

A Short History of Traffic Engineering

In industrialised cities:

Before 1920: the compact city

Walking and cycling are the dominant modes of transport. Public transport has an important role in getting people from A to B.

1920 - 1950

Walking, cycling and public transport are still the most common modes of travel. The car appears in the city and has to adapt to the built up structure.

From 1950: the car-oriented city

The car is prioritised in planning. Every other mode of transport is subordinated to the car and has to adapt.

Planning for the livable city

In order to achieve a livable environment the sustainable modes of transport need to be prioritised.

