

# “Cycling as a city changer”

with a modal split of 60%



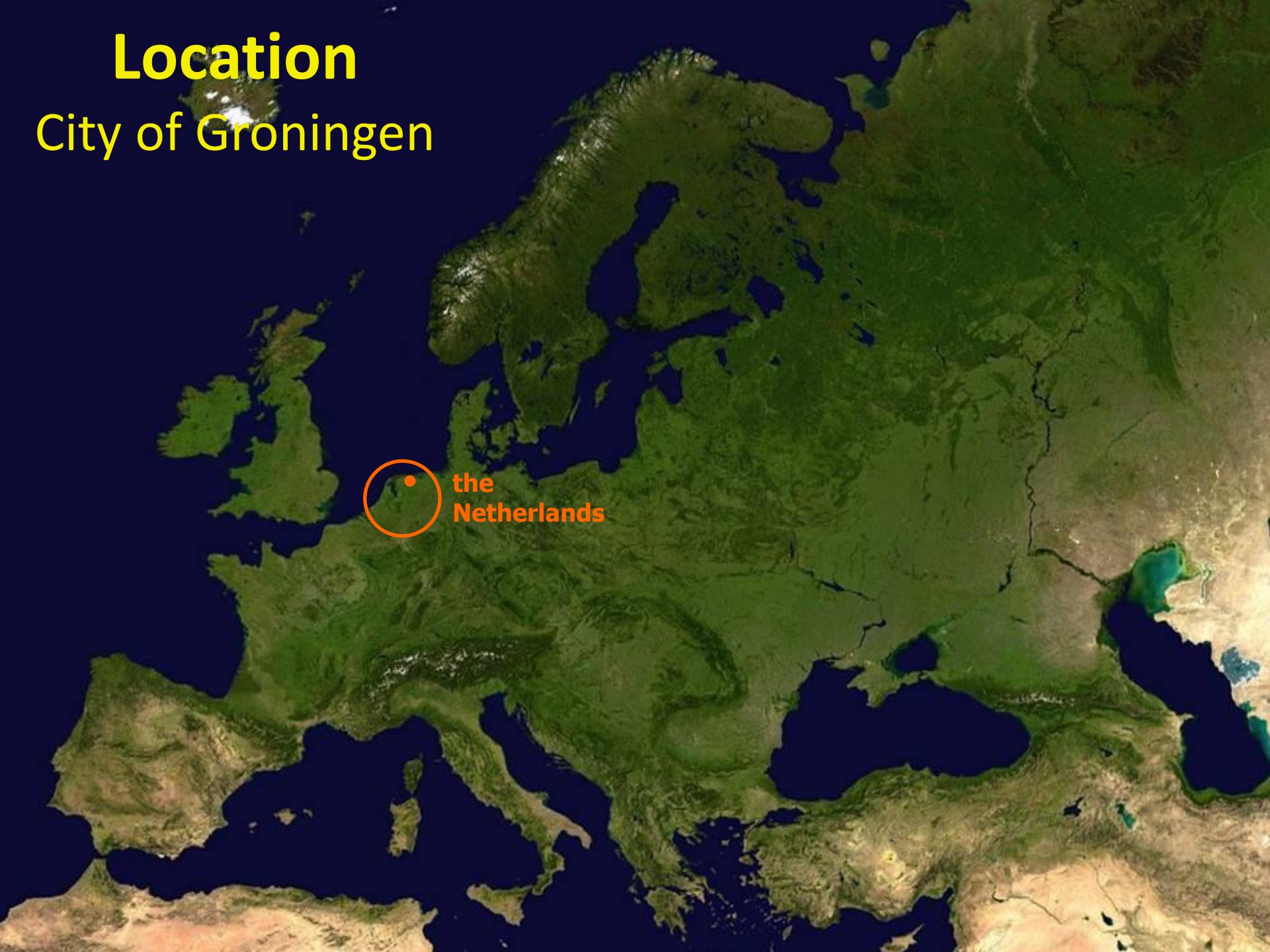
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# Location

City of Groningen



# INTRODUCTION

- Example 1: Traffic Circulation Plan (1977)
- Example 2: Noorderplantsoen
- Example 3: Parking Policy
- Example 4: City Centre Perspective
- Example 5: Smart Route
- Cycling Strategy Groningen
- Lessons learned

# **TRAFFIC CIRCULATION PLAN (1977)**

## the city's living room





**1960's/70's: cars, cars, cars!**







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# NOORDERPLANTSOEN

enhance recreational value of park



## major road



1980's



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1993: temporary closure

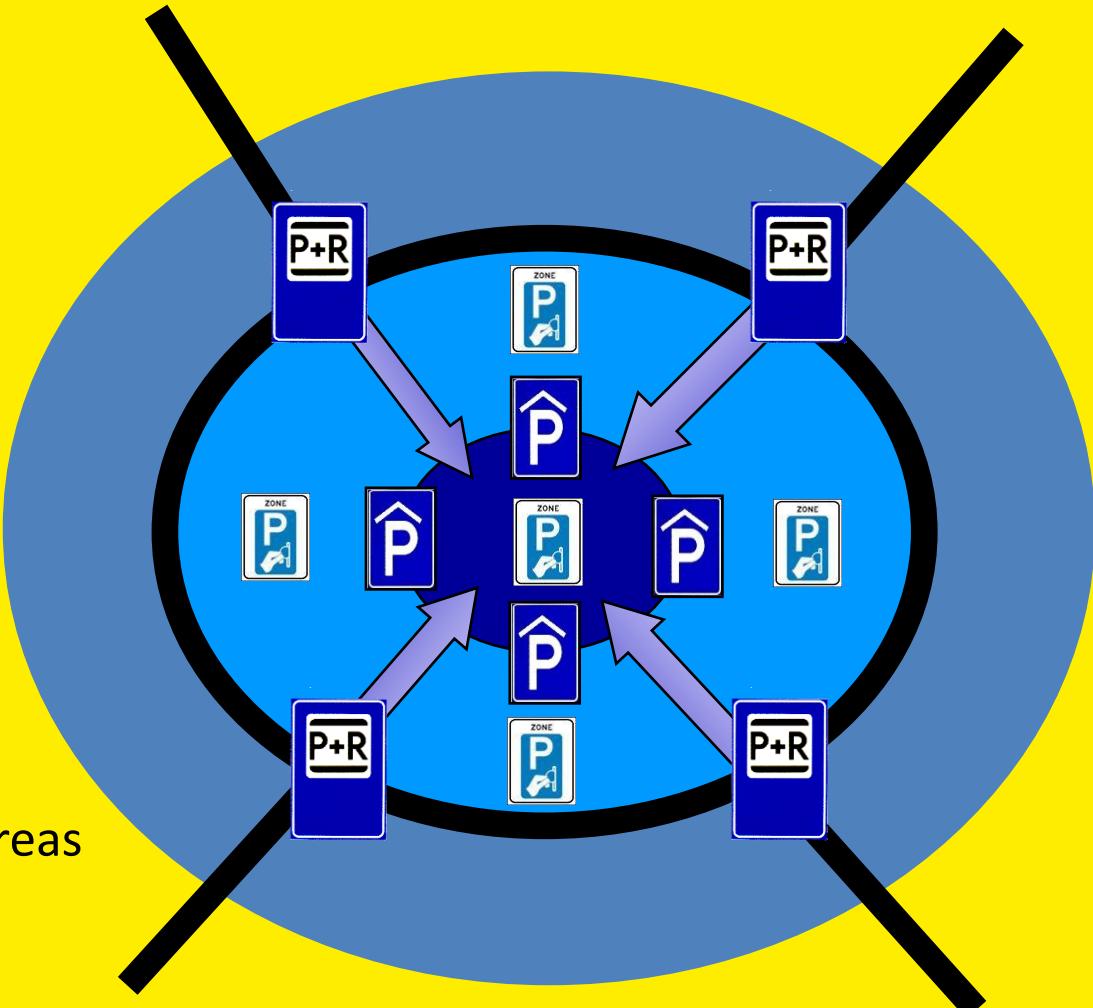


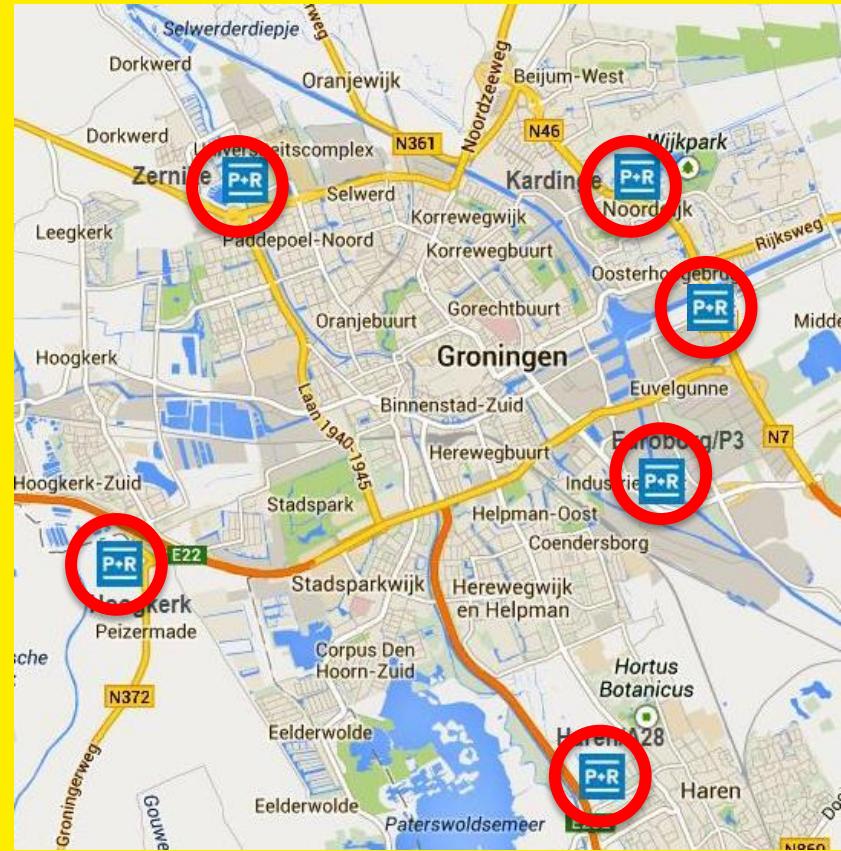
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# **PARKING POLICY**

## instrument for reducing car use

- City centre
- Old quarters
- New quarters
- Suburbs
- Business/industrial areas



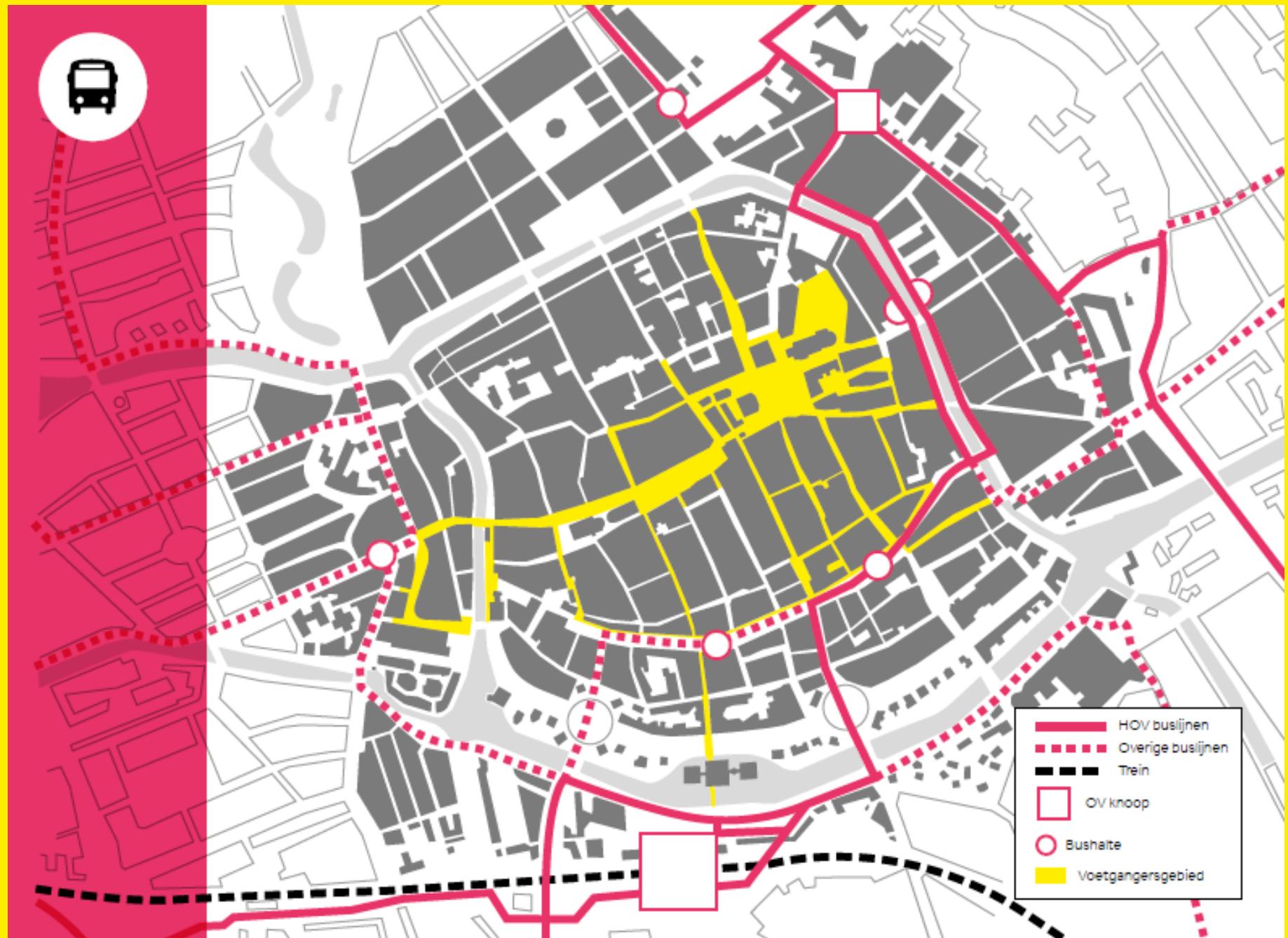


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# CITY CENTRE PERSPECTIVE

## improve liveability



# Brugstraat

## before and after



# Grote Markt

## before and after



# Munnekeholm

## before and after



# **SMART ROUTE**

unbundle car and bicycle traffic







# START

JE BENT OP TIJD ALS JE DE SLIMME ROUTE RIJDT



[WWW.SLIMMEROUTE.NL](http://WWW.SLIMMEROUTE.NL)

De slimme route is een initiatief van

ZERNIKE  
CAMPUS

stad.



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# CYCLING STRATEGY GRONINGEN

## 2015-2025



# **CYCLING STRATEGY GRONINGEN**

## **challenges**

- **create good conditions for growth**
- **keep city accessible**
- **improve health of citizens**
- **ensure viable and economically vital city**
- **ensure safe city**

# **CYCLING STRATEGY GRONINGEN**

## **solutions**

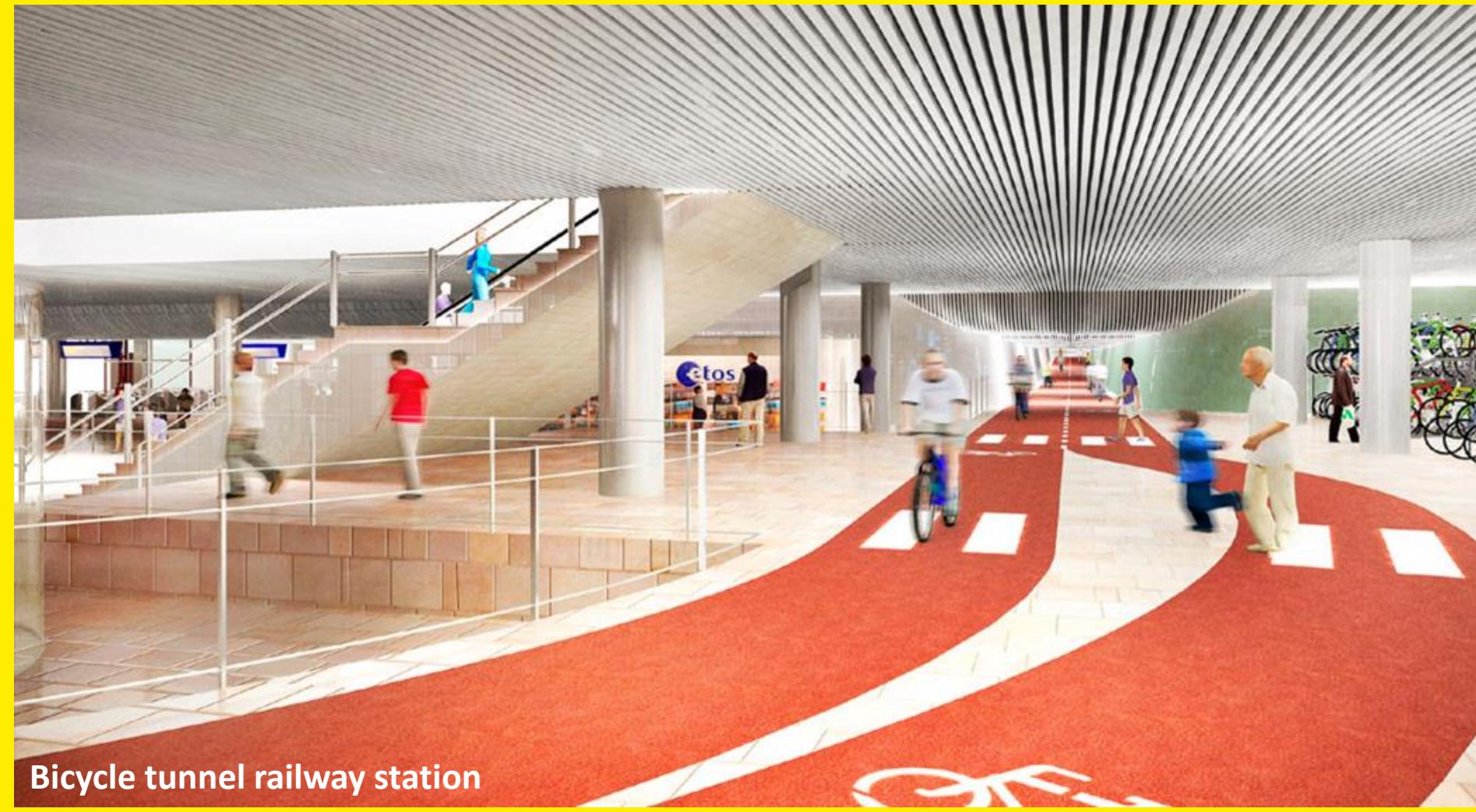
- **Bicycle Effect Analysis for new spatial developments**
- **separating bicycles and cars**
- **more space for bicycles**
- **tailored bicycle parking**
- **awareness/behavior and promotion**

# **LESSONS LEARNED**

- the addition of attractive public spaces can only be achieved by drastic or radical changes
- it is essential to implement reforms in the transport chain at a city level
- tell citizens what they get, instead of what they loose

# THE END





Bicycle tunnel railway station



Bicycle tunnel and parking garage Station Europapark

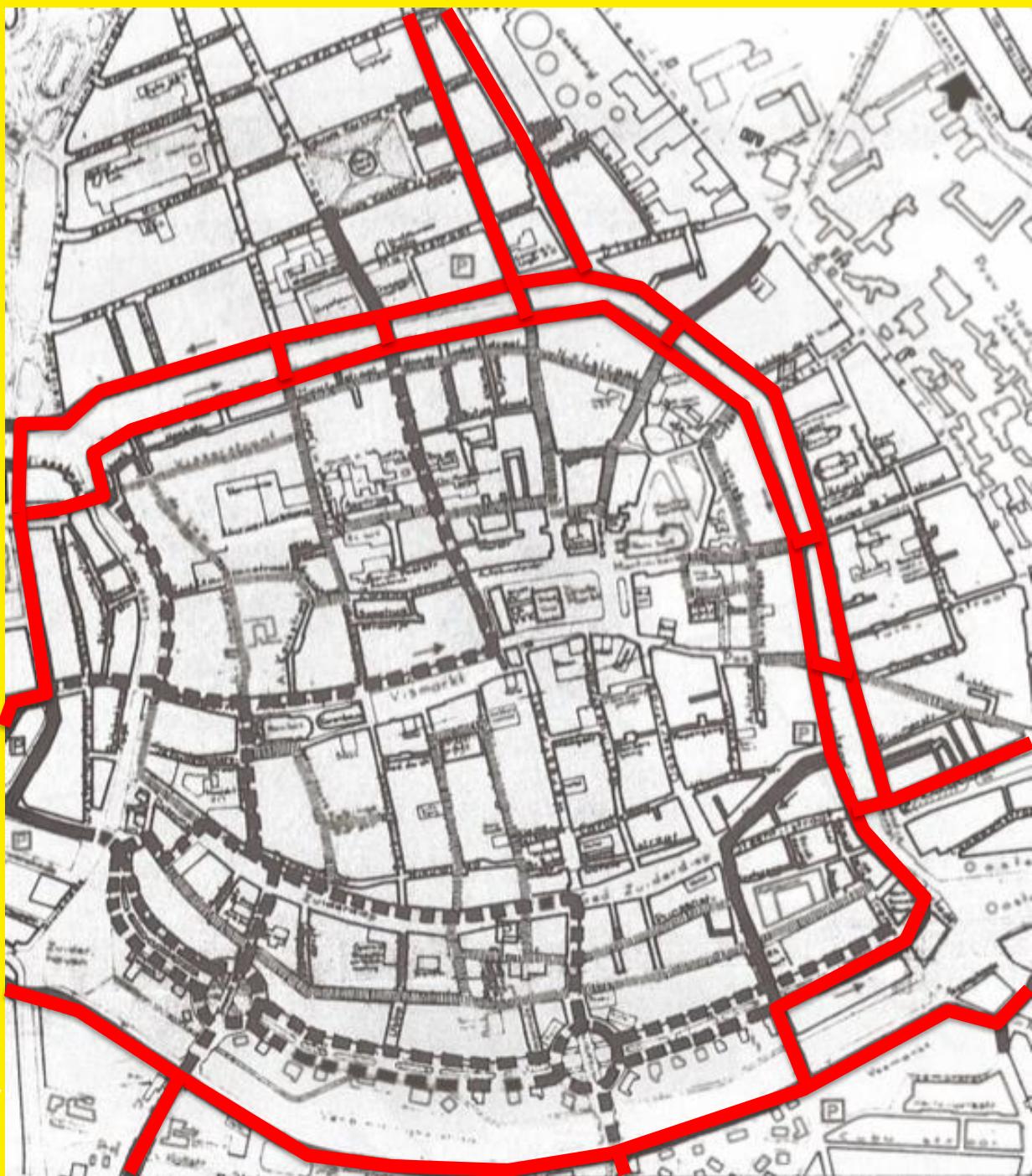


All directions green at same time



Bicycle crossing Eikenlaan (Smart Route)







Hoofdfietsroute  
Fietsroute  
F Fietsenstalling  
Voetgangersgebied