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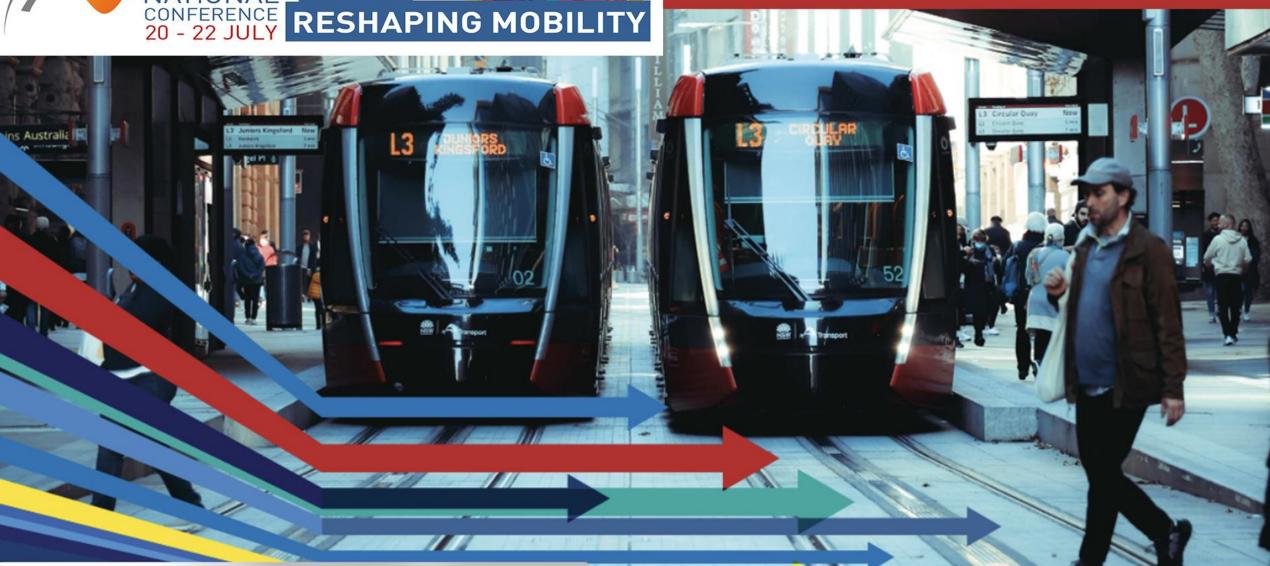








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Our specialist teams manage all aspects of engineering and advisory for roads and highways, including feasibility studies, design, construction, maintenance and asset management services. We draw on our extensive expertise in bridges, road alignment and pavement design, tunnelling and geotechnical engineering to provide advanced design and advisory solutions to complex road and highway challenges.

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Awards and rankings

Engineering News-Record (ENR), 2021

Top 225 International Design Firms: #24

Top 150 Global Design Firms: #37

Top 10 Australia/Oceania: #5

Engineering News-Record (ENR), 2020

Global Best Projects - Rail Winner, Sydney Metro Northwest

Client Choice Awards, Australia & New Zealand 2020

Winner, Best Provider to Construction & Infrastructure Winner, Best Professional Services Firm >\$200m revenue Winner, Best Built Environment Firm >\$200m revenue

Australian Engineering Excellence Awards 2020

Winner, InQuik Bridging Systems, Canberra Division
Winner, Sydney Metro Northwest Stations, Sydney Division
Winner, Albion Park Rail Bypass – Detailed Design, Sydney Division

CESA Aon Engineering Excellence Awards 2019, South Africa

Commendation, Best International Project, Main Road 118
Winner, Roads & Bridges category, Upgrade of the Mt Edgecombe
Interchange

Top 500 List, South Africa

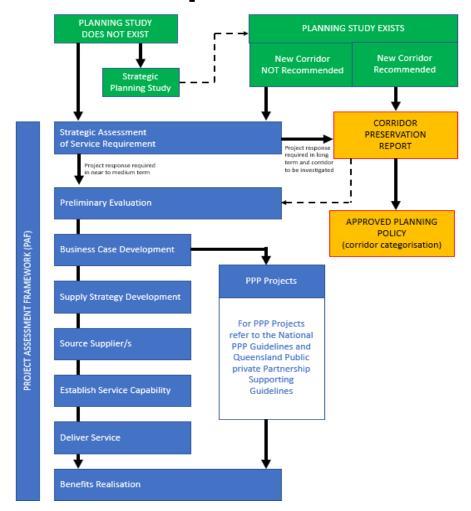
Winner, Top 5 Best Managed Consulting Engineering Firms

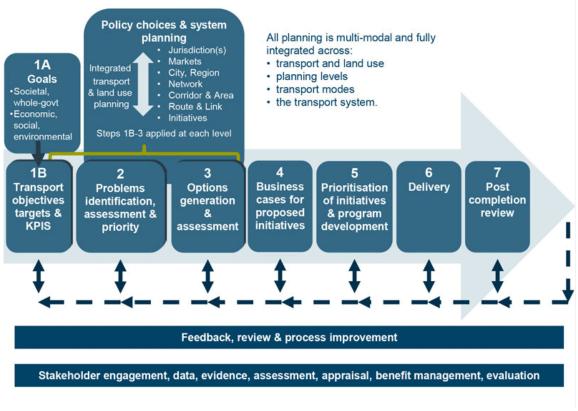
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Frameworks for project identification and benefits

Anthony Burke – Principal Engineer, SMEC

Example Frameworks





Australian Transport Assessment and Planning (ATAP)

Queensland's Project Assessment Framework (PAF)

Base Case Scenario

- Why so important? High Crash Rates Limited or Poor and/or No Unreliable Pedestrian and Cyclists Amenity Problem/ Congestion and Delays

Base Case Scenario

- Qualitative or Quantitative

Qualitative Tools

Investment Logic Mapping

Surveys

Stakeholder Engagement

Customer Feedback

Quantitative Tools

Site Observations

Crash statistics

Journey to Work data

PT ticketing

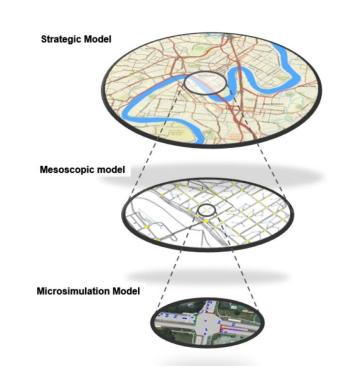
Traffic surveys – all modes

Multi-model Transport Modelling

Spreadsheet / Elastic Models

Deficiency analysis

Gap Analysis



Transport Modelling Hierarchy

Base Case Scenario

- Why so important? Improved Safety **Increased Socio** / Economic Outcomes **Improved** Reduced Travel Benefits Health Improved Pedestrian and Cyclists Environmental -Reduced Green **Emissions**

Base Future Case Scenario

- Realistic Future Base Network Required?



Recent Experience

Public Transport Studies

- Illegal use of transit and bus lanes
- Out of service to start service data not collected

Active Transport Studies

- Limited intercept surveys
- App's (e.g. Strava) are limited to users of the app

Highway (Interchange) Planning

- future year without project scenario with network congested

Barriers to Benefits

Tim Cupitt – Team Leader – Transport Planning, SMEC

Transport is often cited as the most important issue for cities and critical for achieving competitive advantage and attracting investment and residents

- Successful cities are constantly increasing due to their economic advantage provided by labour markets
- Growth is a key indicator success success in the competition to attract investment and new residents
- Generally, when a city/region doubles in size there is a ~7% increase in productivity
- An efficient transport system creates the economic opportunities for growth
 - maximise access to exchange space while optimising movement space

Justifying the Investment

Tendency to take a "bottom-up approach" as opposed to a "top down"



Justifying the Investment



- Assessment of projects tends to favour large scale projects (generally road projects)
- Usually driven by the direct benefits generalised travel time savings - aggregation of small travel time savings
- Wider economic or 'secondary' benefits often more important to society but not considered
 - changes in employment opportunities, property price increases, driving economic clusters and agglomeration





Bridging the Gap

- Partial move towards "top-down" or objective-led planning
- Use of SMTs, OIT etc helps bridge the gap policy and the problem-based transport solutions
- Ties projects back to policy agenda
- Increasing consideration of the wider economic benefits

Realising the Benefits

- May manage to justify the project but still a hurdle in achieving the benefits
- Can't be simply be infrastructure driven
- Realising or maximising benefits often depends on supporting policy intervention by Government



- Distortions exist in the land use transport system (as a result of our policies) they limit the realisation of benefits
- Homogenous land use zoning, capped development charges, fuel taxes, flat rate vehicle registrations, focus on supply rather than demand management, parking policy and pricing
- Despite infrastructure investment the market distortions lead to inefficient travel choices



- Accurate pricing to encourage more efficient travel choices and encourage viability of alternative transport options
- Easier said than done although exists in water and electricity markets (with no alternatives)
- Examples exist in the transport industry congestion charging, parking reform, workplace parking levies etc
- Political appetite / community acceptance limited
- Requires working across political and modal silos



- Transition away from ICE vehicles may be the step towards more accurate transport pricing and change in transport preferences
- Improved consideration of travel time savings and the value of time

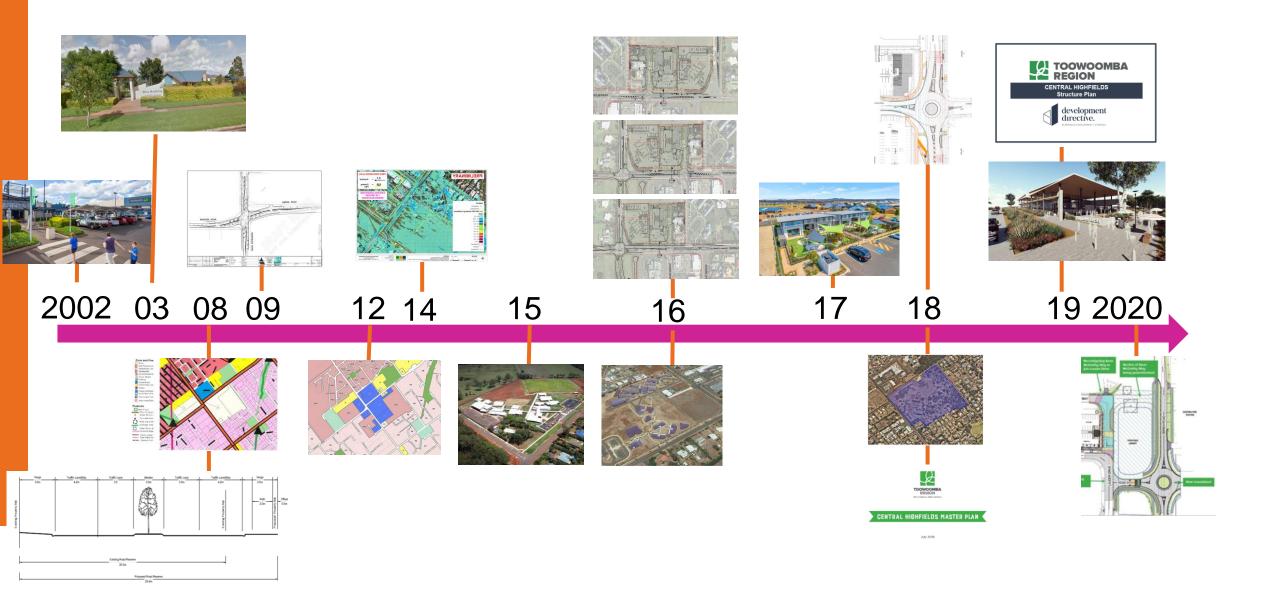
Movement and Place

Brian McKay – Senior Transport Planner, Toowoomba Regional Council

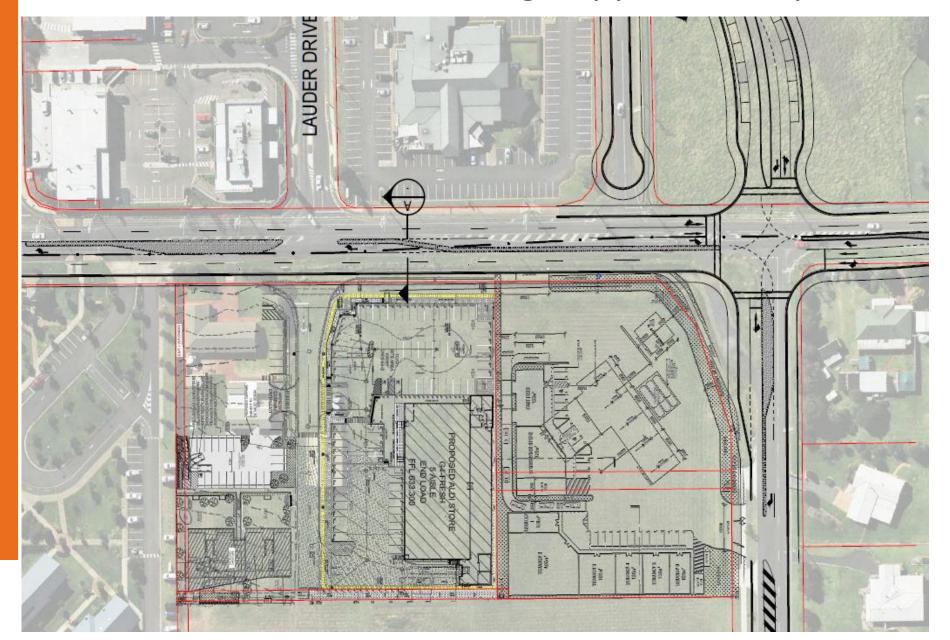








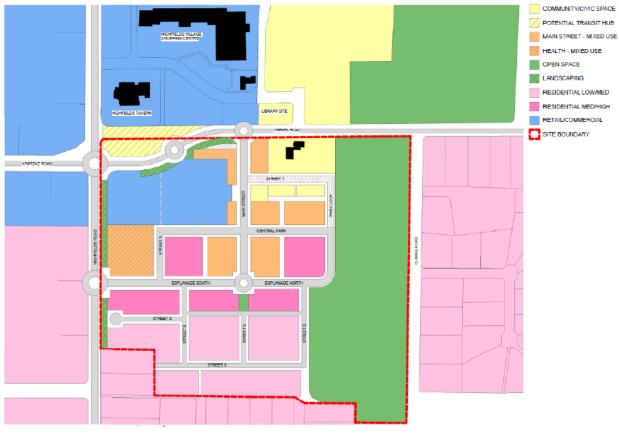
Historical/Traditional design approach – "predict and provide"



Traffic signals and dual carriageway

Vision and Plan





Vision

Plan

Traffic Analysis

2031 Census Based Devpt Estimated Max Devpt

O'Brien Road 6700 7600

Highfields Road 7500 8100

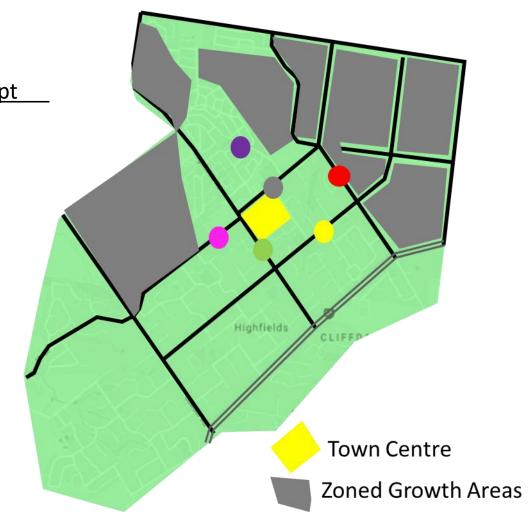
Polzin Road 6900 6000

Reis Road 2500 4100

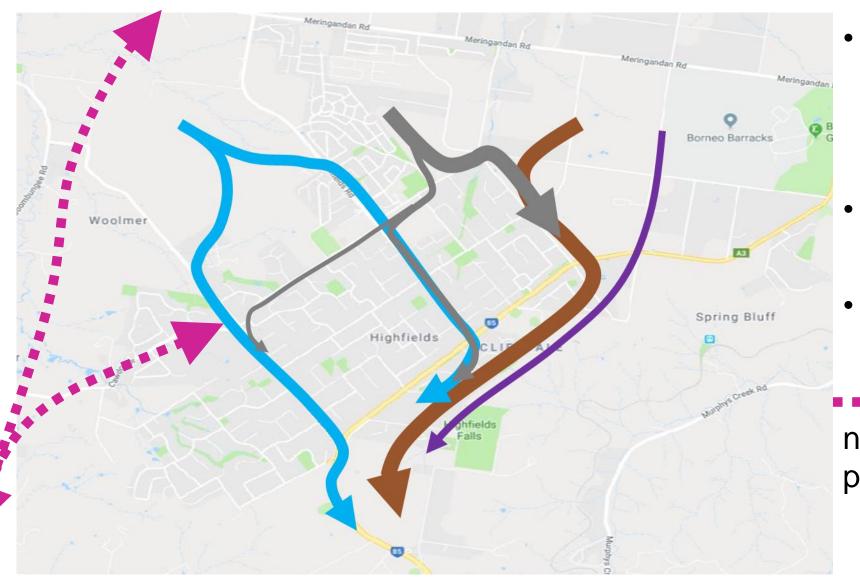
Kuhls Road 3500 4500

Kratzke Road 3000 4000

Average Weekday Traffic



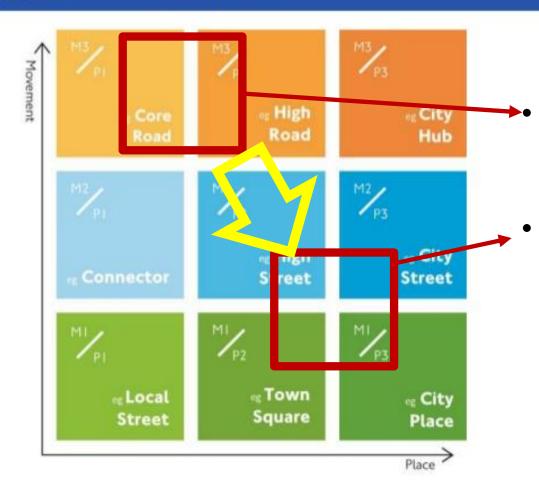
Traffic Analysis



- Distribute residential traffic to and from New England Highway / Toowoomba.
- Predominantly worker / school peak traffic.
- Traffic is spread on a number of routes.
- potential future route: north south bypass (as proposed STS2014)

Movement and Place Approach

Street Type Functions matrix



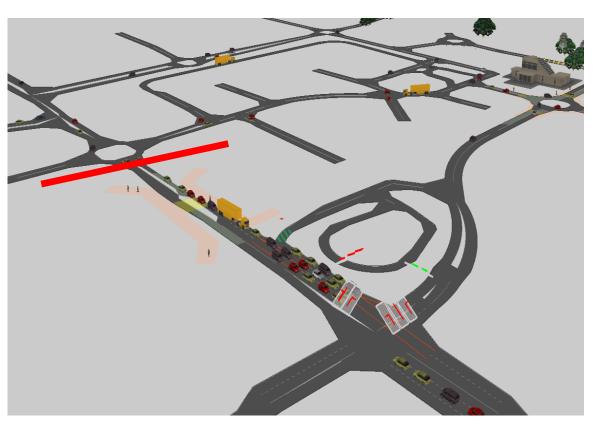
Currently an arterial through route and movement corridor.

Also becoming a place to travel to and be in – "Central Highfields".

Decide and Analyse



URBAN OUTCOME
Similar to Herries Street (15,000 VPD).



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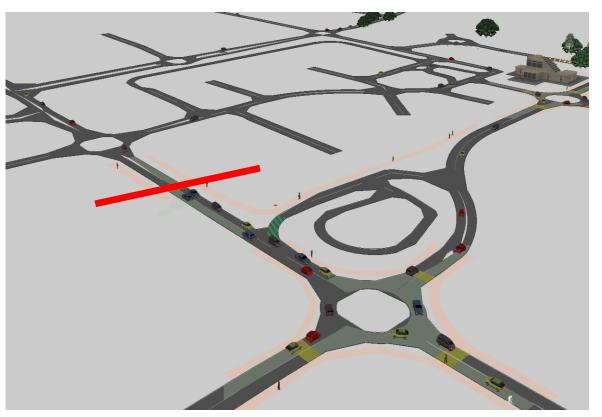
Potential static queue back into roundabout during morning peak period

Decide and Analyse



URBAN OUTCOME

New generation roundabout, Melbourne (volumes 15,000 to 20,000 VPD)



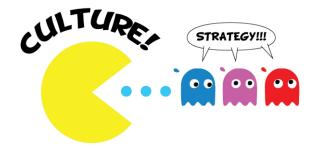
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Extent of moving queue – morning peak period

Final Thoughts:

- We are still in a learning process of how to best use some of the more recent(ish) thinking's
- Need to move from a "predict and provide" to "decide and provide"
- Lower speeds are coming
- Need to ensure we have 'buy in' otherwise

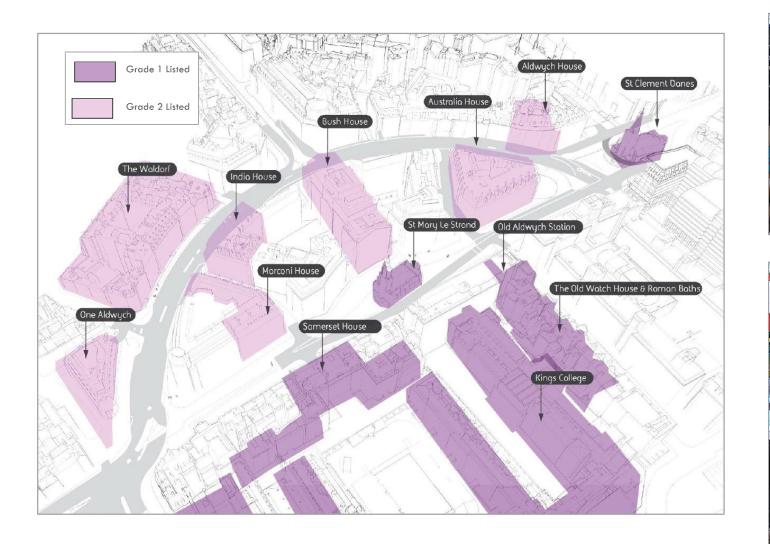
"culture eats strategies/plans etc for breakfast" (Peter Drucker 1909 - 2005)



Community benefits from investing in the urban realm

Thomas Boulton – Senior Transport Planner, SMEC

Strand Aldwych Project







The scheme





Key benefits

Quantified impacts:

- Public realm
- Road safety
- Journey time (general traffic, bus passengers, cyclists and pedestrians)

Non-quantified impacts:

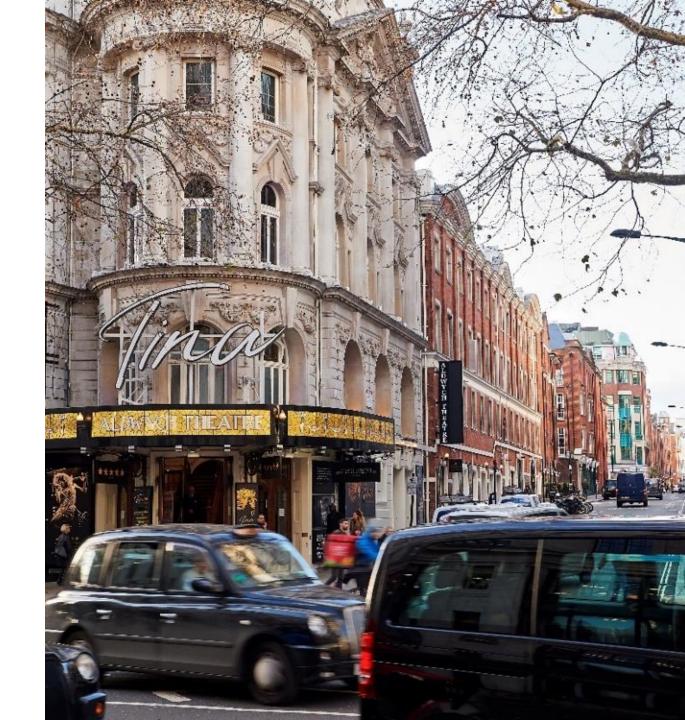
- Air quality
- Land value uplift
- Security and Hostile Vehicle Mitigation
- Heritage





Other key factors

- Private sector support
- COVID-19 opportunity / phased approach
- Support from the public
- Alignment on national,
 London-wide and local policy



Parliament Square Project

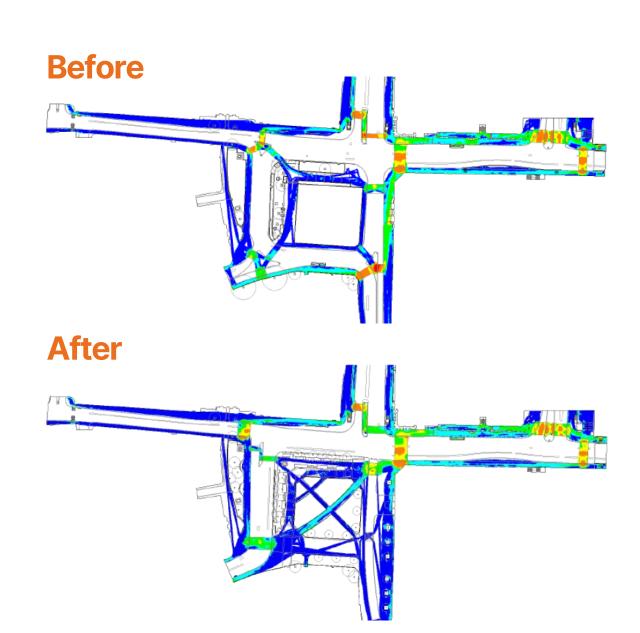




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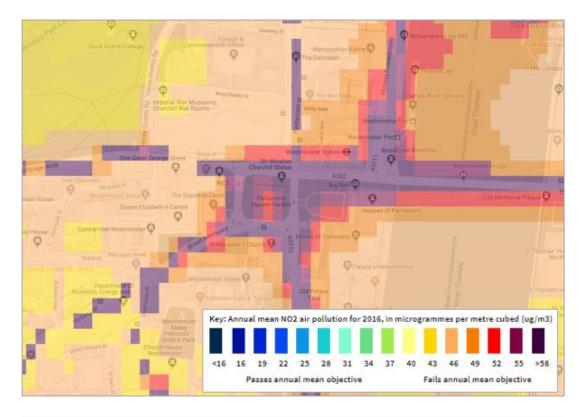
- Public realm
- Travel time (pedestrians)
- Road safety
- Travel time (wider network)
- Health (cyclists)
- Bus financial impacts



Key benefits

Non-quantified impacts:

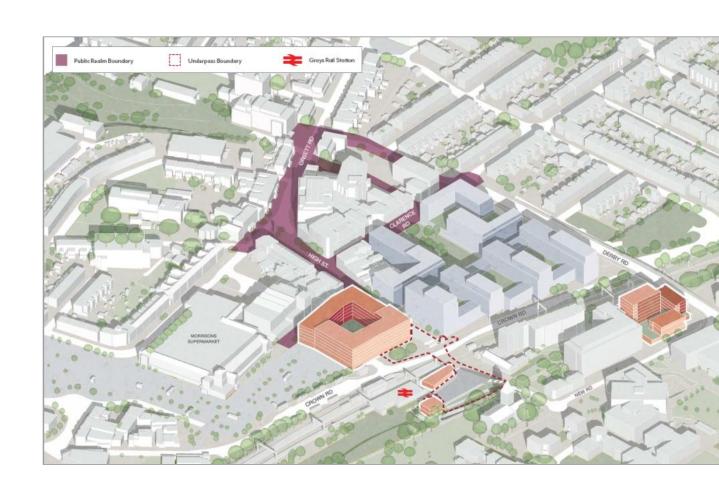
- Noise
- Local air quality
- Greenhouse gases
- Public safety
- Heritage
- Tourism





Grays Future High Street Fund

- Develop three sites for mixed commercial and housing opportunities
- Support digital economy and information systems along high street
- Maximize benefits of underpass scheme



Key benefits

Quantified impacts:

- Land value uplift
- Affordable housing benefits

Non-quantified impacts:

- Digital economy (IoT)
- Amenity value (placemaking)
- Community cohesion





Summary

- Many different appraisal tools for transport and non-transport schemes
- Support needed from the public and private sector
- Co-funding arrangements can be difficult but often achieves best outcomes for the community

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