

# Madison & Anchorage

How to Create a Truly Multi-Modal  
Transportation System in a Winter City

Mayor Paul R. Soglin  
April 5, 2017

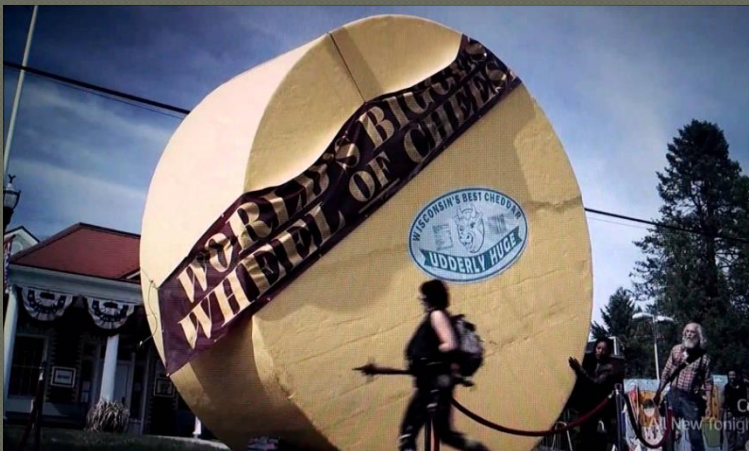
# Madison & Anchorage:

## Two birds of a feather?

3,435 miles or \$450 round trip between the two!

### MADISON

- Population: 243,344 (2013)
- UW Students: 43,300
- Big Wheels of Cheese
- Lots of room for growth and redevelopment??



### ANCHORAGE

- Population: 300,950 (2013)
- UAA Students: 21,000
- Gigantic vegetables
- Lots of room for growth and redevelopment??

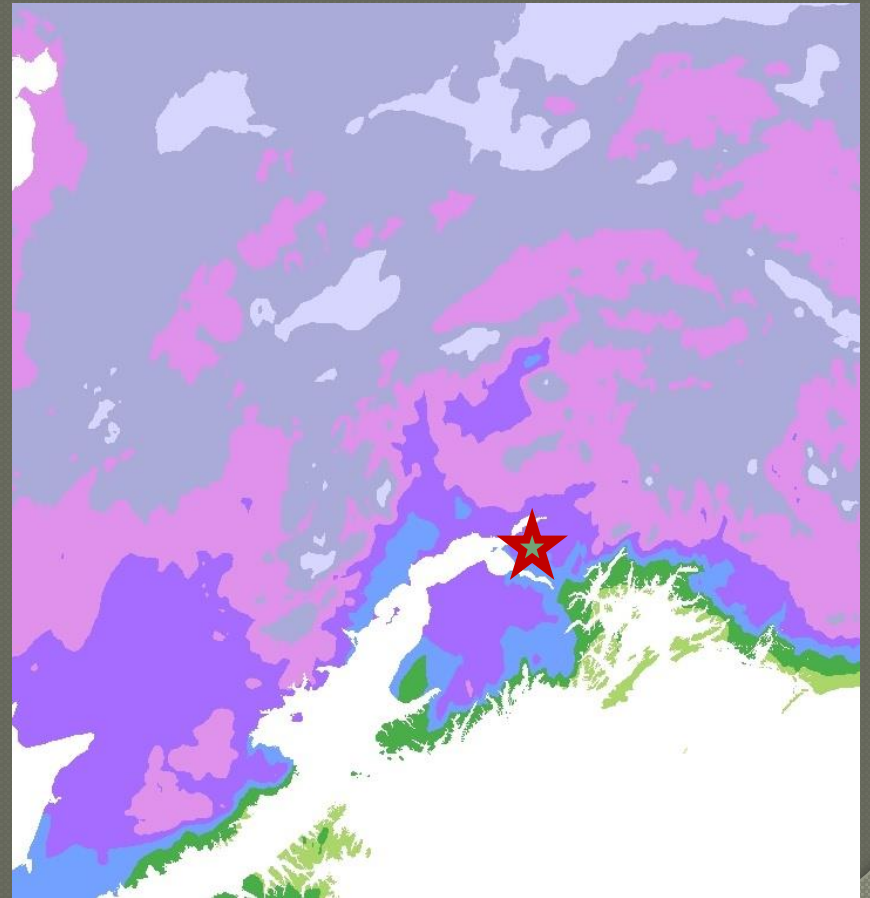


# Climate Map Comparison

○ Madison: 5a



○ Anchorage: 4b

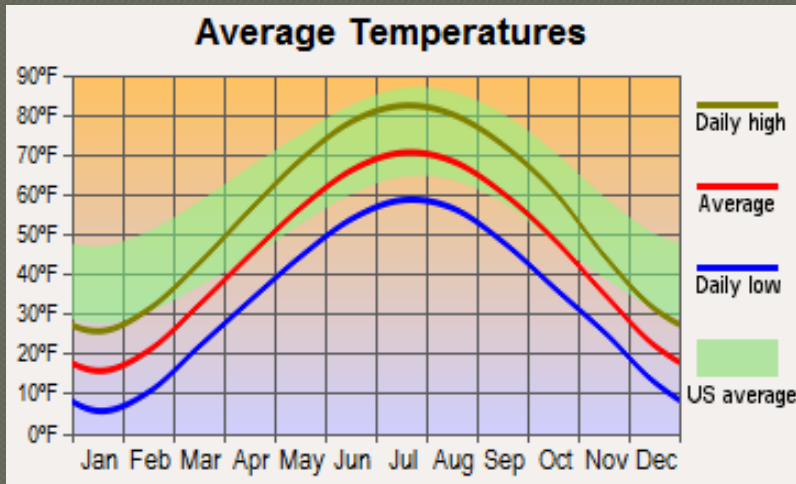




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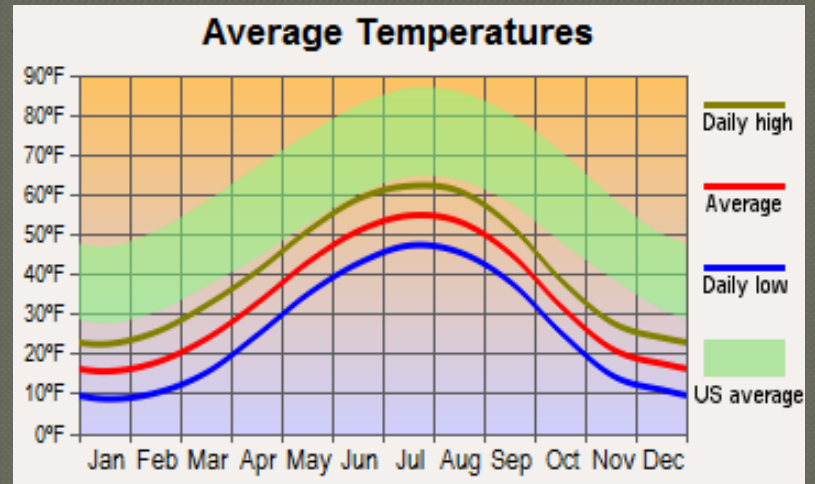
## MADISON

- 43" Annual Snowfall



## ANCHORAGE

- 75.5" Annual Snowfall





# Surface. Parking. Lots. How did we get here?

## MADISON

- 1960's Urban Renewal

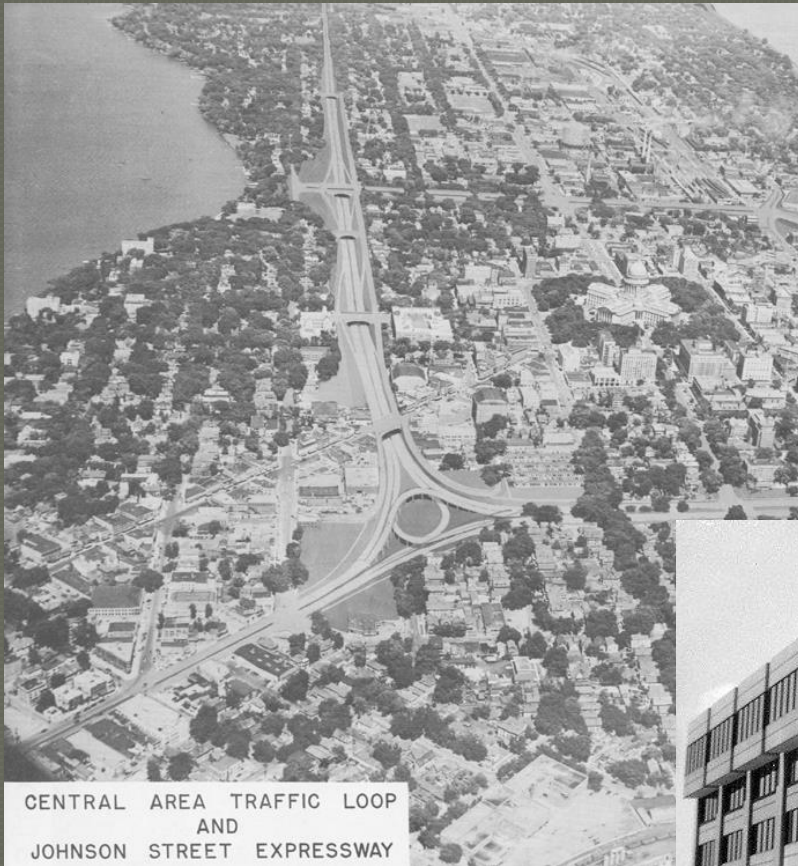


## ANCHORAGE

- 1964 Good Friday Earthquake



# 1960s Urban Renewal In Madison



CENTRAL AREA TRAFFIC LOOP  
AND  
JOHNSON STREET EXPRESSWAY





# State Street vs. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

- 1960s State Street



- 2010s State Street





# State Street vs. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

- 1960s 4th Avenue



- 2010s 4th Avenue



# State Street vs. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

- Madison: Capitol Square Dane County Farmers Market



- Anchorage: Farmers market on 15<sup>th</sup> Street





# State Street vs. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

- Madison: Festivals



- Anchorage: Festivals







1960 Iditarod  
View of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue before Earthquake



Good Friday 1964 Earthquake – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue





**Iditarod on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue - today**

4th Avenue is immune from surface parking lots due to its importance in Anchorage's tourism, culture and history.

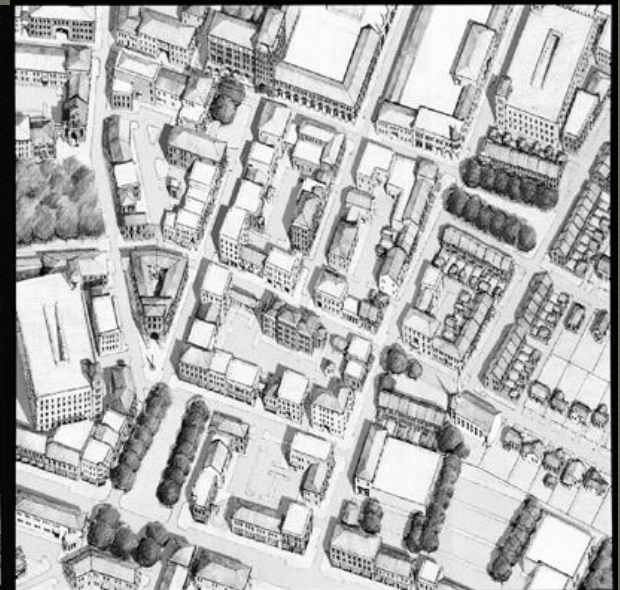
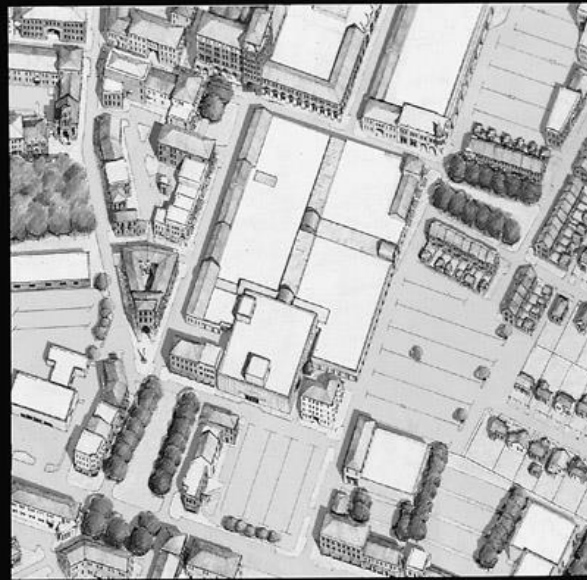


# Surface. Parking. Lots.

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○ How do we go from

This..... To..... This?



# Land Use vs. Transportation



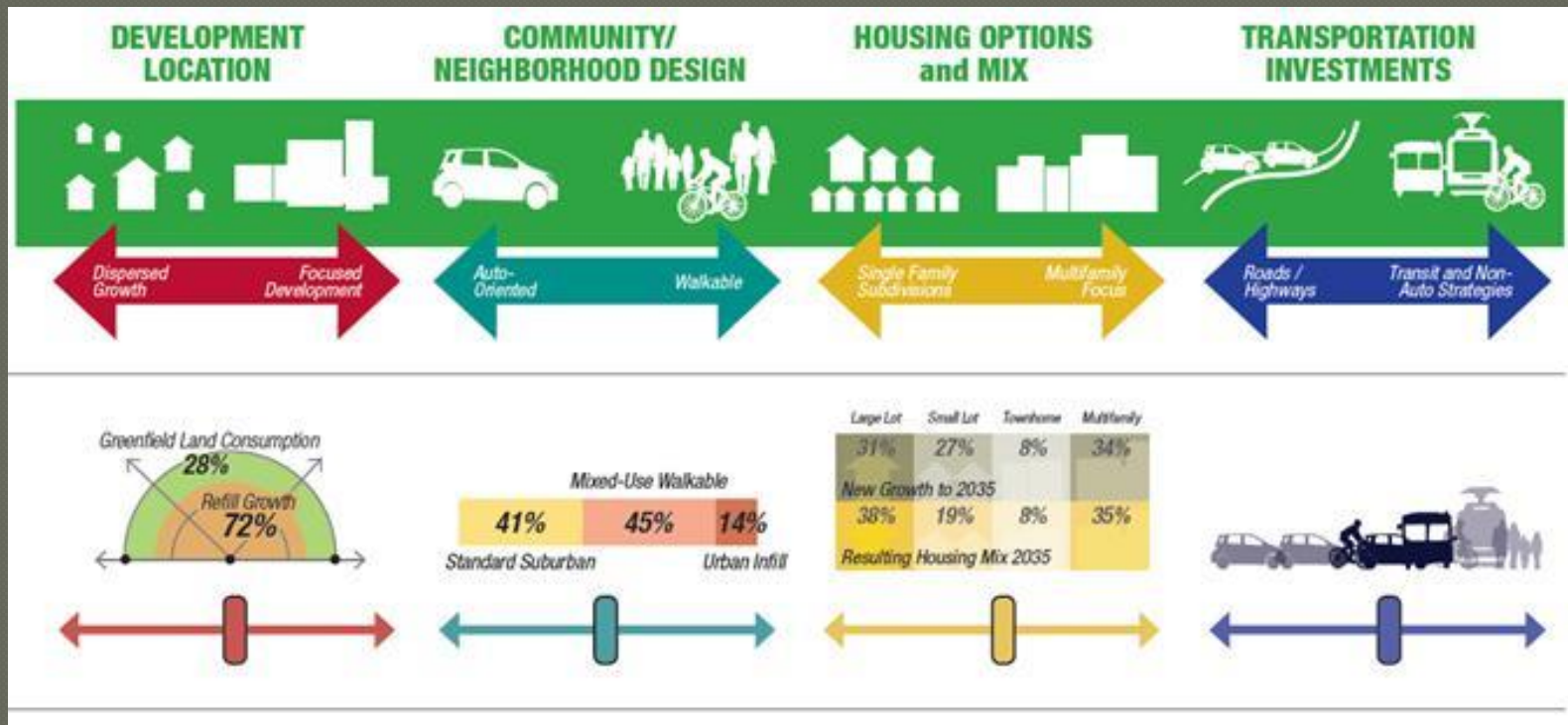
## “Old model” Reactive

- Doesn't pay for it self
- Promotes sprawl
- Traffic problems & level of service drives reactive transportation policies
- Doesn't reward innovative thinking

# Land Use vs. Transportation

## New model - Reflective not reactive!

- Transportation policy based on reflecting community priorities & finding balance

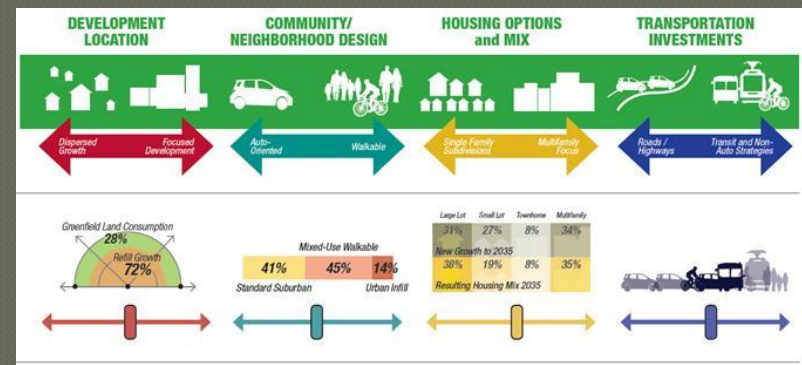




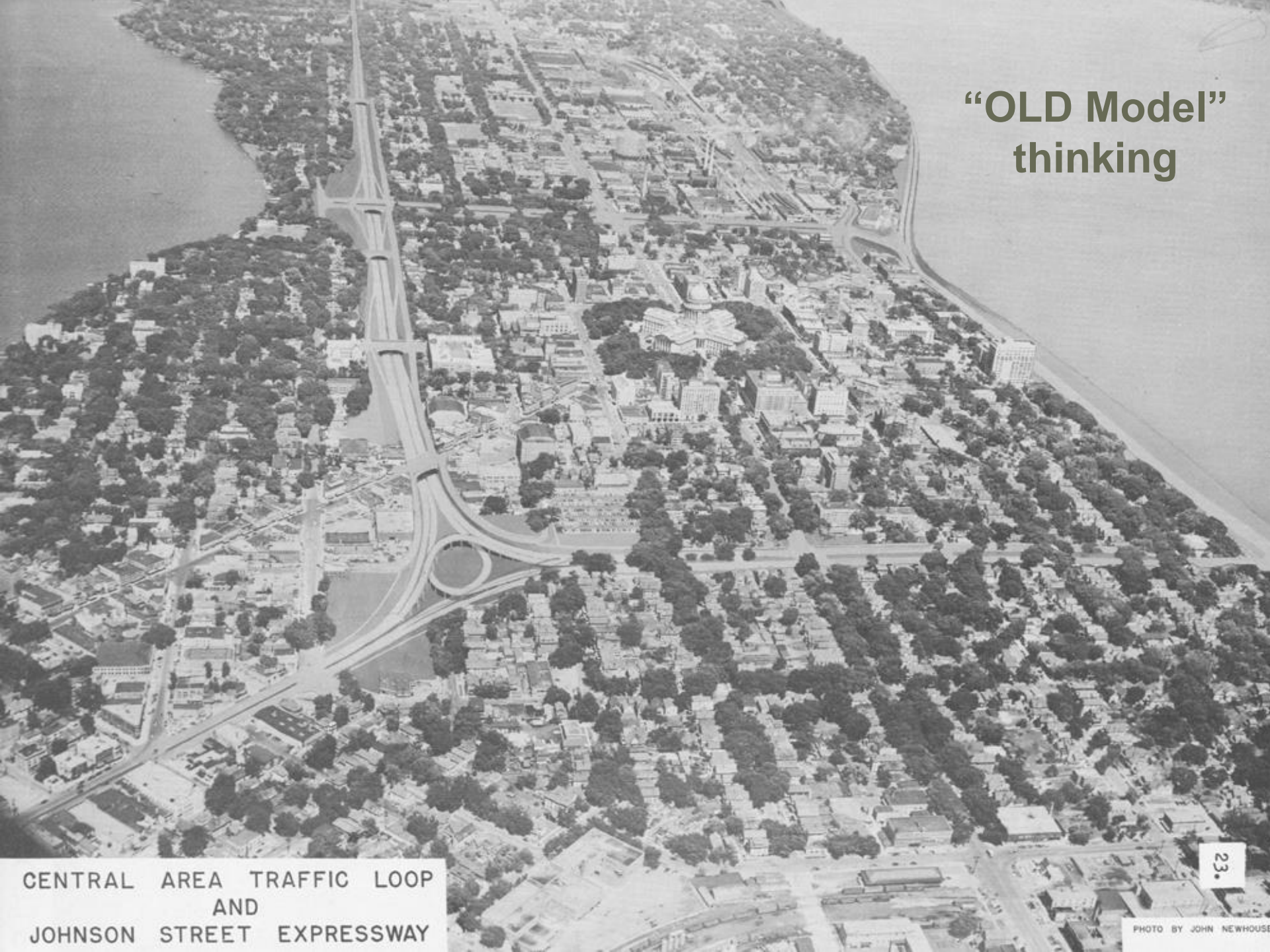
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## New model - Reflective not reactive!

- Considers benefits of
  - Density/compactness/mixed use,
  - Underground parking
  - Downtown population growth,
  - Demographic changes
  - Strong transit, bicycling and walking conditions/options



**“OLD Model”  
thinking**



CENTRAL AREA TRAFFIC LOOP  
AND  
JOHNSON STREET EXPRESSWAY





**“OLD Model”  
thinking**



**“NEW Model”  
thinking**

# Madison's Downtown Data

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2000

● People

- 22,168

● Assessment Value:

- \$613 Million
- *\$860 Million adjusted for inflation*

2010

● People

- 24,009

● Assessment Value:

- \$1.04 Billion
- *\$1.15 Billion adjusted for inflation*

2017

● People

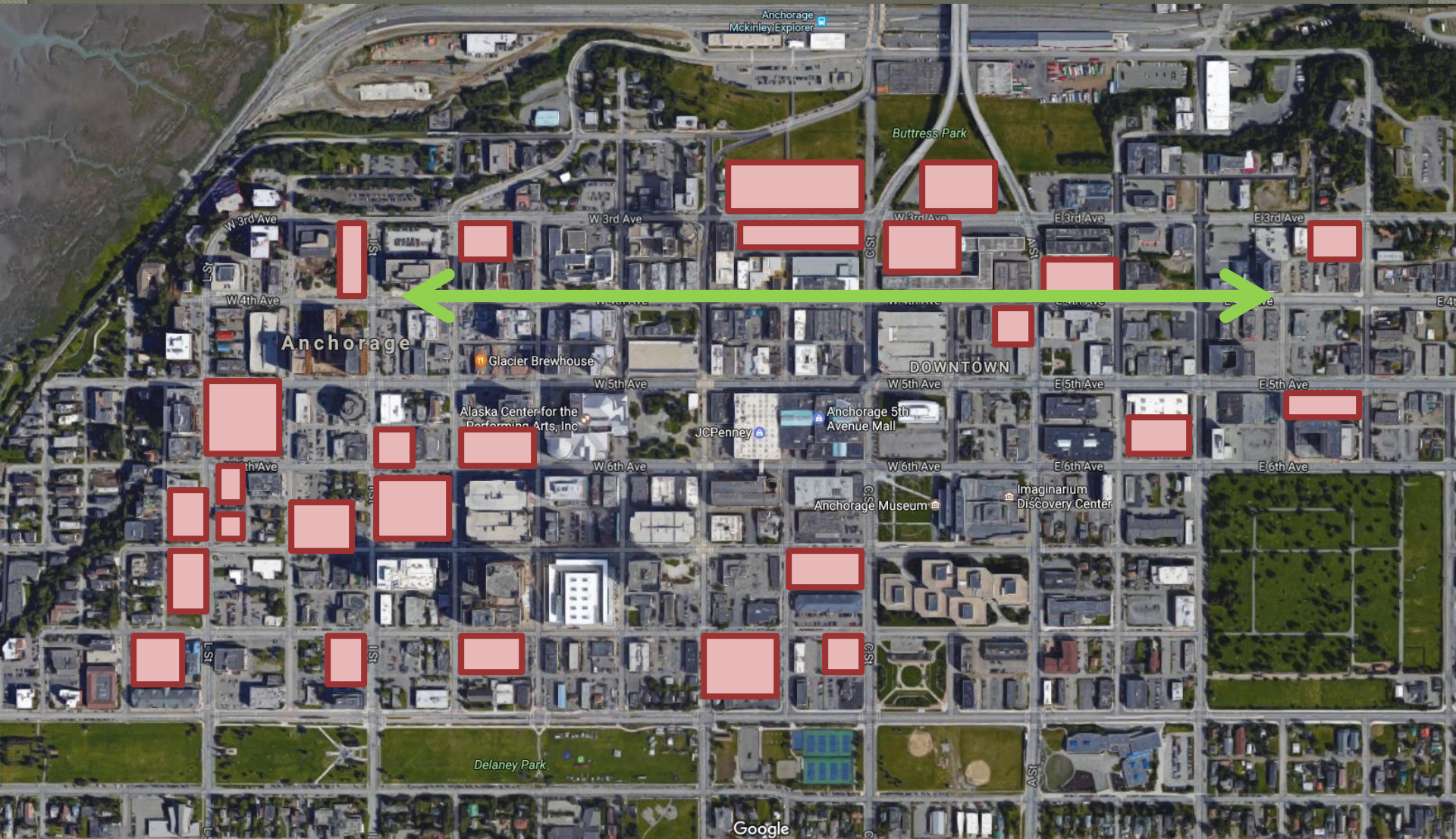
- 25,600

● Assessment Value:

- \$1.86 Billion

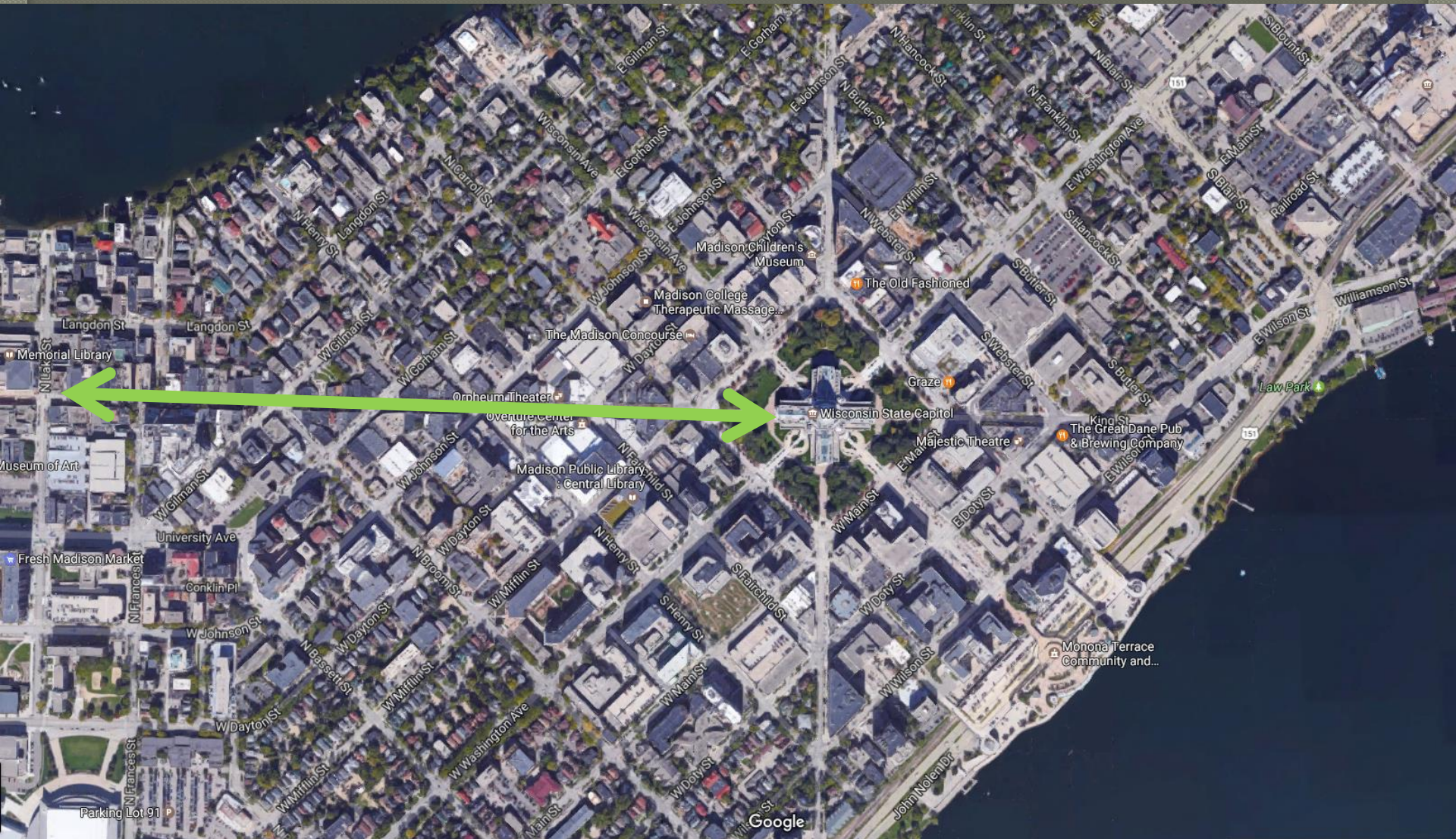


# Anchorage Surface Parking Lots





# Madison's Redevelopment of Underused Parcels over last 35 years







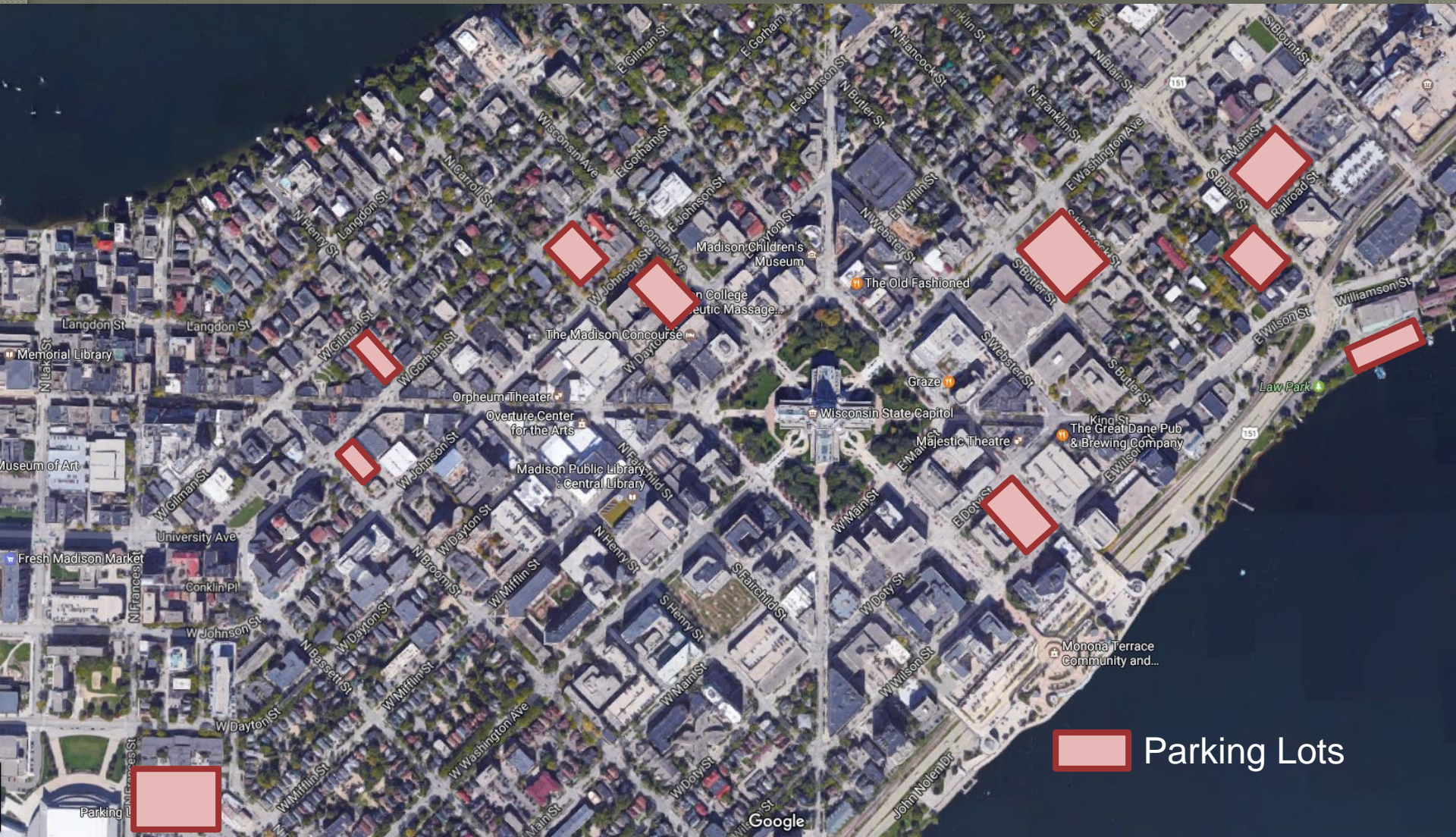


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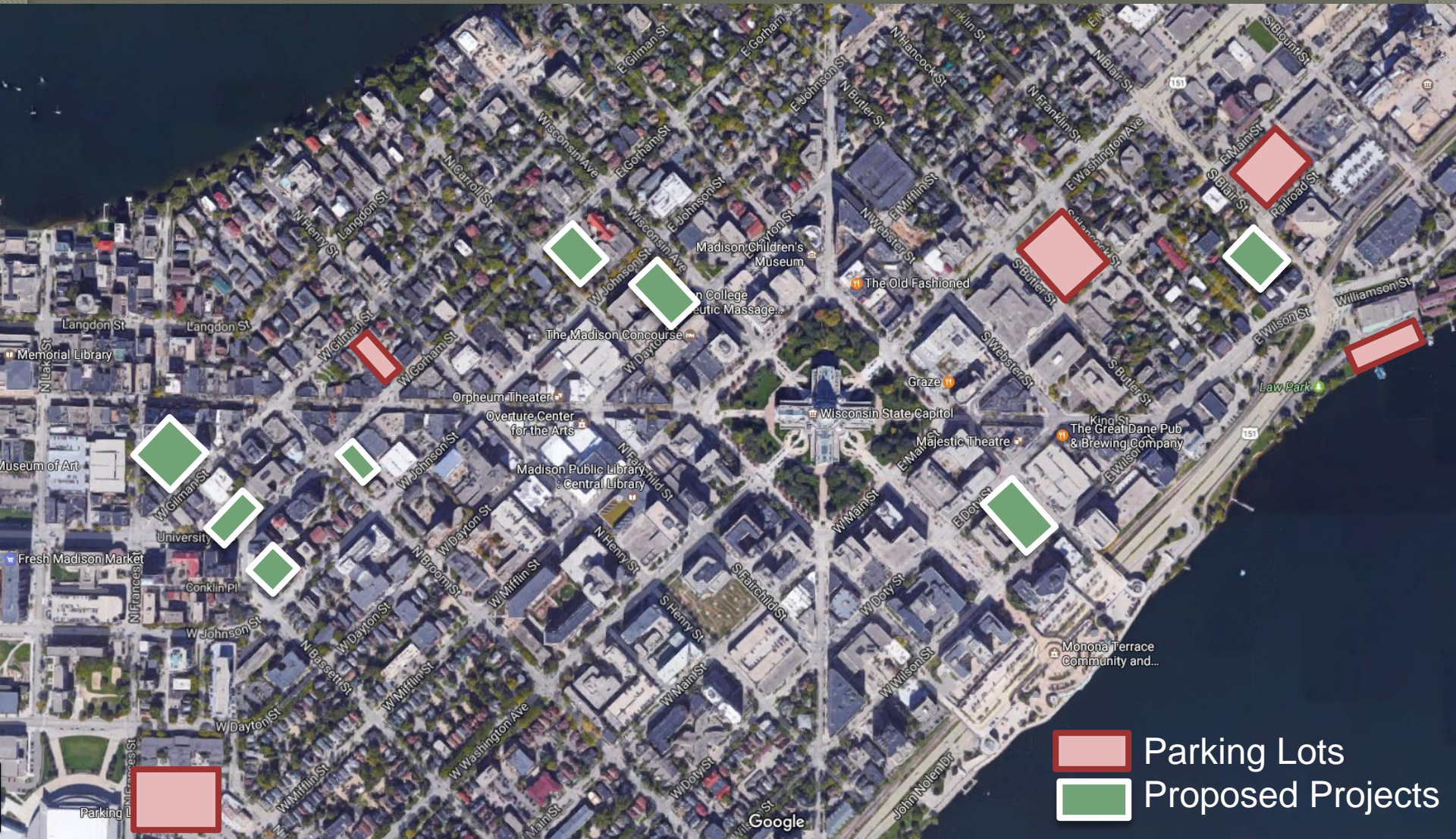


# Madison's Current Surface Parking Lots





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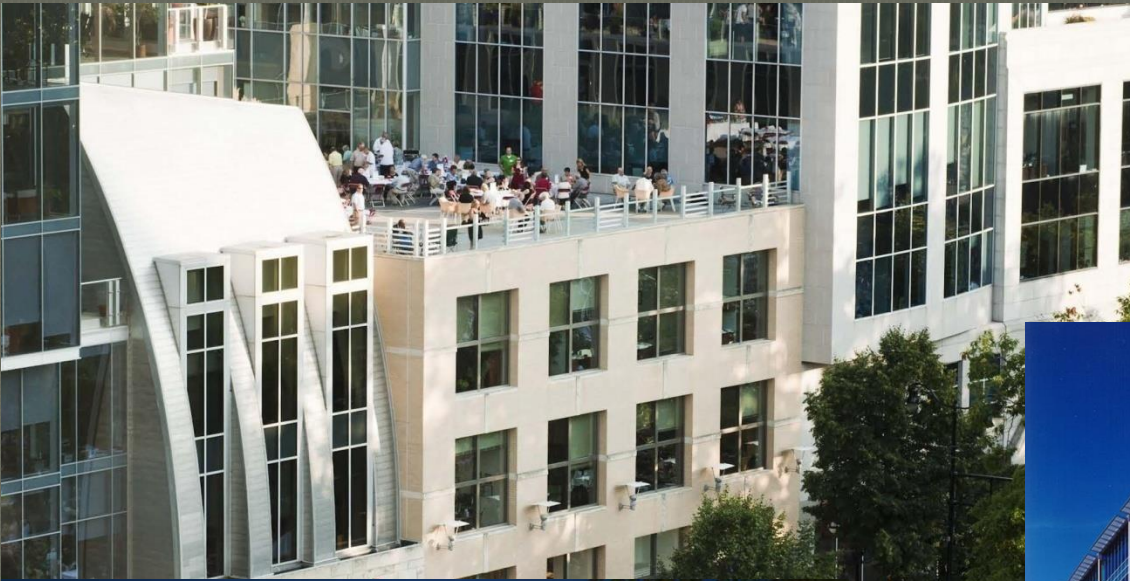


# Downtown Redevelopment: Civic





# Downtown Redevelopment: Office





# Downtown Redevelopment: Residential





# Downtown Redevelopment: Residential













# Capitol East District Redevelopment





# Law Park / John Nolen Drive c1957



*Photos: Wisconsin Historical Society Collection*



# Monona Terrace Opened in 1997

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*Annual Economic Impact from 2007-2014:*  
\$41,581,300 or roughly 62% of total construction costs





# Metro Transit

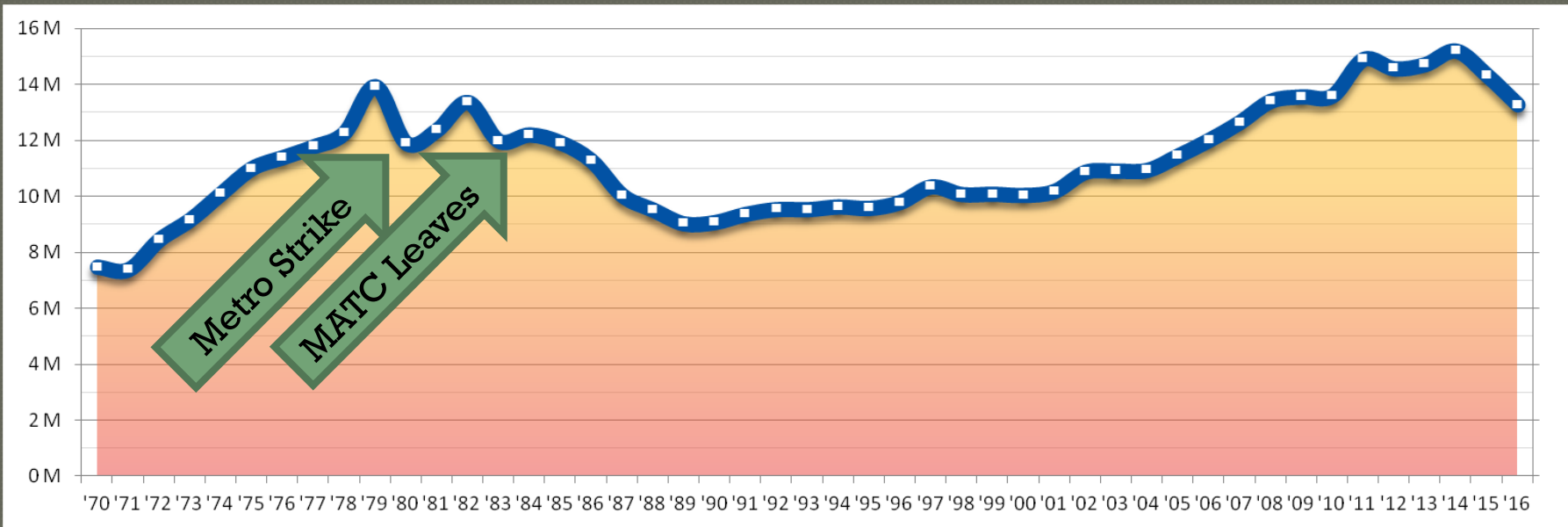
- ◎ City of Madison Acquired Madison Bus Company in 1970
- ◎ Serves Metro Area, 256,000  
(158<sup>th</sup> nationally)
- ◎ 215 buses (67<sup>th</sup> nationally)
  - 194 diesel, 21 hybrid diesel-electric
- ◎ 14,000 annual boardings (70<sup>th</sup>)







# Historical Ridership



- Steady ridership growth since 1990
- Ridership declines in 2015 and 2016



# Ridership per Capita

## Top 20 United States Bus Systems with 50 or more Buses Ranked by Transit Trips Per Capita, 2015

Rank	System Name	Primary City	Buses in Fleet	Service Area (Sq mi)	Service Population	Bus Unlinked Passenger Trips	UPT per Capita
1	CyRide	Ames, IA	111	15	58,100	6,699,351	115.3
2	San Francisco Municipal Railway	San Francisco, CA	525	49	836,620	95,005,347	113.6
3	Univ of Michigan Parking and Transp Services	Ann Arbor, MI	58	12	66,641	7,256,729	108.9
4	University of Georgia Transit System	Athens, GA	68	14	119,648	11,413,231	95.4
5	Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District	Champaign-Urbana, IL	102	30	141,471	13,391,124	94.7
6	MTA New York City Transit	New York, NY	4,284	321	8,550,405	743,763,755	87.0
7	Chicago Transit Authority	Chicago, IL	2,102	314	3,345,983	274,288,766	82.0
8	Chapel Hill Transit	Chapel Hill, NC	100	62	80,218	6,533,944	81.5
9	City and County of Honolulu DOT Services	Honolulu, HI	523	277	953,207	69,327,213	72.7
10	Centre Area Transportation Authority	State College, PA	72	89	104,360	7,325,851	70.2
11	Gainesville Regional Transit System	Gainesville, FL	128	76	163,990	10,251,248	62.5
12	Blacksburg Transit	Blacksburg, VA	55	28	63,661	3,699,328	58.1
<b>13</b>	<b>Metro Transit System</b>	<b>Madison, WI</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>256,150</b>	<b>14,358,261</b>	<b>56.1</b>
14	King County Metro	Seattle, WA	1,371	2,134	2,117,125	102,302,980	48.3
15	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority	Atlanta, GA	647	504	1,373,958	62,868,806	45.8
16	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Auth	Philadelphia, PA	1,531	839	3,797,325	171,287,633	45.1
17	Milwaukee County Transit System	Milwaukee, WI	412	237	956,406	39,313,139	41.1
18	Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus	Santa Monica, CA	188	51	458,506	18,748,868	40.9
19	Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit	Ithaca, NY	53	476	103,617	4,185,394	40.4
20	Tri-Met	Portland, OR	683	534	1,560,803	62,114,041	39.8

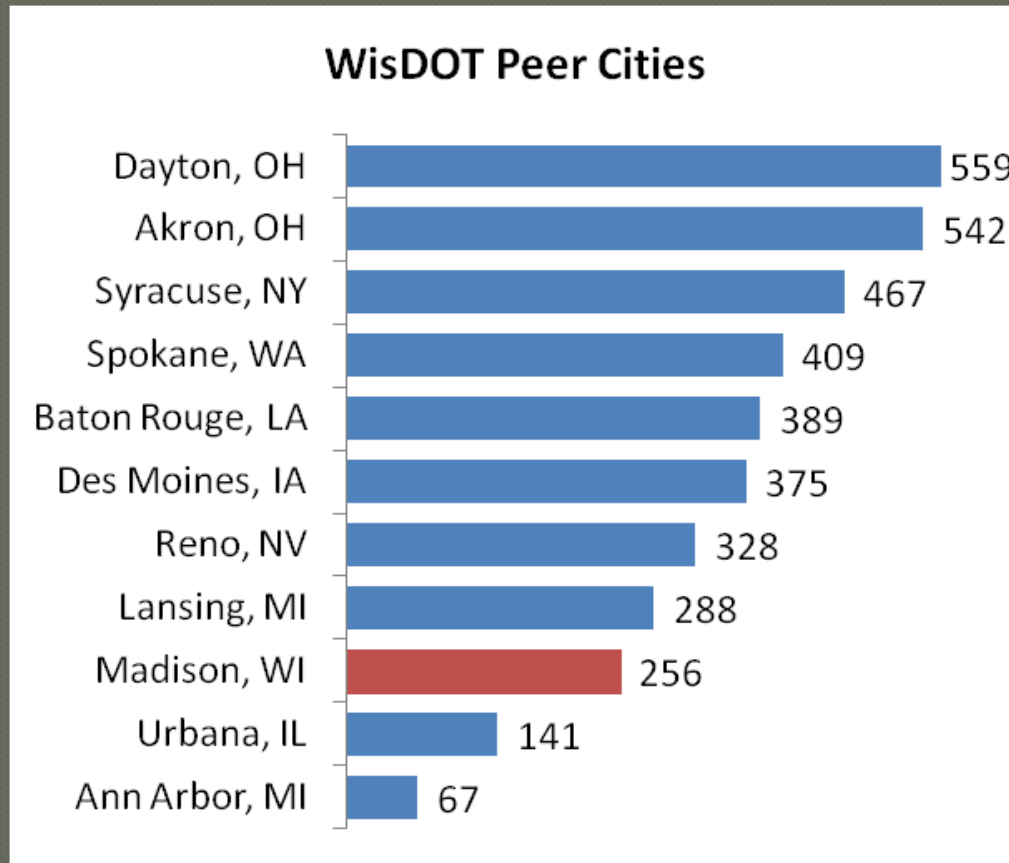
Source: National Transit Database



# Peer Cities are Larger

*Madison has the highest ridership in this group*

Service population, thousands

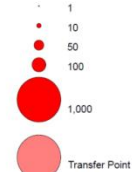


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# Metro Transit Ridership by Intersection Routes 1 to 84 March 2016

Madison Area  
Dane County, Wisconsin

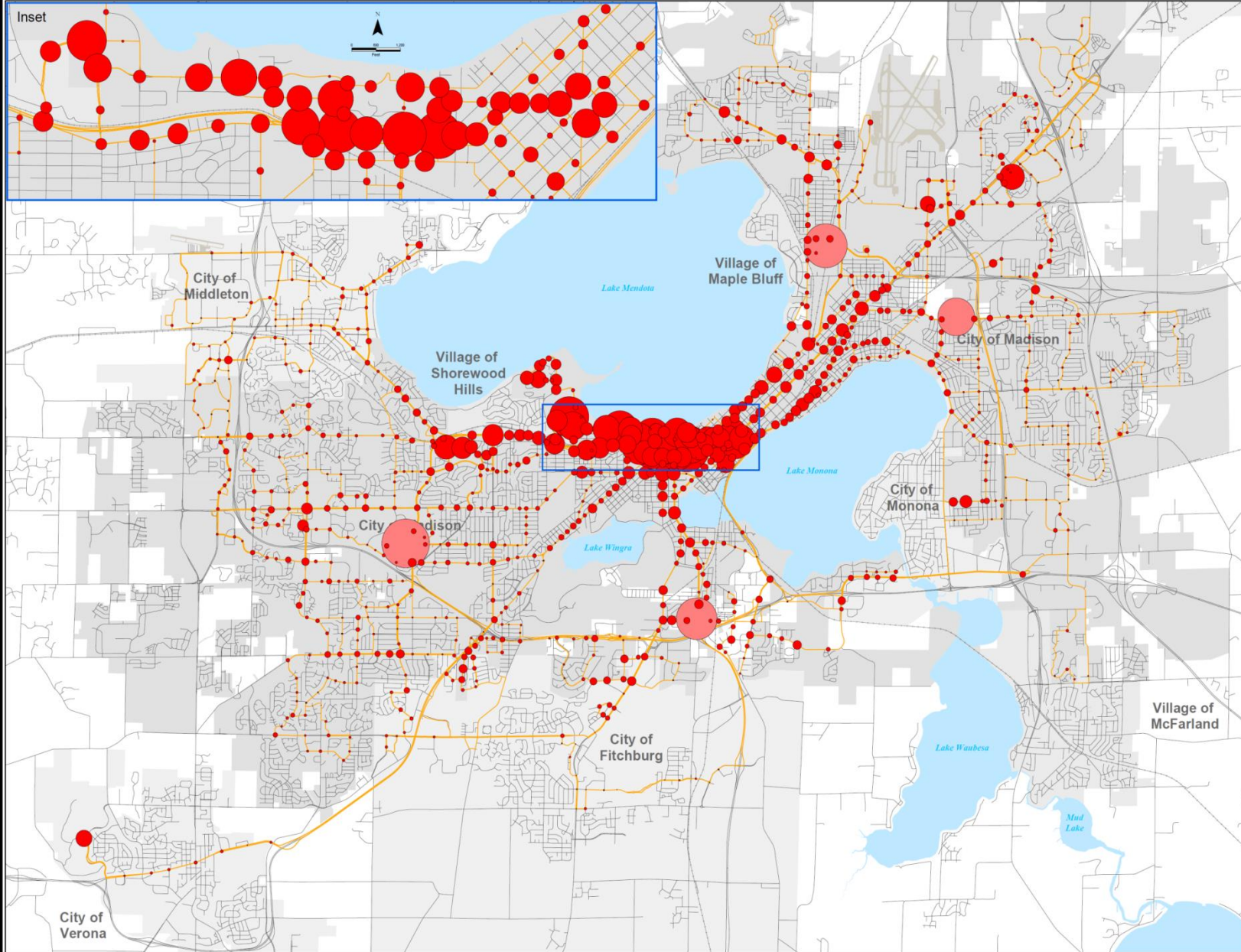
Average Weekday Boardings shown as proportional circles\*



— Metro Transit Route

■ Incorporated Area

\*Ridership data is from March 1-3, 8-10, and 15-17. Excludes supplemental school service. Intersections combined on one-way pairs.



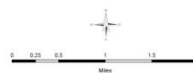
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Transit Planning Board

March 2016

Date Revised: 6/29/2016



Coordinate System: NAD 1983 NAD83 / NAD83 / USCSRS Dane County Feet  
Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic

Source: GIS  
Open Data 2016 (GIS)  
Ridership and Bus Routes (GIS)

Map Data  
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# University Policies Affect our Downtown

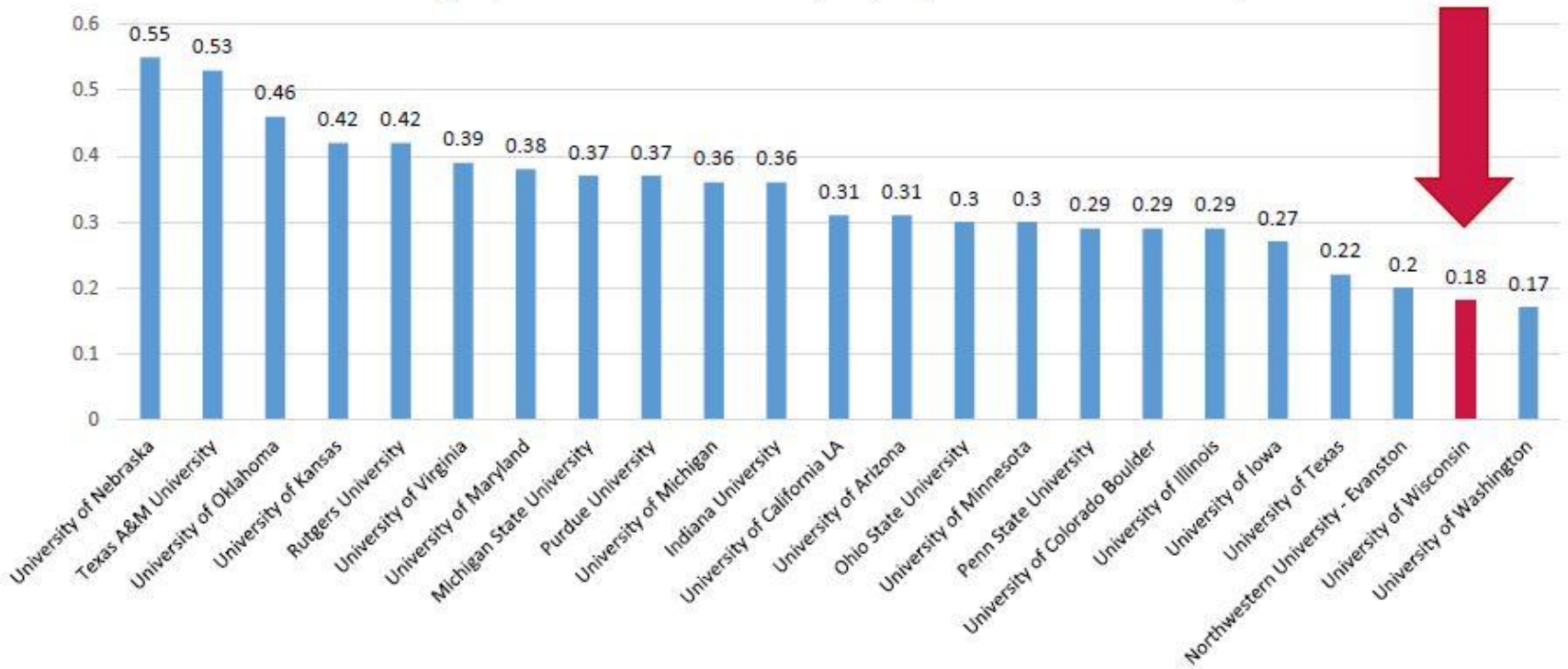
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“The modern university is a collection of faculty, staff and students held together by a common grievance over parking”

-Clark Kerr (UC-Berkeley, 1960)

# University Parking Policies

**Selected Big Ten and Peer Universities**  
*Parking Spaces Per Person (employees and students)*



Source: UW Campus Master Plan (2017)



# UW: Strong Parking and TDM Policies

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## ◉ Restricted Parking

- Total spaces capped at 13,000 for 43,300 Students and 21,600 Faculty/staff
- Pricing strategies

## ◉ Geographic Restrictions/Land Use Policies

- Additional building space through densification and conversion of surface parking
- Limited acquisition of surrounding private development

## ◉ Vanpool Program

- Access to surrounding communities

# UW: Strong Parking and TDM Policies

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- Bicycle Infrastructure Investments
- Emphasis on Pedestrian Safety and Infrastructure
- Perceived “Free” Metro Transit
  - Students receive Bus Pass as part of tuition/fees
- Deeply Reduced Cost Metro Transit
  - Faculty and Staff
- Education and Support Programs
  - Emergency ride home, promotional/informational campaigns, etc.

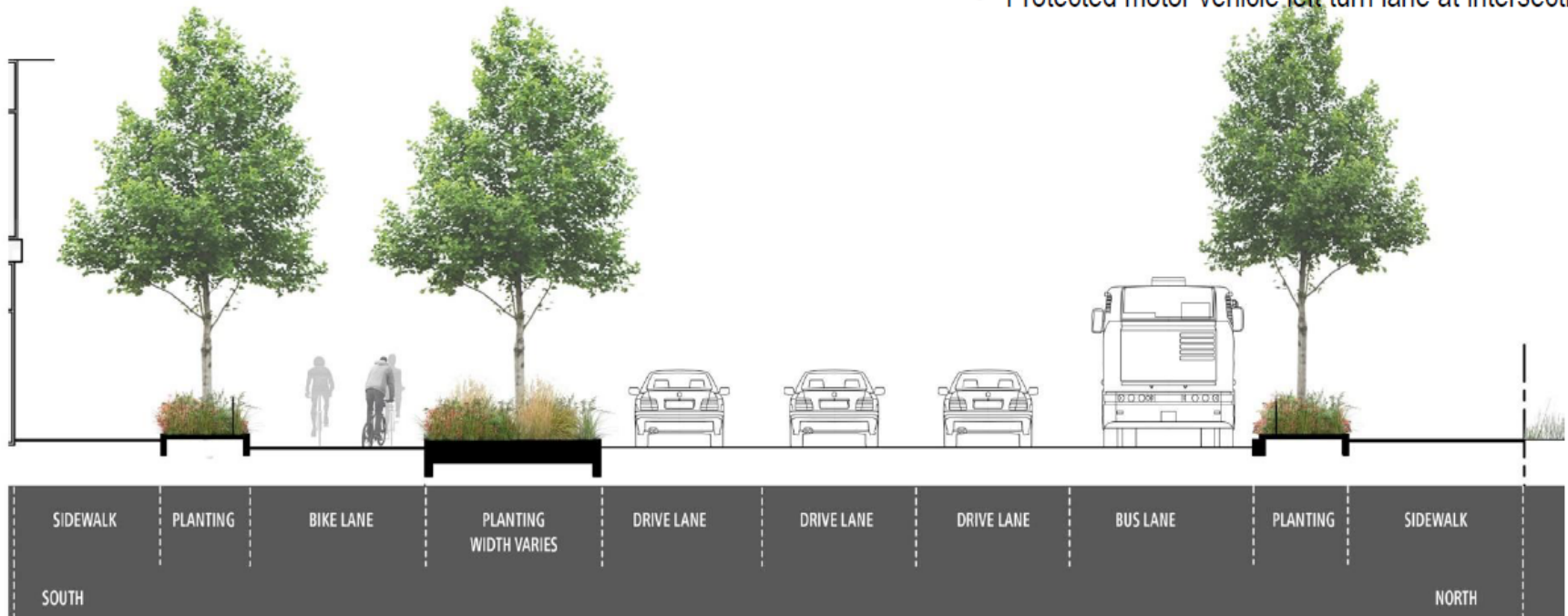


# University Complete Streets Policy

## UNIVERSITY AVENUE

Proposed Section

- Two-way protected bike lane on the south side
- North side transit lane reserved for future Bus Rapid Transit
- Planted median between protected bike lane and motor vehicle traffic
- Protected motor vehicle left turn lane at intersections



Source: UW Campus Master Plan (2017)

# University Complete Streets Policy



Charter and Linden Intersection - Existing

Source: UW Campus Master Plan (2017)



# Key City Parking Policies

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## Parking Rates

- No discounts for increasing lengths of stay
- No early bird discounts
- On-street parking priced higher than off-street parking
- Rates are set to coax cost sensitive customers to less used facilities
- Long term lease agreements require TDM Plans
- Partner with private sector to share parking as a way to reduce over building, for example hotel parking provided in evening and overnight.

# Key City Parking Practices

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- Real time parking availability is posted on website
- Carpoolers are given first priority for monthly parking permits
- Long term vehicle storage is not allowed
- Pay on entry for special events encourages carpooling



# Madison Complete Streets Policy

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## Incorporate Complete Streets Design into Roadways

- Pedestrian refuges, medians, and curb extensions
- Narrow lanes: calm traffic, create space for additional uses, reduce ped crossing distance & exposure to traffic
- Consider “road diets”, w/two-way left turn lanes (TWLTLs) ; incl. bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
- Traffic calming tools like traffic circles, speed tables, and speed boards (where appropriate)
- Bicycle facilities for traffic conditions and urban context (shared streets, bike lanes, buffered bike lanes, cycle tracks)
- Exceptions

# Madison Complete Streets Policy

MADISON



IN MOTION

Sustainable Madison  
Transportation Master Plan

## Complete Streets

A complete street is much more than just a road. It balances the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, transit, automobiles, residents and businesses. The street establishes the basis for a neighborhood's sense of place, with a canopy of street trees, storefronts, pedestrians and sidewalk cafes. This graphic explains the many parts of great streets.



**Bus Lanes and Transit Prioritization** at intersections improve the reliability of routes with high passenger volumes. Shelters with amenities and real-time bus information improve convenience for passengers.

**Intelligent Signals and Traffic Cameras** manage traffic flow in real-time. They facilitate vehicle progression and reduce wait times, improving fuel efficiency and reducing GHG emissions.

**Bicycle and Car Share Stations** provide the convenience of personal transportation, low costs, and energy savings without the need for car ownership.

**Minimum Lane Widths** assist in the accommodation of pedestrians and bicyclists when the available public right-of-way is limited in width. Narrower roadways also result in safer vehicle speeds.

**Rain Gardens** and other greenscape elements at key locations divert stormwater directly to the soil. Sustainable rain gardens can filter pollutants, improve air quality, and provide greenery on the street.

**Street Trees** with sufficient rooting volume to thrive provide shade and beauty; support wildlife habitat and reduce air pollution; and energy consumption.



**Electric Vehicle Charging Stations** support the adoption of a new generation of clean-fuel vehicles. Linked to smart electric grids that use alternative energy sources such as solar and wind, they will help reduce dependence on fossil fuels and combat climate change.

**Ease of Maintenance** informs the design of roadways and sidewalks, favoring durable materials and maintenance agreements for special features to enhance the life and upkeep of Boston's streets.

**Accessible Surfaces** with smooth, slip-resistant materials for sidewalks and crosswalks create comfortable-walking environments that make streets welcoming for people of all ages and abilities.

**Permeable Surfaces** for roadways and sidewalks help reduce flooding and erosion and preserve capacity in storm drains and combined sewers.

**Smart Meters** that accept prepaid cards, payment by mobile phone, and allow for variable pricing facilitate more efficient use of limited outside space.

**Bicycle Lanes and Cycle Tracks** create a citywide network that increases safety and encourages more people to bicycle.

**Digital Tags and Information Panels** integrated with street furniture and building facades enable wayfinding, community bulletin boards, trip planning, and place-based social networking.

**Wide Sidewalks** with unobstructed accessible pathways encourage walking. When combined with proper lighting, street trees, and vibrant street walls that are inviting, safe, and contribute to placemaking.

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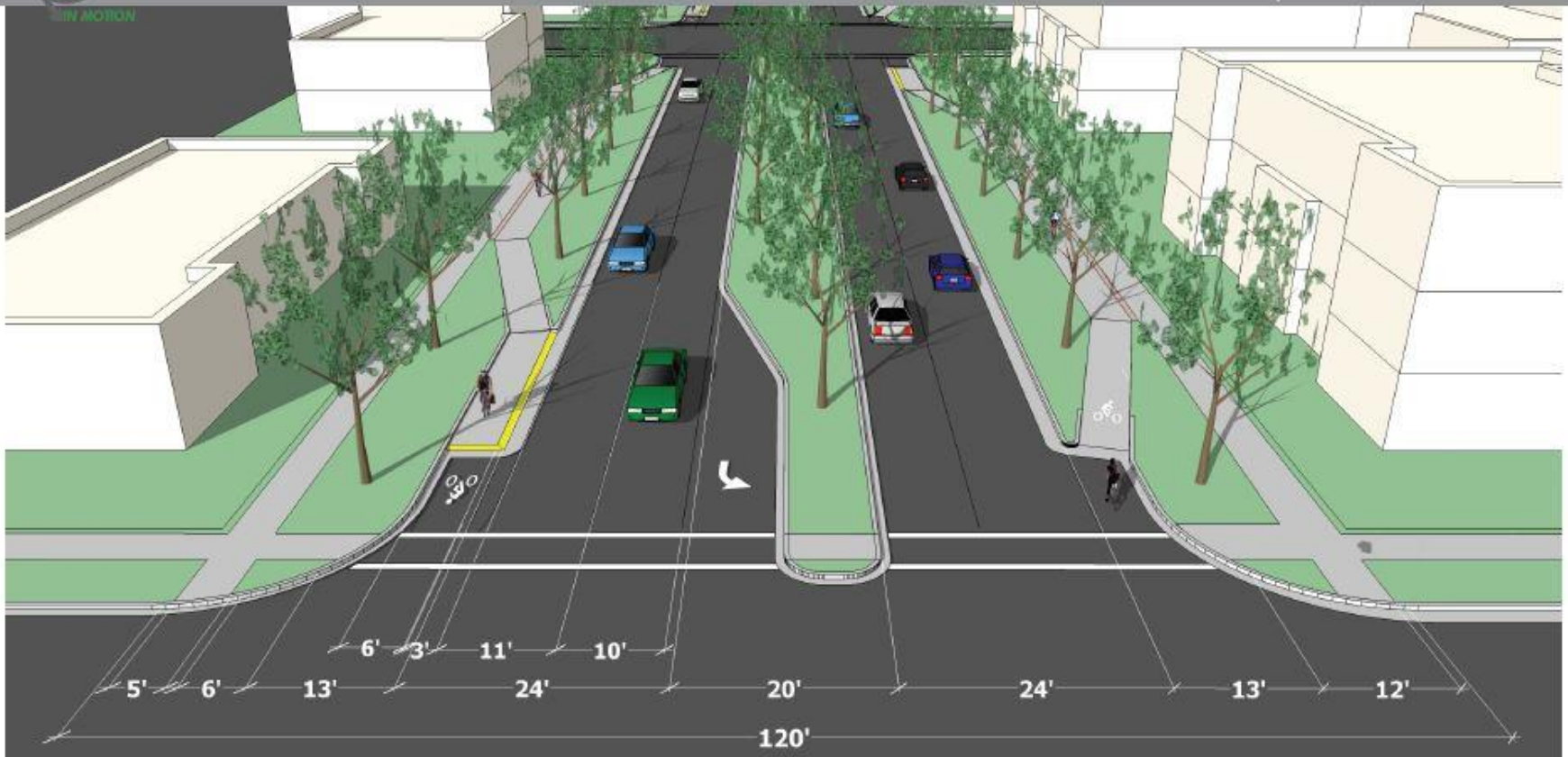
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## Street Typologies

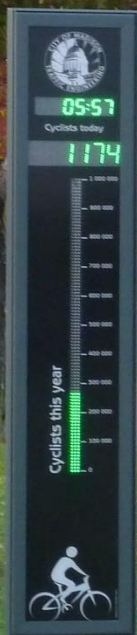
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**Arterial - Cycle Track**



# Making a Winter City Bike Friendly





# Bicycle Policy Beginnings

City of Madison, Wisconsin

## RESOLUTION

directing the Director of Public Works, Director of Transportation and Planning Director to consider bicycle routes as part of all street construction or reconstruction projects.

Presented Nov. 14 1972  
Plan, Bike Route System  
Referred to City of Madison Bicycle Com.

Reported Back Dec. 14 1972

Adopted

Rules Suspended

Re-Referred to

TRANSPORTATION DEPT on File  
CITY OF MADISON

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 24277

File Number 6796-72

Aldermen Forster and Soglin

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WHEREAS, bicycles are being used in increasing numbers as a method of transportation, and

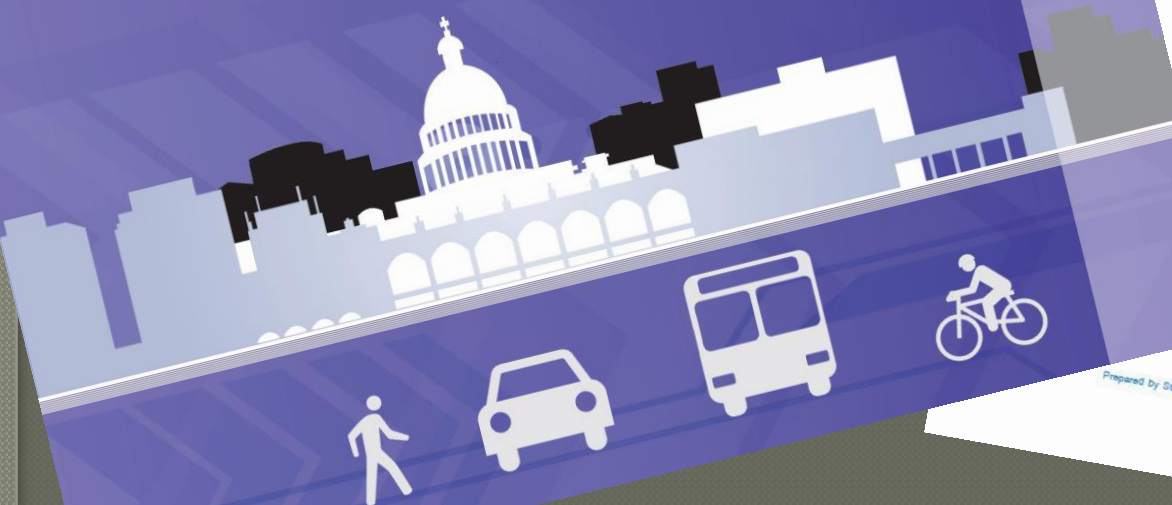
WHEREAS, the City of Madison has an approved Long Range Master Plan Bike Route System and is in the process of constructing Phase One of the Bike Route System, and

WHEREAS, portions of the Bike Route System are located on streets or sidewalks,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that prior to initiation of any future street construction or reconstruction project, the Director of Public Works, Director of Transportation and Planning Director provide recommendations to the appropriate body on the necessity of including any part of the Bike Route System on any of the streets in said project as follows:

# MADISON IN MOTION Transportation Plan

# 2016



# Bicycle Transportation Plan

for the  
Madison Metropolitan Area  
and Dane County  
2015

Prepared by Staff of the Madison Area Transportation Planning Board  
A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
With assistance from Staff of other Agencies





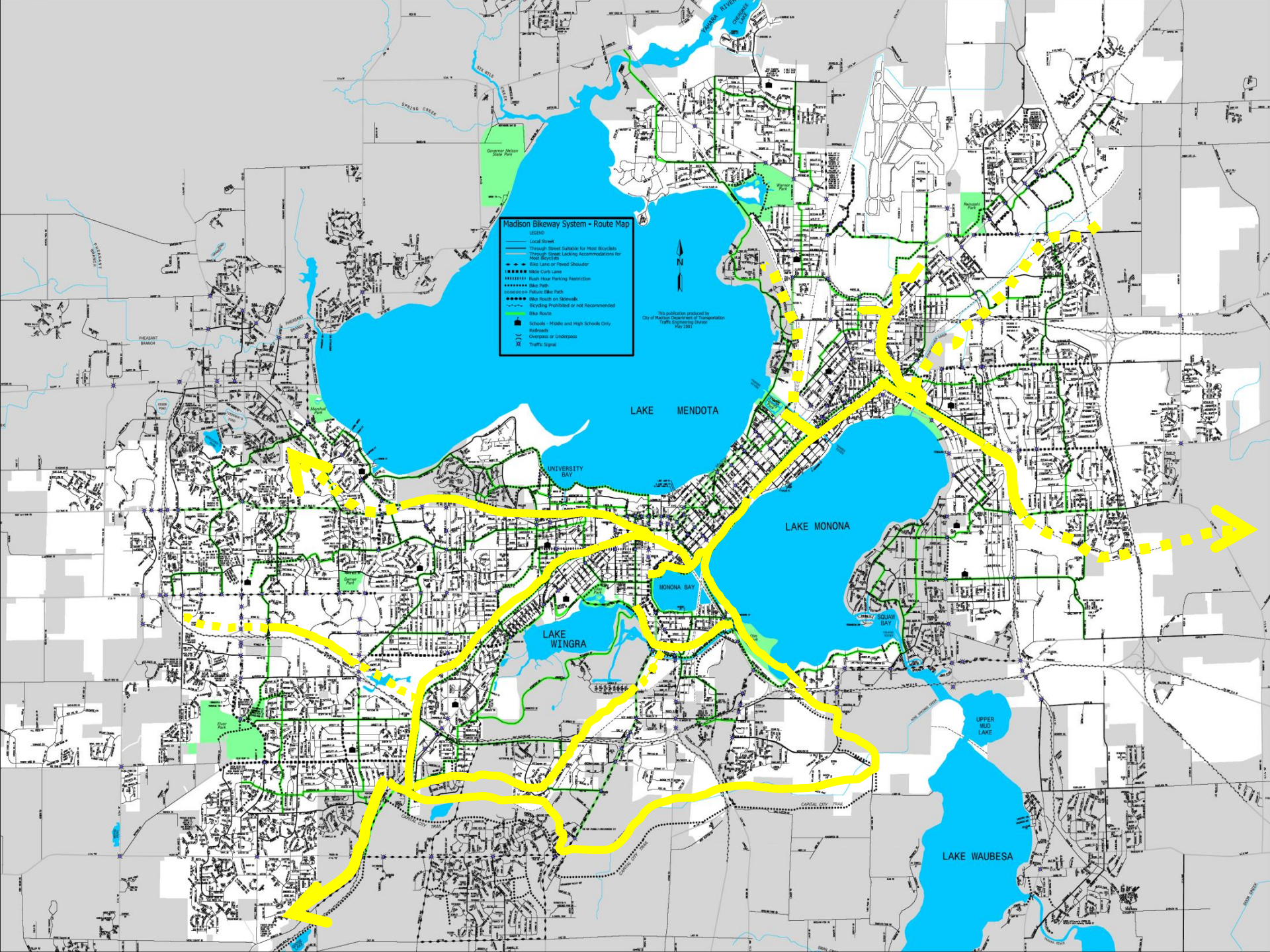




Madison Bikeway System - Route Map

- Local Street
- Through Street Suitable for Motor Bicycles
- Through Street Lacking Accommodations for Motor Bicycles
- Bike Lane or Shared Shoulder
- Multisue Curb Lane
- Hourly Roadside Parking Restriction
- Bike Path
- Proposed Future Bike Path
- Bike Route on Sidewalk
- Bicycling Prohibited or Not Recommended
- Bike Route
- Schools - Middle and High Schools Only
- Pedwalk
- Overpass or Underpass
- Traffic Signal

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# Shared Use Paths – Along Waterfronts



# Shared Use Paths – Abandoned Rail Corridor

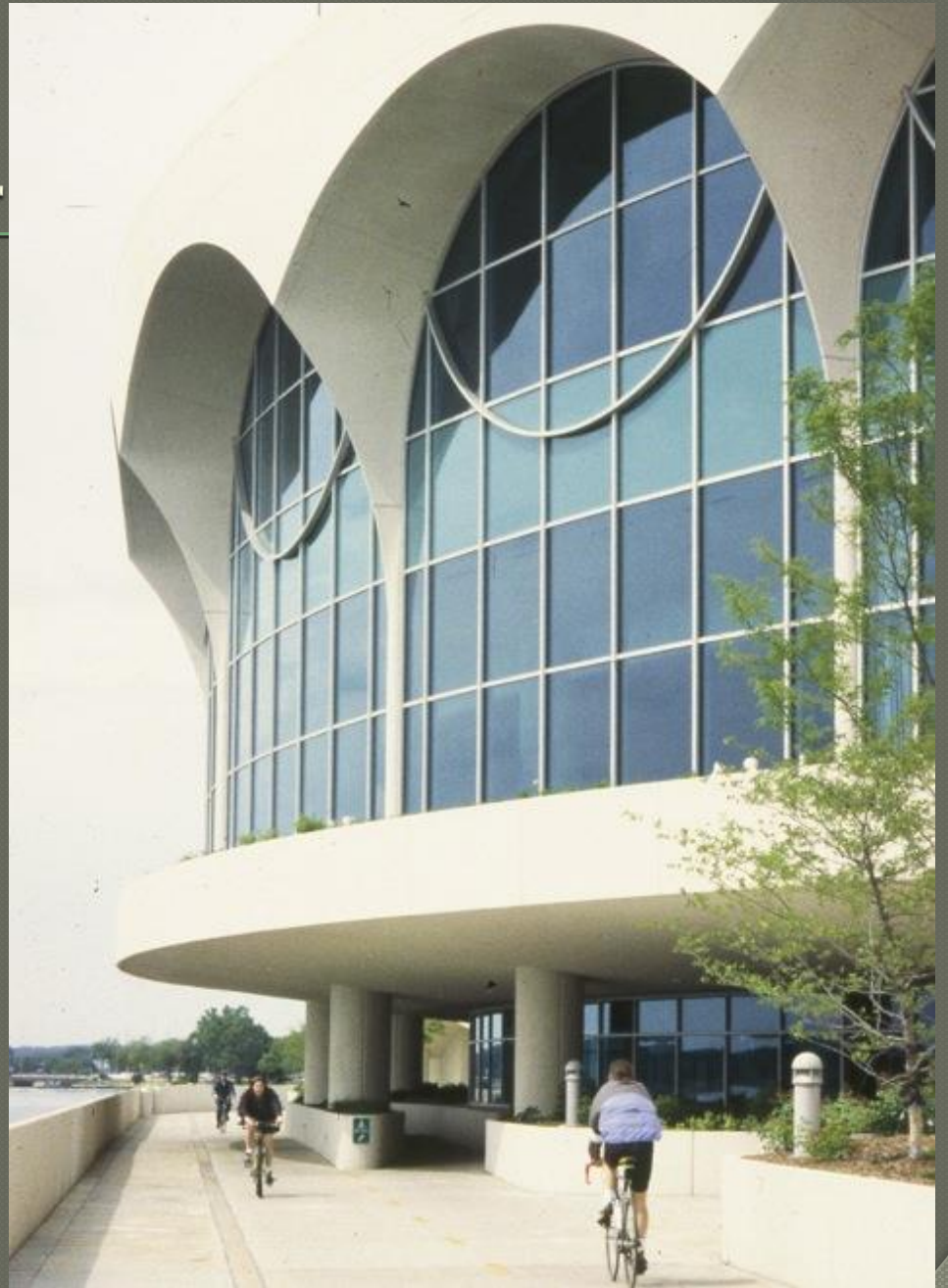




# Shared Use Paths – Active Rail Corridor



# Shared Use Paths – Integrated with Development





# Shared Use Paths – Neighborhood Connections



# Shared Use Paths – Night Lighting





# Traffic Calmed Streets





# Bicycle Boulevards & Neighborhood Greenways









# Arterial Streets – Buffered Bike Lanes

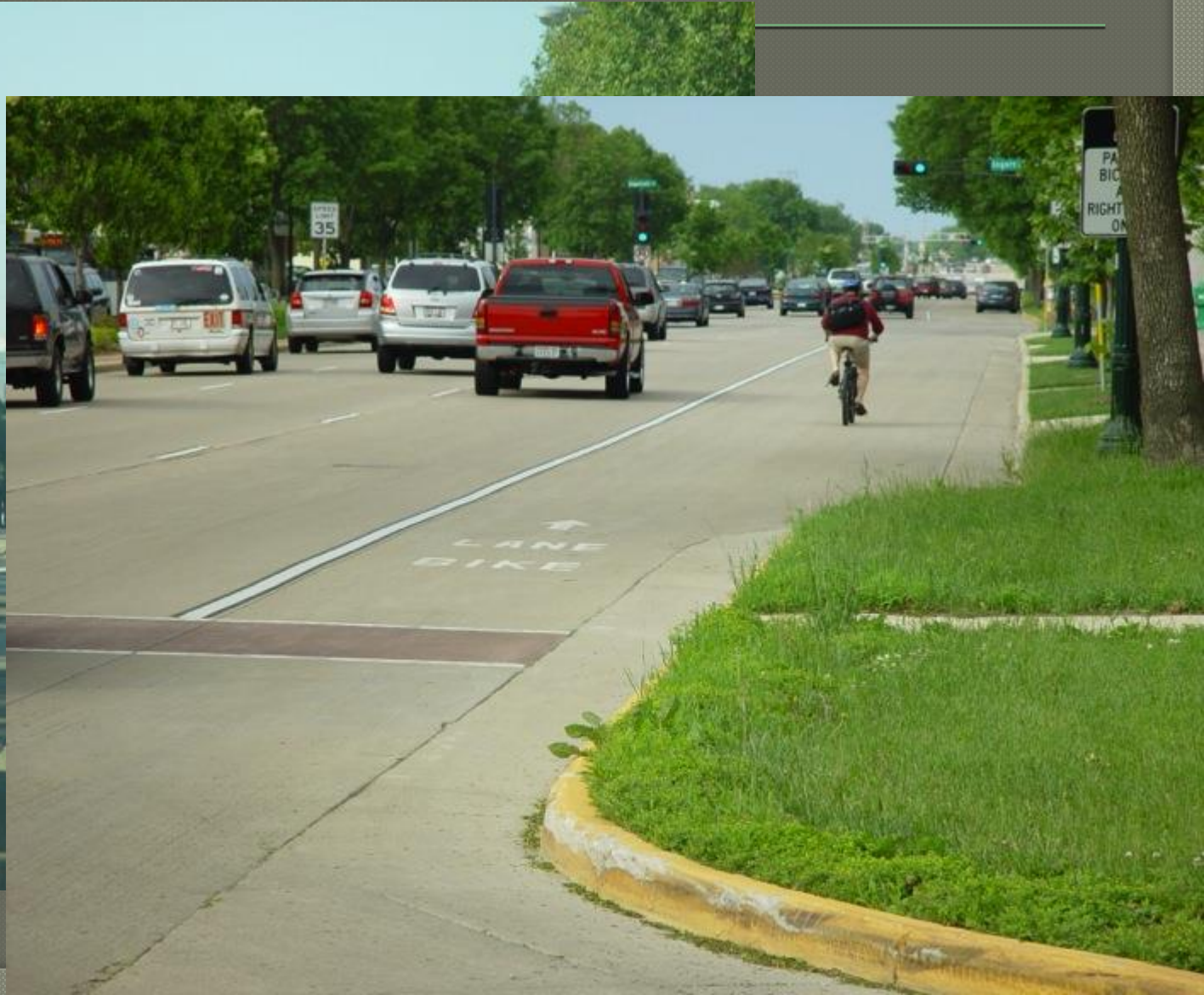




# Arterial Streets – Buffered Bike Lanes



# Arterial Streets





# Arterial Streets – Cycle Track



# Contra-Flow Lanes



**Sharrows used to indicate shared use of northbound lane**





# Grade Separation - Underpass



# Grade Separation - Overpass





# Parking Integrated with Building







**Where we have wider concrete terraces we can install multi-space racks with bicycles parked perpendicular to the street**



# On-Street Bicycle Parking – King Street







**Meter rings for bicycle parking are being installed on many meter posts when areas are converted from coin operation to pay by space**



# America's 20 Coldest Major Cities

By Jon Erdman Published: Jan 9, 2014, 3:06 PM EST

<http://www.weather.com/news/weather-winter/20-coldest-large-cities-america-20140107>

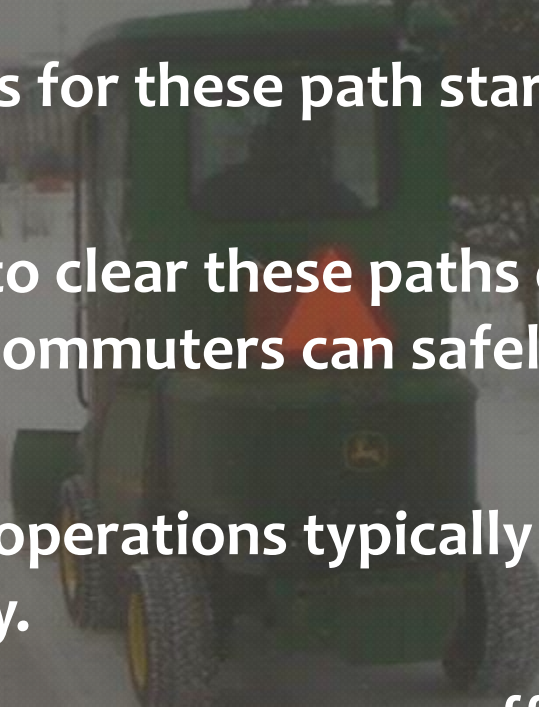
## #3: Madison, Wisc. (Avg. Dec-Feb Temp: 21.6 degrees)



Madison's all-time record low was -37 degrees set on Jan. 30, 1951. On average, subzero cold occurs 17 days each year, while subfreezing temperatures occur 152 days a year, there. (Andy Manis/Getty Images)





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- A green snowplow is shown clearing a snow-covered path in a winter setting. The plow is moving from left to right, leaving a clear path behind it. The background shows snow-covered trees and a bright sky.
- Major paths are a top priority for snow and ice control.
  - Goal is to have these cleared by 7:00 AM, Monday through Friday, to facilitate users commute to work and school.
  - Snow removal operations for these path starts no later than 4:00 AM M – F.
  - Crews are also assigned to clear these paths during the workday to ensure that commuters can safely return home from work and school.
  - Weekend snow removal operations typically begin at 7:00 AM, Saturday and Sunday.
  - This enables crews to remove snow more efficiently and effectively prior to it becoming packed down by bicycle and pedestrian traffic.
  - Salt and sand are used sparingly and only as necessary to melt ice and provide traction.

**We started experimenting this year with using salt brine as an anti-icing agent on one of our more heavily used paths.**

- Applied 24 – 48 hours prior to snow event
- Pavement temp 16 F + (-9 C +)
- Not recommended if rain/drizzle forecast
- Not recommended if high winds forecast at start of storm
- 40 gallons (151 liters) per lane mile



Photo from SnowEx

**One 50 pound (22.7 kg) bag of salt treats  
4 miles (6.4 km) of 10 foot (3 m) wide shared use path**















# King Street District



Photo credit: Capital Times



# Growth of State Street Activities



# Questions

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