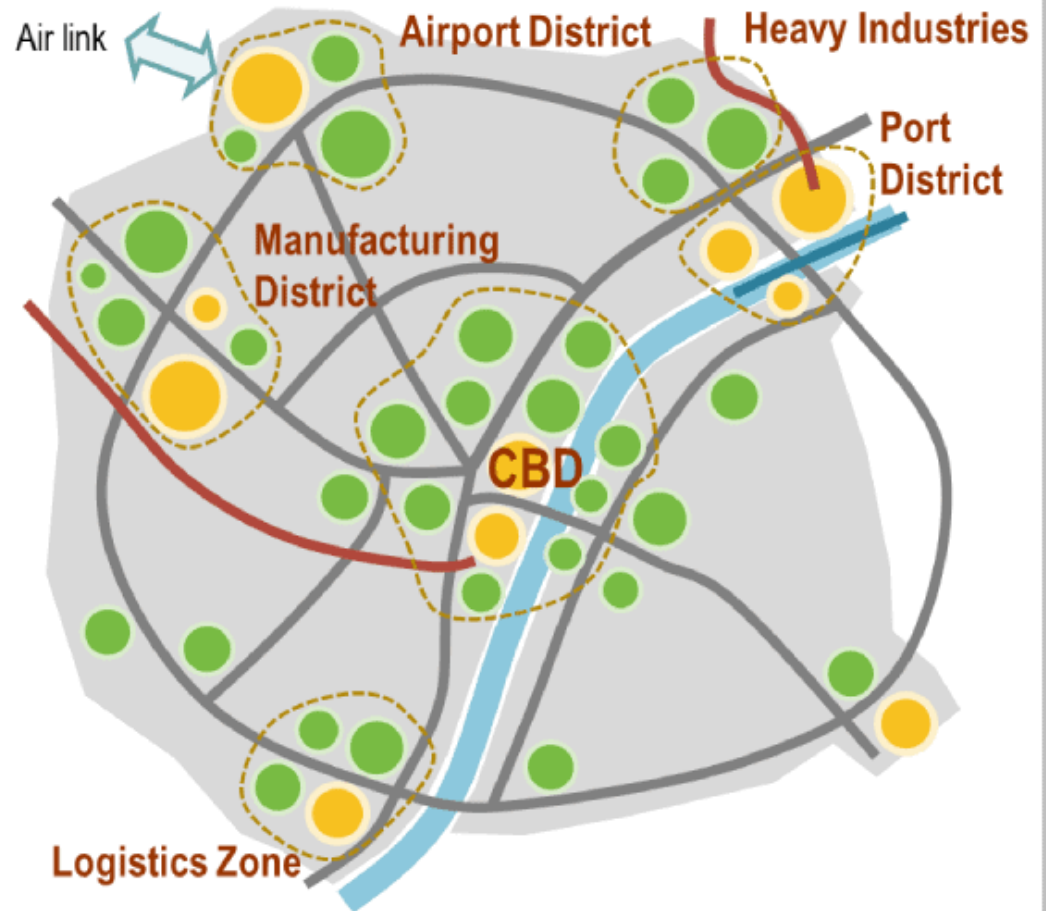
Port districts.  
Heavy industries.  
Railyards.  
Manufacturing clusters.  
Distribution clusters.

### Mobility and Accessibility

Central / transit stations.  
Shopping districts.  
Airport districts.

### Transactions

Financial / management districts.





### Global

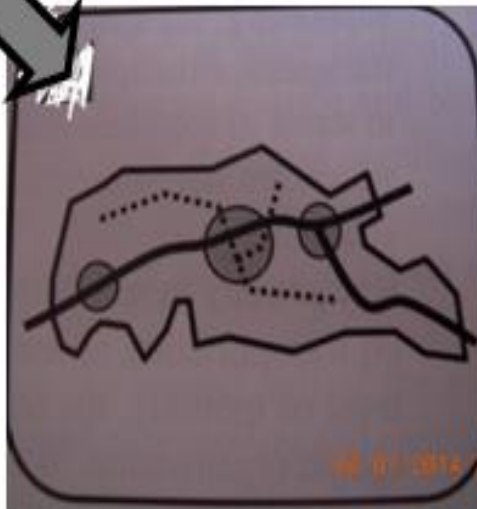
- 1) Gateways and hubs (airports and ports)
- 2) Air and maritime routes
- 3) Investment, trade and production

- 1) Nodes
- 2) Links
- 3) Relations



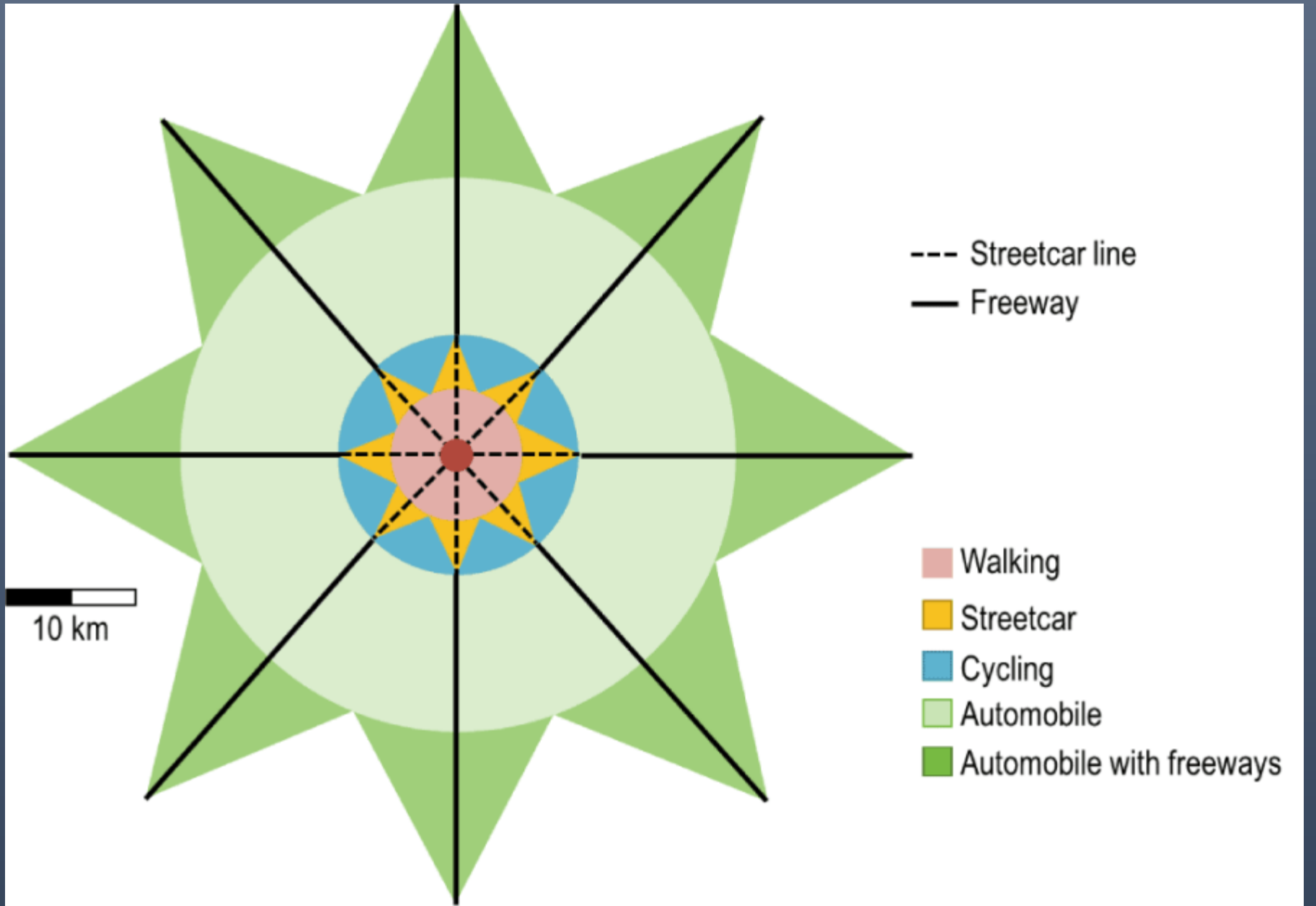
### Regional

- 1) Metropolitan areas
- 2) Corridors (rail lines, highways, canals)
- 3) Urban system and hinterland

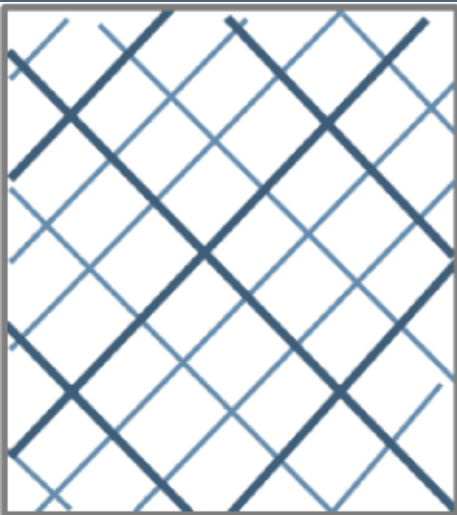


### Local

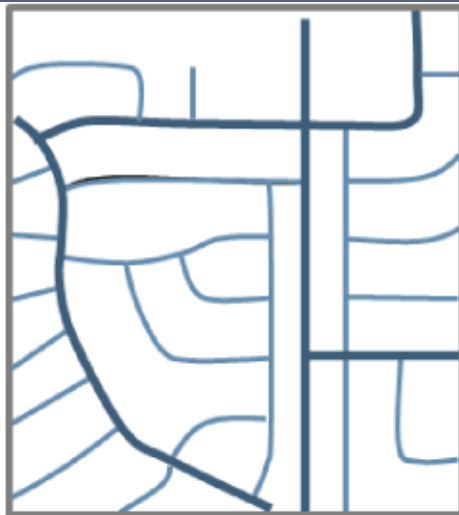
- 1) Employment and commercial activities
- 2) Roads and transit systems
- 3) Commuting and distribution



# Street Patterns



**Conventional Grid  
Pattern (c 1900)**



**Curvilinear Loop Pattern &  
Beginning of Cul-de-Sacs (1930-1950)**



**Conventional  
Cul-de-Sac Pattern  
(since 1950)**

— *Arterial road*

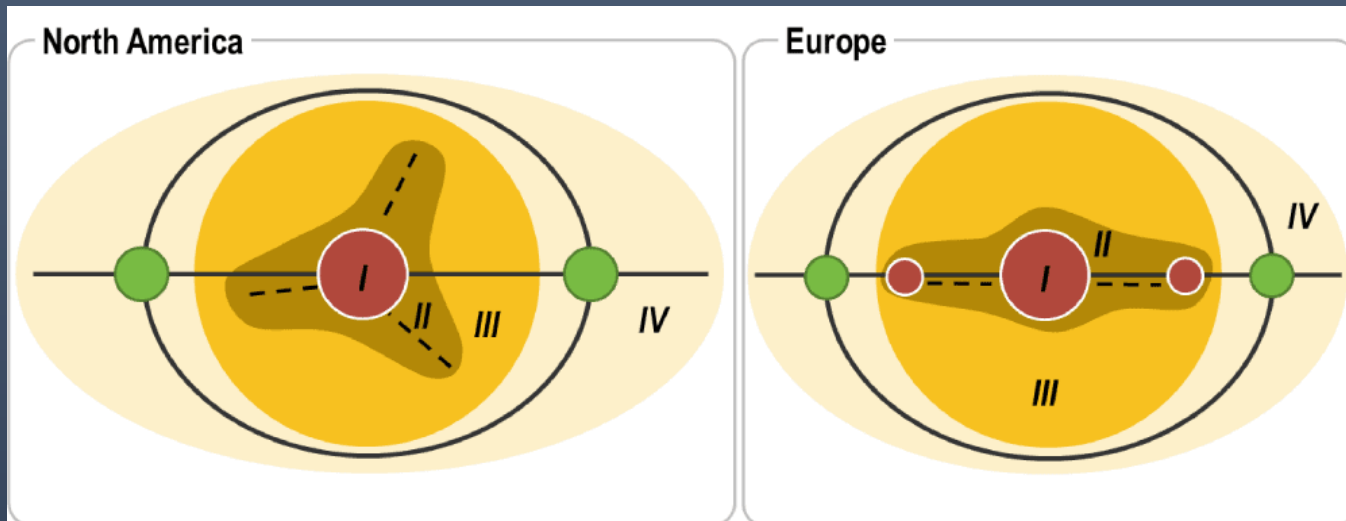
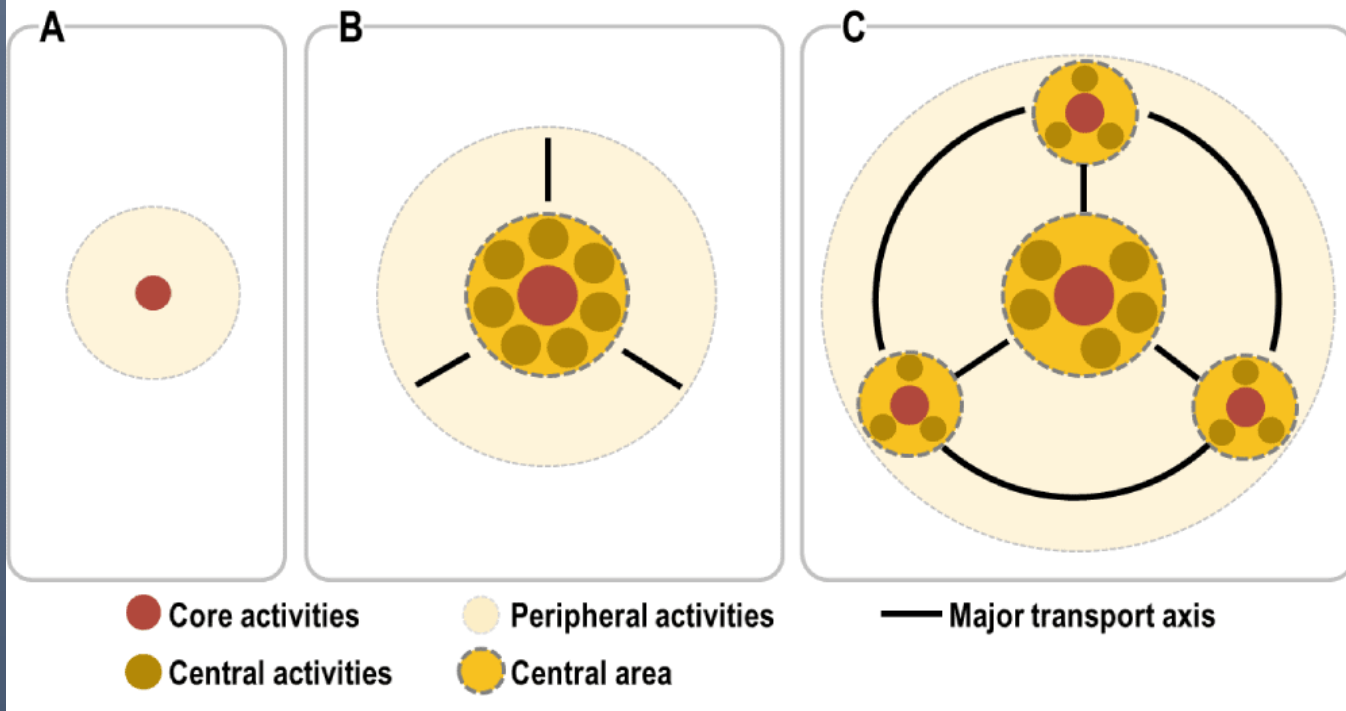
— *Local street*

In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, cities developed a unique spatial structure relying on motorized transportation, particularly the privately owned automobile.

There has been a shift from a grid pattern towards curvilinear and cul-de-sac patterns that are commonly found in suburban areas.

What is happening is “dispersion, or urban sprawl”, in many different types of cities, from dense, centralized European metropolises such as Madrid, Paris, and London, to rapidly industrializing metropolises such as Seoul, Shanghai, and Mexico City, to those experiencing recent, fast and uncontrolled urban growth, such as Mumbai and Jakarta.

Recent urban expansion is almost all geared towards road transportation as the support for mobility.



- I - Walking-horsecar era (1800-1890)
- II - Streetcar era (1890-1920)
- III - Automobile era (1920-1945)
- IV - Highway era (1945-)
- - - Streetcar line
- Highway

**How transport- related  
urban zones are  
divided?**

Different cities or even different parts of a city are varied in terms of spatiality imprint of transportation. The major components of the spatiality imprint of urban transportation are:

*Pedestrian areas:* refer to the amount of space devoted to walking. This space is often shared with roads as sidewalks may use between 10% and 20% of a road's right of way. In central areas, pedestrian areas tend to use a greater share of the right of way and in some instances whole areas are reserved for pedestrians.

However, in the context where motorized or automobile era, most pedestrian areas are for servicing people's access to transport modes such as parked automobiles.







*Roads and parking areas:* refer to the amount of space devoted to road transportation.

This type of area has 2 states of activity: *moving or parked.*

In a motorized city (high automobile travel dependency city), on average 30% of the surface is devoted to roads while another 20% is required for off- street parking



# Off- street parking







On- street parking



*Cycling areas:* cycling simply shares access to pedestrian and road space.

However, many attempts have been made to create spaces specifically for bicycles in urban areas, with reserved lanes and parking facilities.

The Netherlands has been particularly proactive over this issue making biking paths part of the urban transport system: 27% of the total amount of commuting is by cycling.



## Bicycle pool, Paris, France

The pooling of vehicles for short-term rent is an option that is increasingly being considered and applied. This photo shows the “Velib” (*Velo Libre--freedom or liberty of wheel*) initiative in Paris, France, where bicycles are offered for rental for less than 24 hours, and ideally for less than 2 hours. The system is composed of 1,450 bicycle rental stations that have an average separation of 300 meters with a pool of 20,000 bicycles. The pooling system turned out to be very popular but also had some problems, notably a high level of vandalism and the need to reposition bicycles every night because of commuting patterns.

“Velib” – Velo Libre



*Transit systems:* many transit systems, such as buses and tramways, share road space with automobiles, which often reduce their respective efficiency.

Attempts to mitigate congestion have resulted in the creation of road lanes reserved for buses either on a permanent or temporary (during rush hour) basis.

Other transport systems such as subways and rail have their own infrastructures and, consequently, their own rights of way.

Thailand (esp. the case of Bangkok metropolitan) has been developing transit system connecting rail and road modes





Whose right of way?

*Transport terminals:* refer to the amount of space devoted to terminal facilities such as ports, airports, transit stations rail yards\* and distribution centers.

Globalization has increased the mobility of people and freight, both in relative and absolute terms, and consequently the amount of urban space required to support those activities. Many major terminals are located in the peripheral areas of cities, which are the only locations where sufficient amounts of land are available

(peripheral areas have more spaces for transport terminals that are usually large and thus require large areas – e.g. Suvannabhumi Airport, Mochit Bus Terminal)



# Rail yard





# Urban Space Consumption



Each transport mode has “unique performance” and “(urban) space consumption characteristics”.

What does this mean?



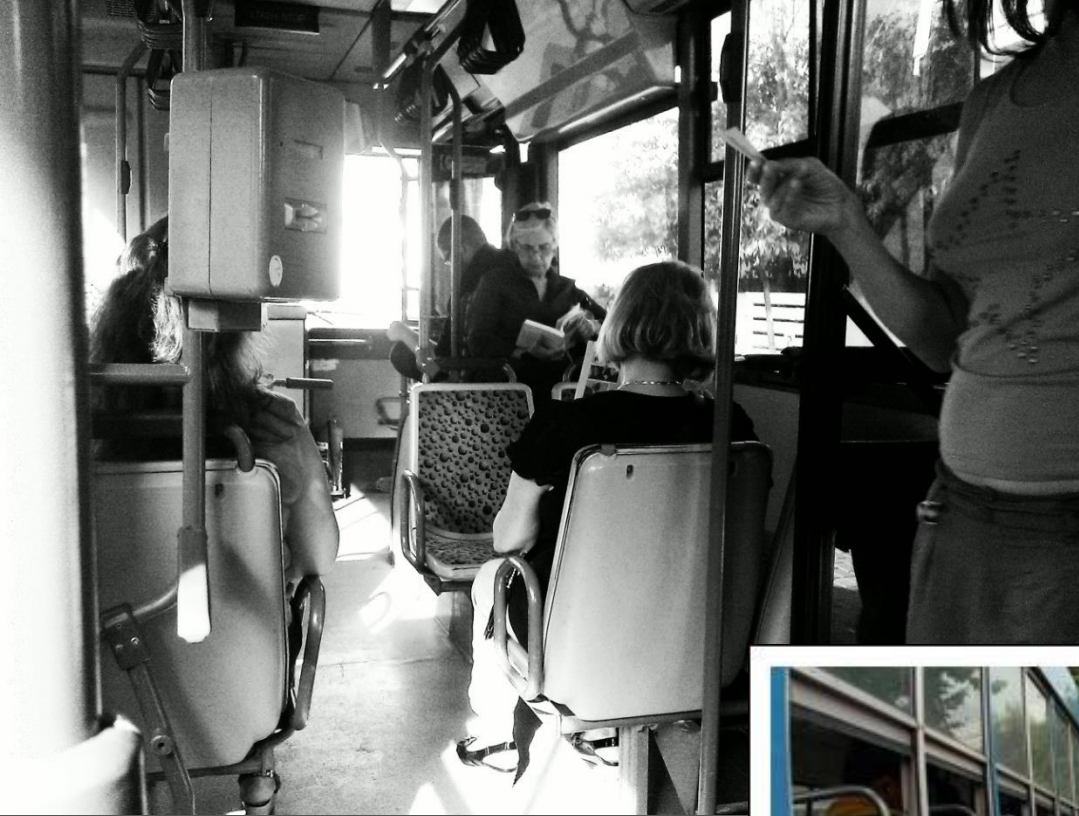
What is space consumption?

- How people use spaces around different transport modes?
- How they spend their time at spaces around different transport modes? / What they do? / When? / Why?
- How people make use of spaces?
- How people act or behave when they are passing or staying at places around different transport modes?











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2012  
REPUBLICA  
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**MRT**

3 mins  
Aljunied MRT  
station



**MRT**

4 mins  
Mountbatten  
MRT station



6 mins  
Sport Hub



15 mins  
East Coast Park



**MRT**

1 MRT Stop  
Paya Lebar  
Business Hub



8 Mins  
Parkway Parade  
Shopping Mall



5 mins  
Nicoll Highway



7 mins  
East Coast Parkway



8 mins  
Singapore Flyer



10 mins  
Gardens By the Bay



Within 1km  
Kong Hwa School



**MRT**

4 MRT Stops  
City Hall Interchange



**MRT**

5 MRT Stops  
Central Business District

# T TransitScreen







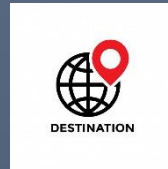






# Why do we need to know passengers behaviour?

Where they go?



When they go?



How they go?



What they do?



How long they spend at each place?



➔ All link with transport and logistics planning, management and development, as well as urban development.

# **Economics Induced from Public Transport or Mass Transit**

Public transport allows transport at an economy of scale that is not available through private transport.

Investment of public transport or mass transit is claimed to ultimately reduce the total transport cost for the public.

Time saved can also be significant, for both those who use public transport and those who still use private vehicle.

**Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)** concept can both improve the usefulness and efficiency of the public transit system as well as result in increased business for commercial developments.

Because of the increased traffic and access to transit systems, putting in public transit frequently has a positive effect on real estate prices.

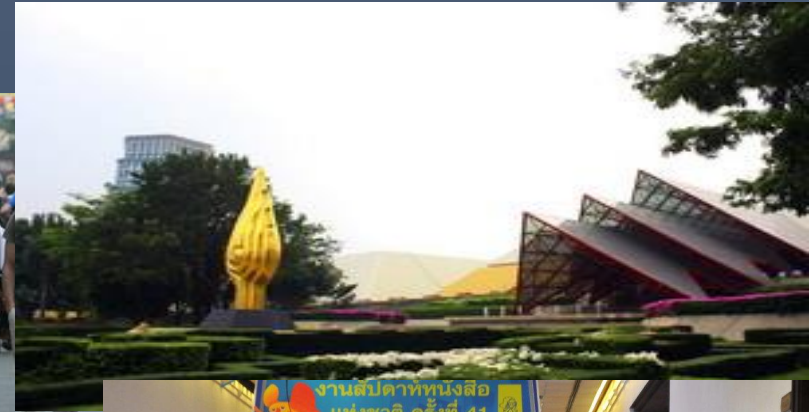
Investment in public transport also has secondary positive effects on the local economy. Many businesses rely on access to a transit system, in particular in cities and countries where people's access to cars is less widespread (*less automobile dependent*).



With public transport, especially in cities, businesses that require large amounts of people going to a same place (such as concert or expo venues, sport stadium, airports, exhibition centers, etc.) may not be able to accommodate a large number of cars, or service units where people are not able to use a car (bars, hospitals, or industries in the tourism sector whose customers may not have their cars (tourists)).



Attractions in Bangkok that are typically located in the inner and business districts whose space is not spacious enough to travel to by car with convenience (limited car park areas), or some exhibition or convention centers cannot well facilitate visitors traveling with personal car, such as Queen Sirikit National Convention Center which can accommodate large number of people but very limited space for car parking.



# SKYTRAIN, METRO & AIRPORT RAIL LINK



- |  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
|  | BTS Skytrain Central Station (Siam)                    |  | Interchange BTS with MRT  |
|  | BTS Skytrain Stations (Onnut-Mochit)                   |  | Airport Rail Link - City Line                                       |
|  | BTS Skytrain Stations (National Stadium-Taksin Bridge) |  | Airport Rail Link - Express Line (Non-Stop to Suvarnabhumi Airport) |
|  | Metro (Bangkok Railway Stn.-Bang Sue Railway Stn.)     |  |   |

# Public Transport



**BTS Skytrain**

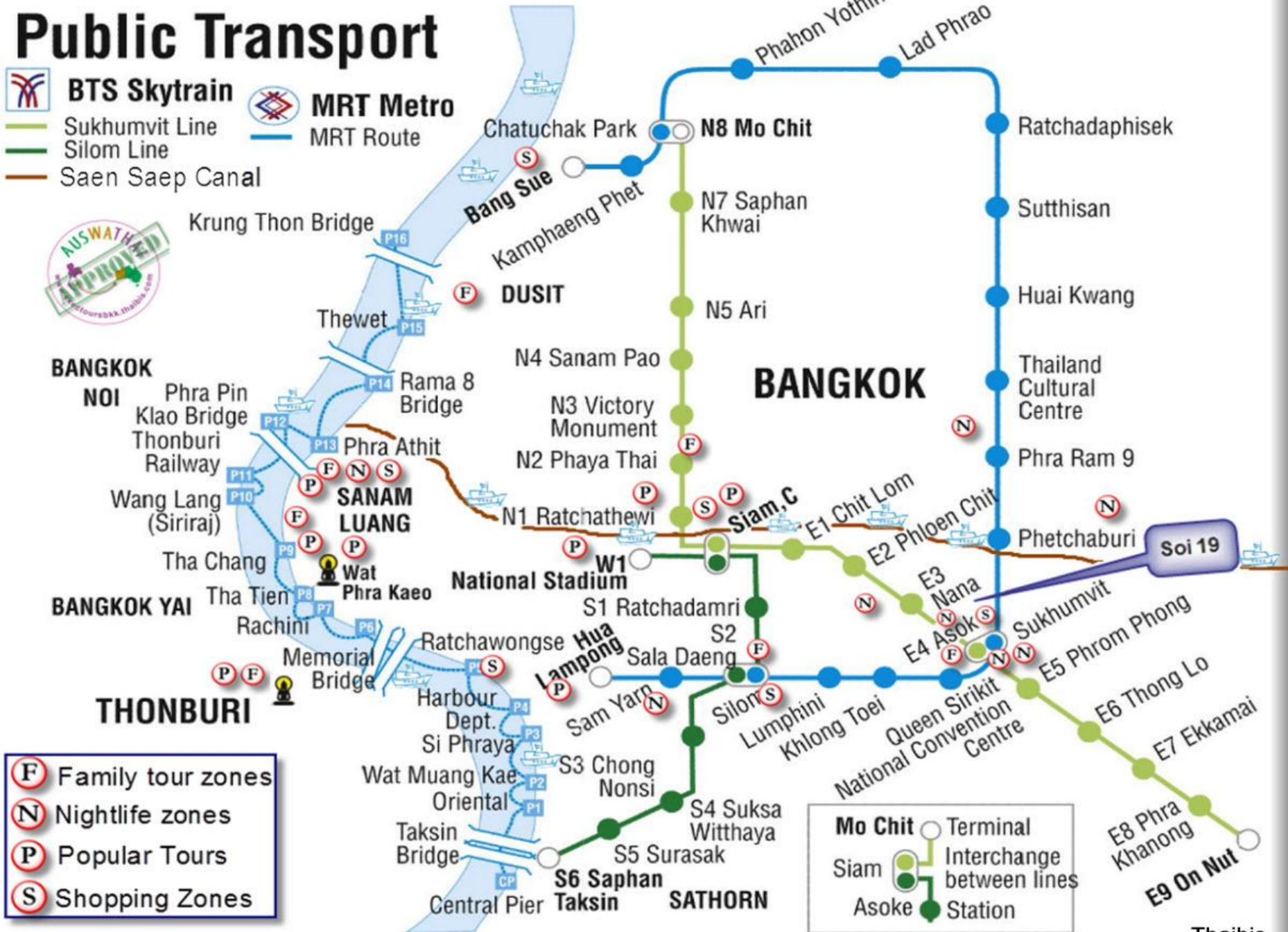


**MRT Metro**

Sukhumvit Line

Silom Line

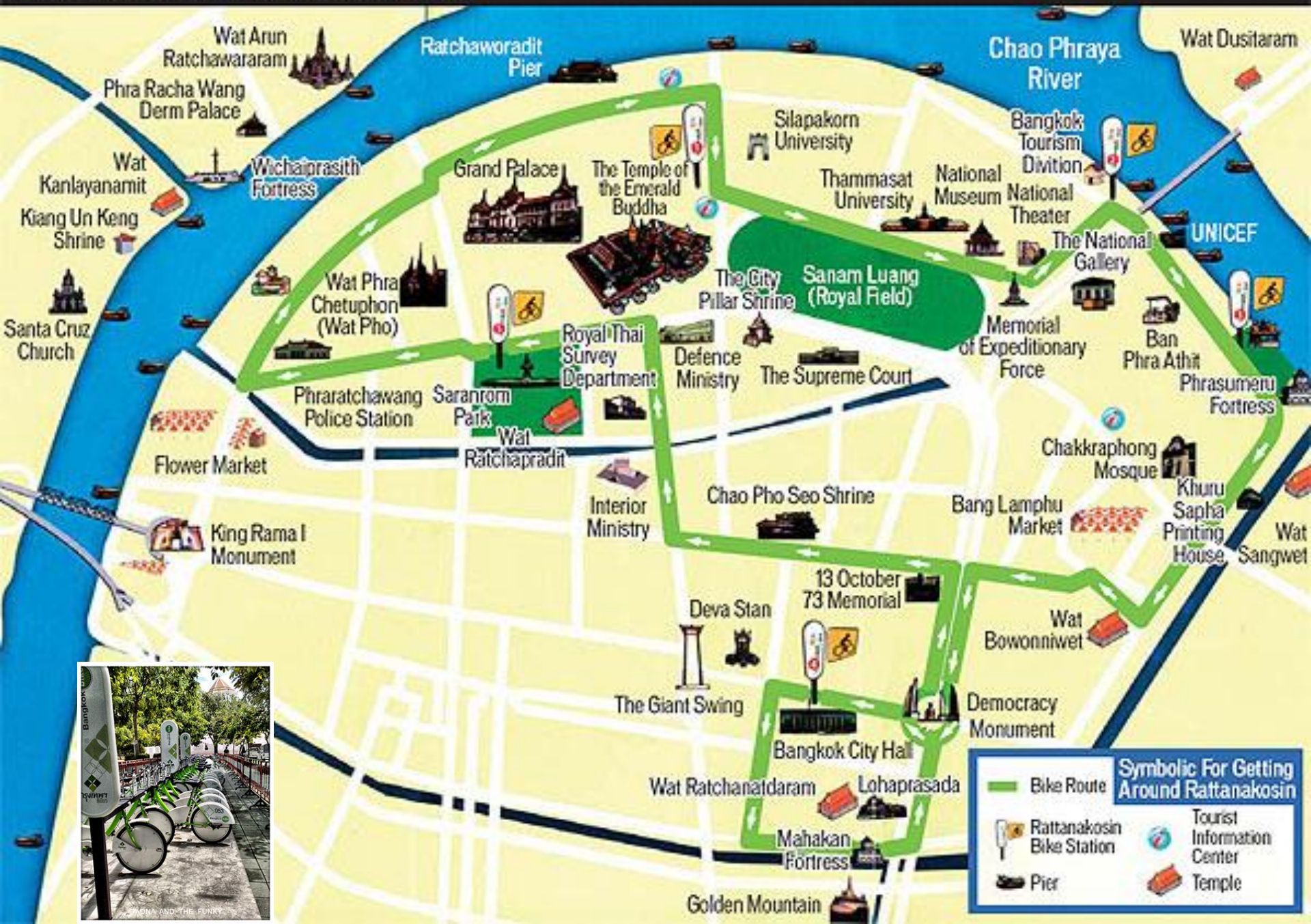
Saen Saep Canal





- Bangkok BTS (Skytrain)**
  - Sukhumvit Line
  - Silom Line
- Bangkok MRTA (Subway)**
  - Phaya Thai Line
- Intercity Railway Network**
  - Thai Railway
  - Suvarnabhumi Airport Link (City Line)
  - Suvarnabhumi Airport Link (Airport Express)
  - Intercity Rail Stations
  - Intercity Bus Stations

# BIKE ROUTE : RATTANAKOSIN LINE



BY WEA AND THE FUNNY



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qy4VwN8l3cw>

Watch outside the class for next class sharing.

**Tomorrow Activity:  
Sharing and discussion from  
watching the VDO,  
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