

Vehicle Miles Traveled by Urbanized Area

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The First State of the Carbon Cycle Report (SOCCR)

The North American Carbon Budget and Implications for the Global Carbon Cycle







U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product 2.2

November 2007

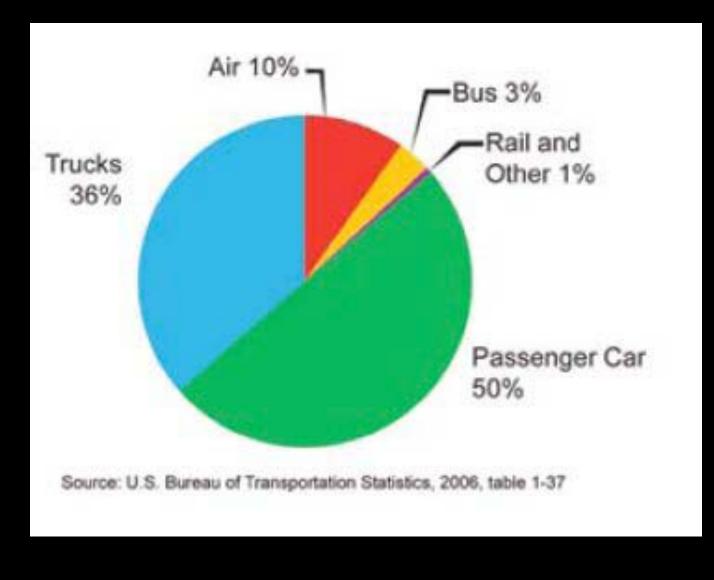
State of the Carbon Cycle Report (SOCCR)

- 27% of global CO₂ emissions from N. America
- 2 billion metric tons (BMT) N. America in 2003
- 85 % from U.S.
- 31 % is transportation [42% commercial/power]
- transportation is largest end user
- land sink absorbs only 30% of CO₂

options to reduce CO₂ emissions per report (SOCCR)

- efficiency improvement
- fuel switching
- technologies such as carbon capture
- geological storage
- only brief mention of compact urban structure as a solution

U.S. passenger travel by mode



JAPA Autumn 2007

- "Is Compact Growth Good for Air Quality?" juried article
- Modeled air quality based on density
- Found cities with denser urban growth had greater reduction in gases

Comment on JAPA Article

- Growth in VMT will wipe out gains from revised fuel economy stds
- VMT forecast to grow by 2% annually over next 25 years (US DOE)



BOSTON (1980)

USA

Boston

Daily VMT= 20.3 miles/capita

Freeway miles per 1,000 pop = 72.3

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Atlanta

Daily VMT= 33.8 miles/capita

Freeway miles per 1,000 pop = 102.9





SAN FRANCISCO (downtown)

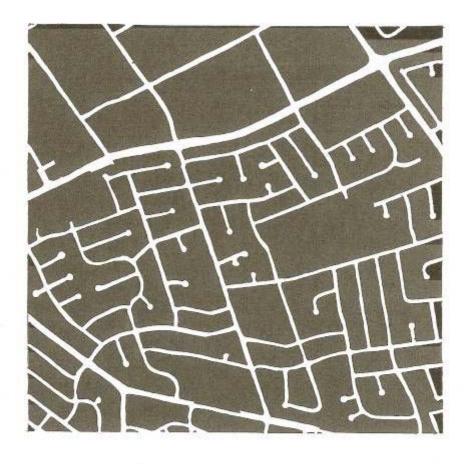
USA



San Francisco

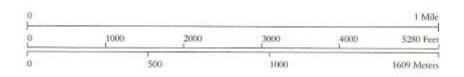
Daily VMT/capita= 22.4

Freeway miles per 1,000 pop = 82.0



WALNUT CREEK (residential area) 0

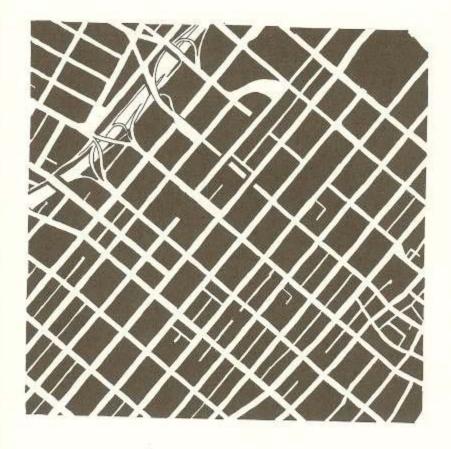
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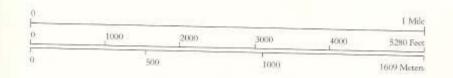
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LOS ANGELES (downtown)



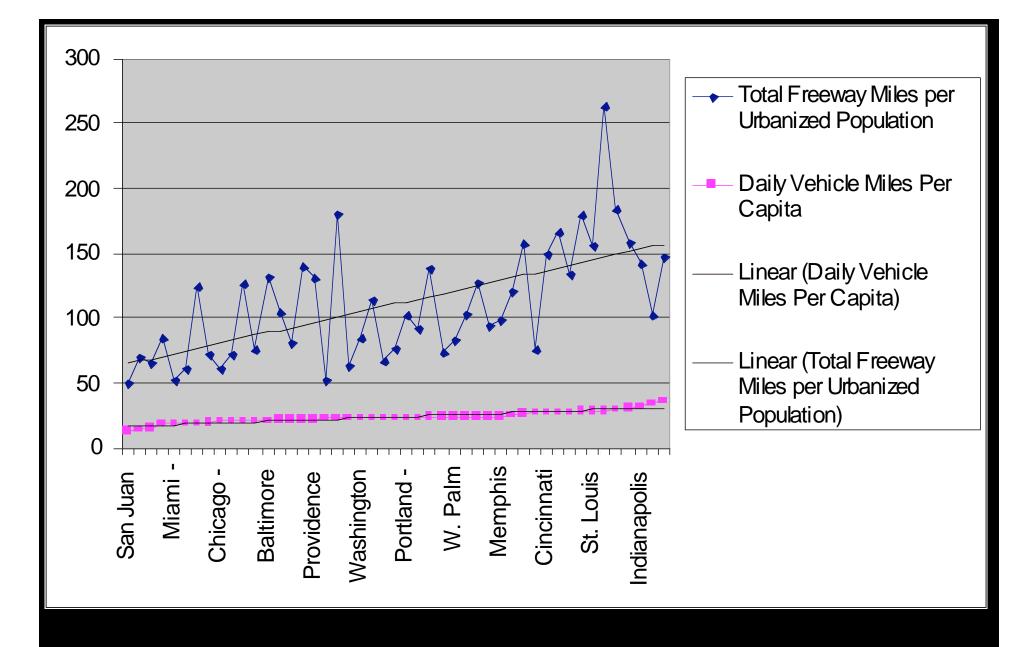
USA



LA

Daily VMT/capita= 22.7

Freeway miles per 1,000 pop = 52.7



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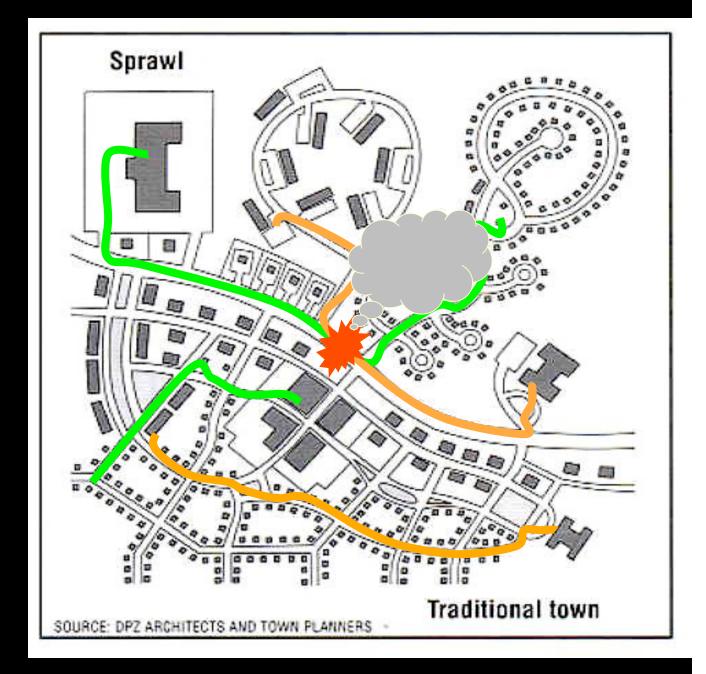


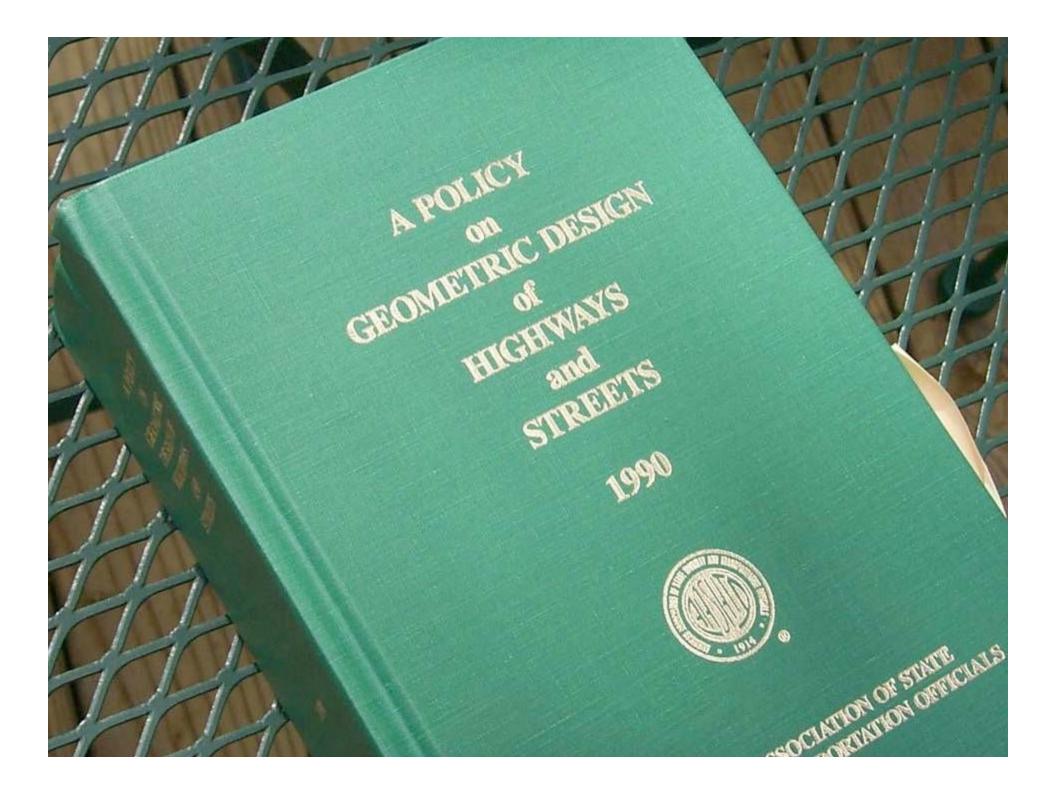
Fairfax, VA Fairfax Boulevard

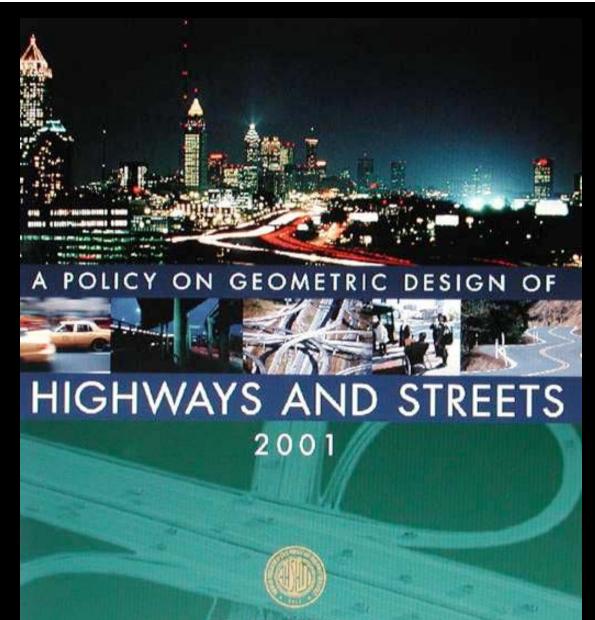


TND

Traditional Neighborhood Development CSD Conventional Suburban Development MPO work



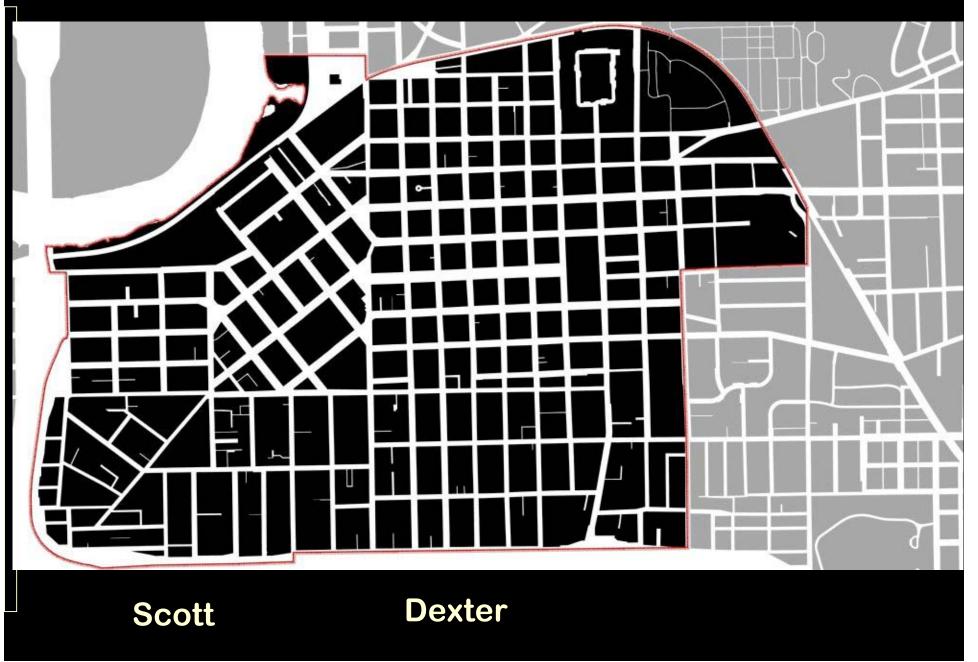




FOURTH EDITION

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS "The first step in the (roadway) design process is to define the function that the facility is to serve." AASHTO

street network



court square





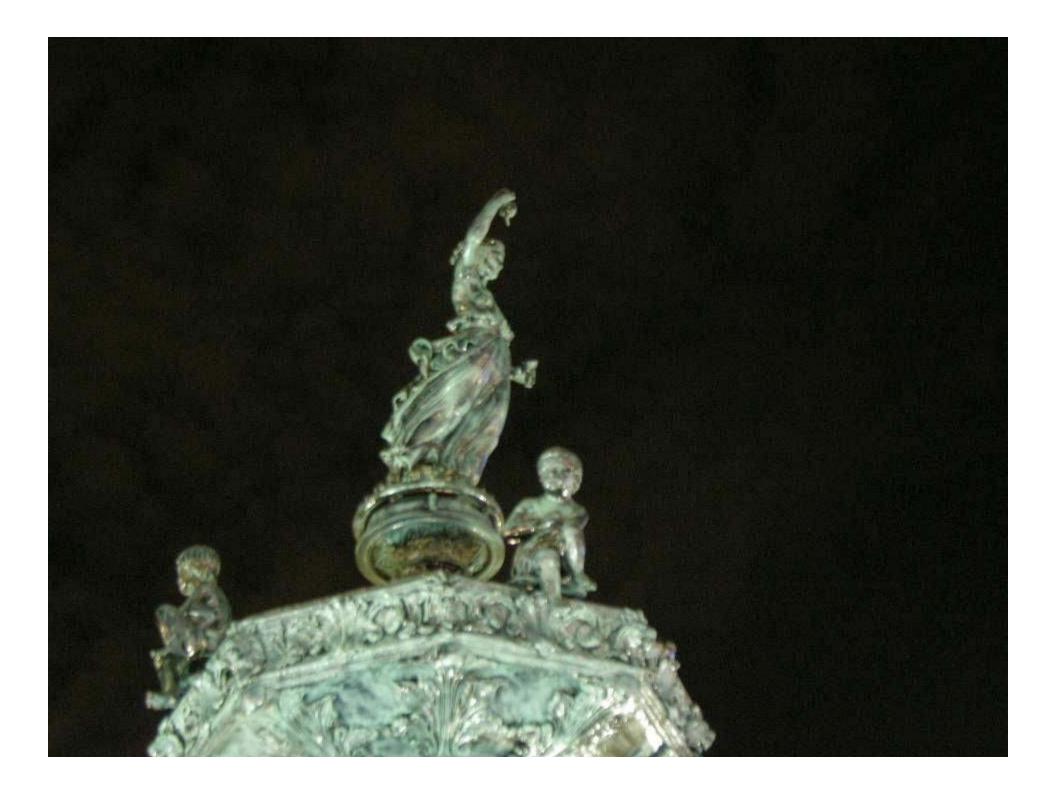


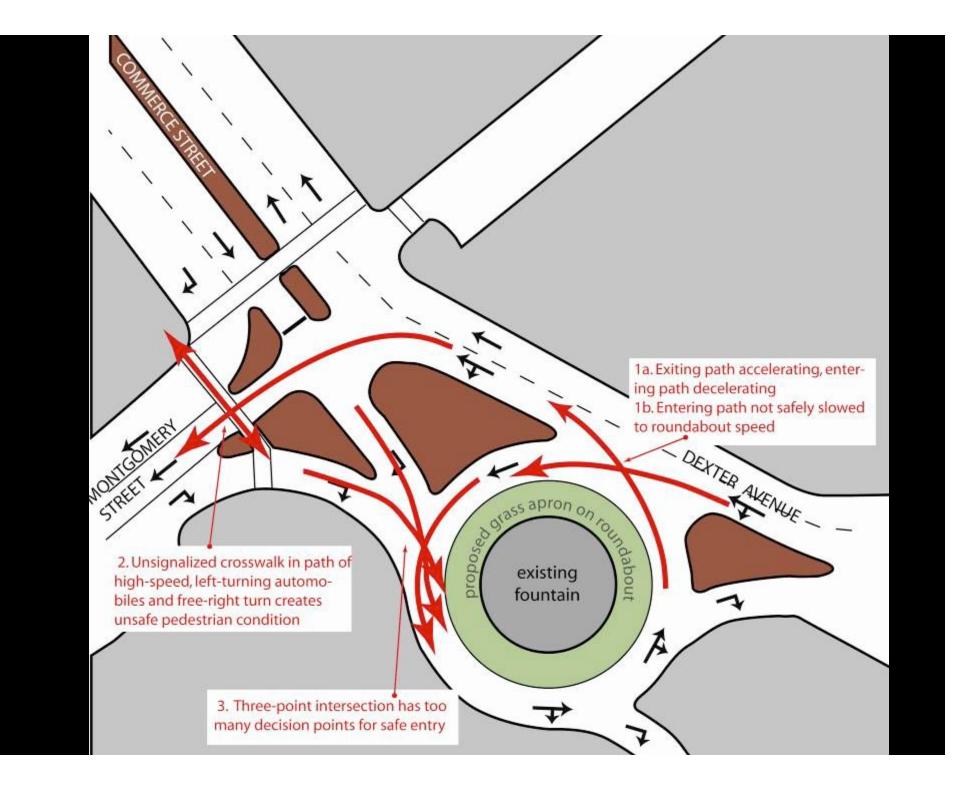


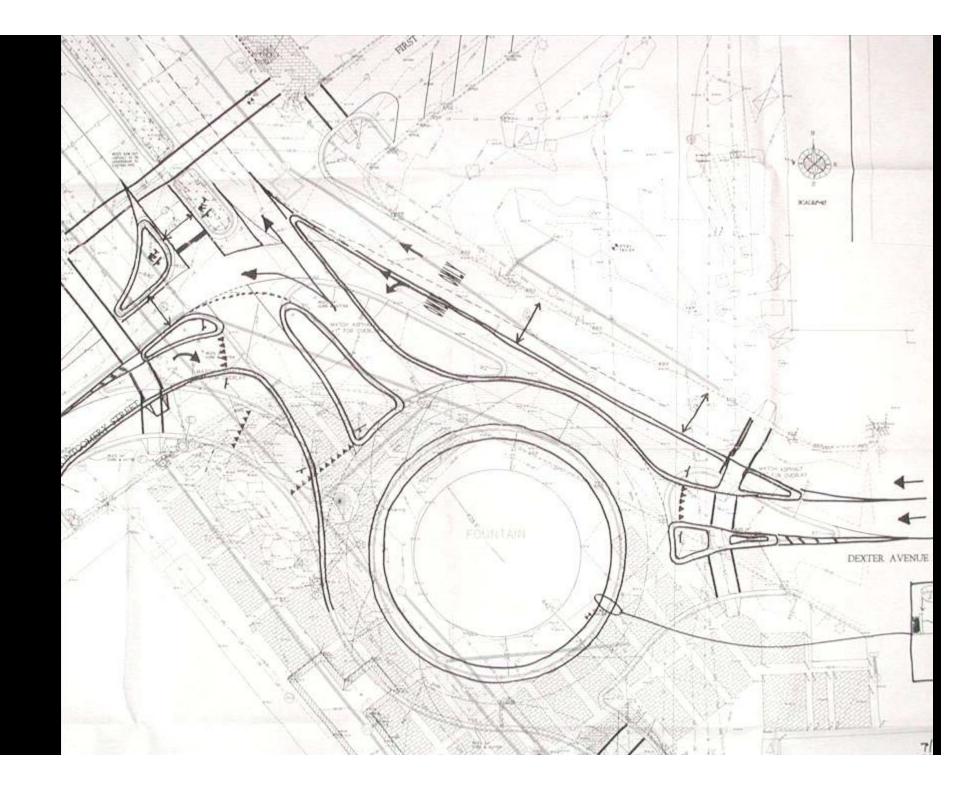


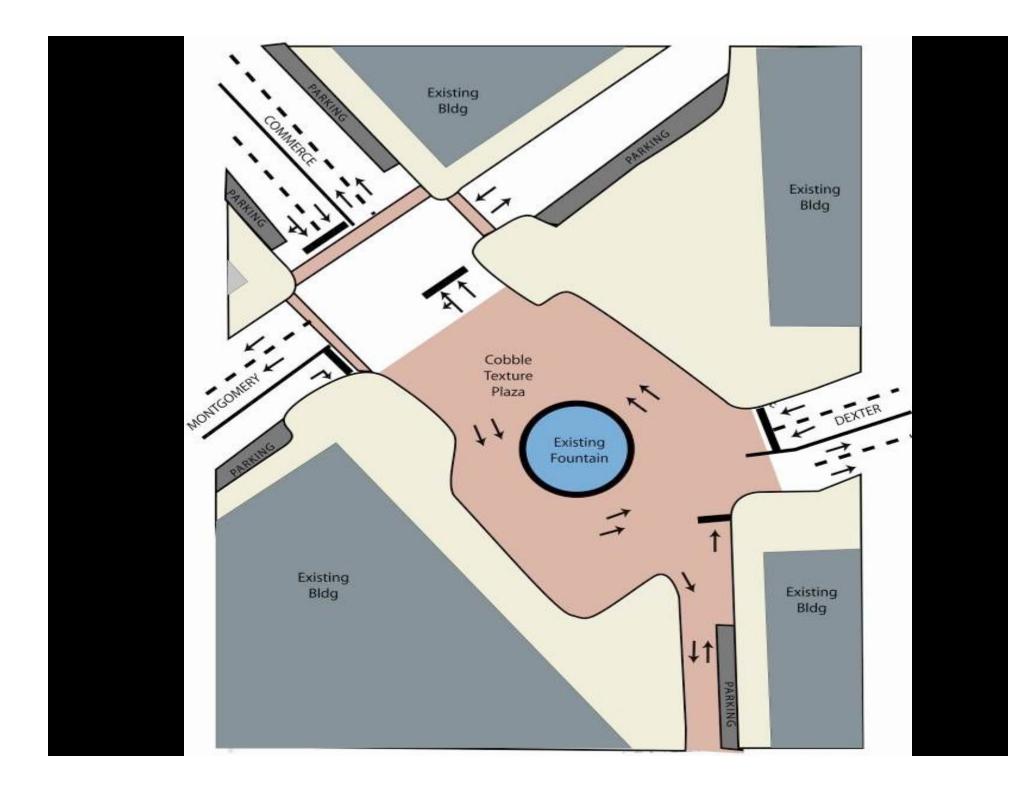
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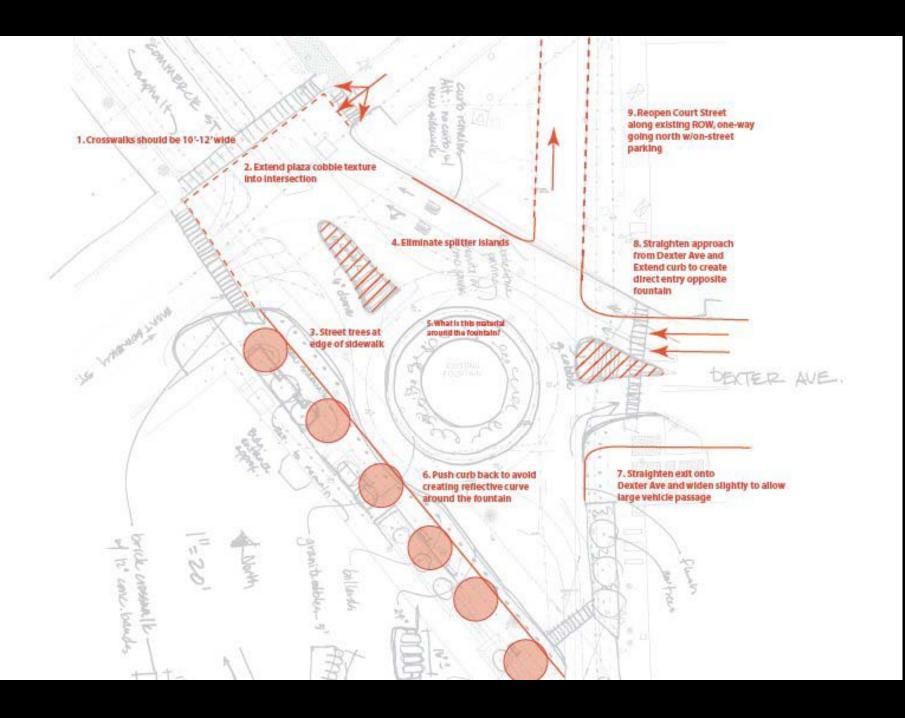


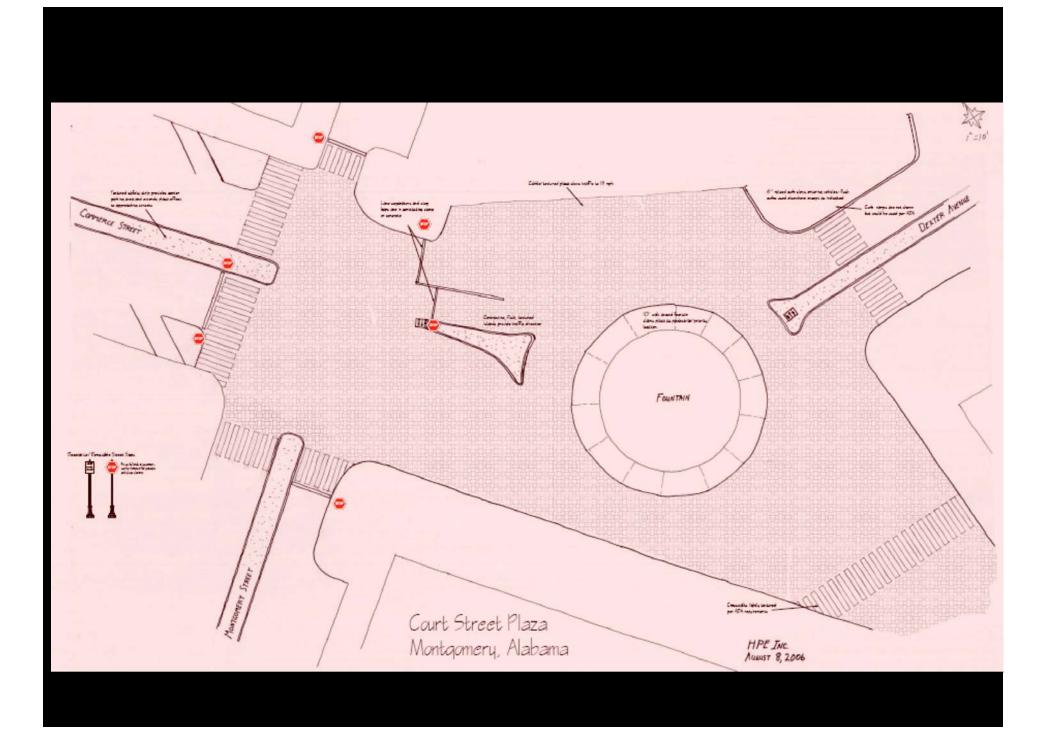


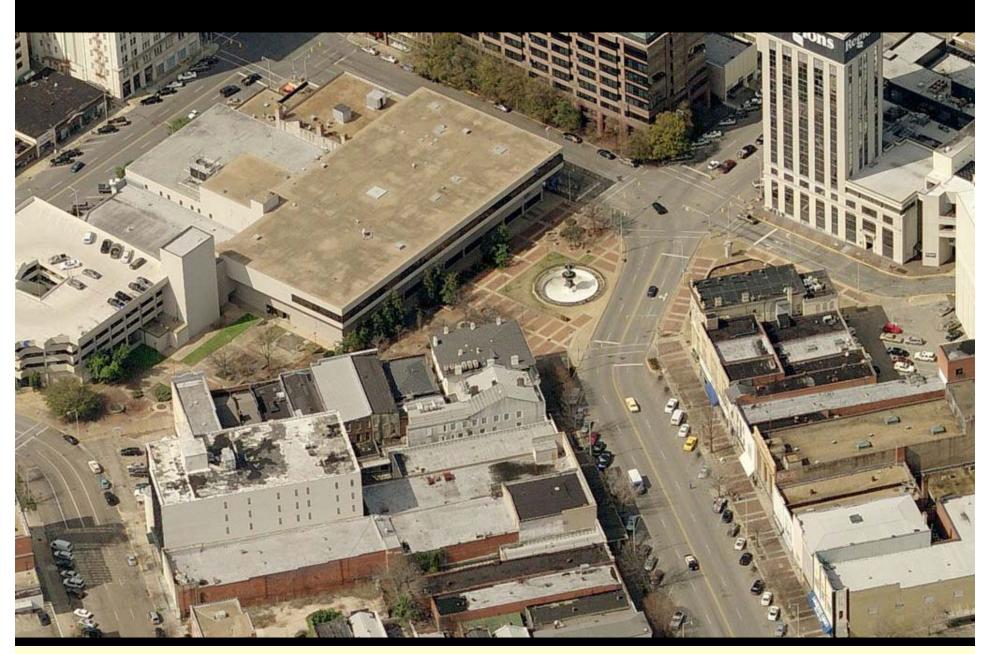


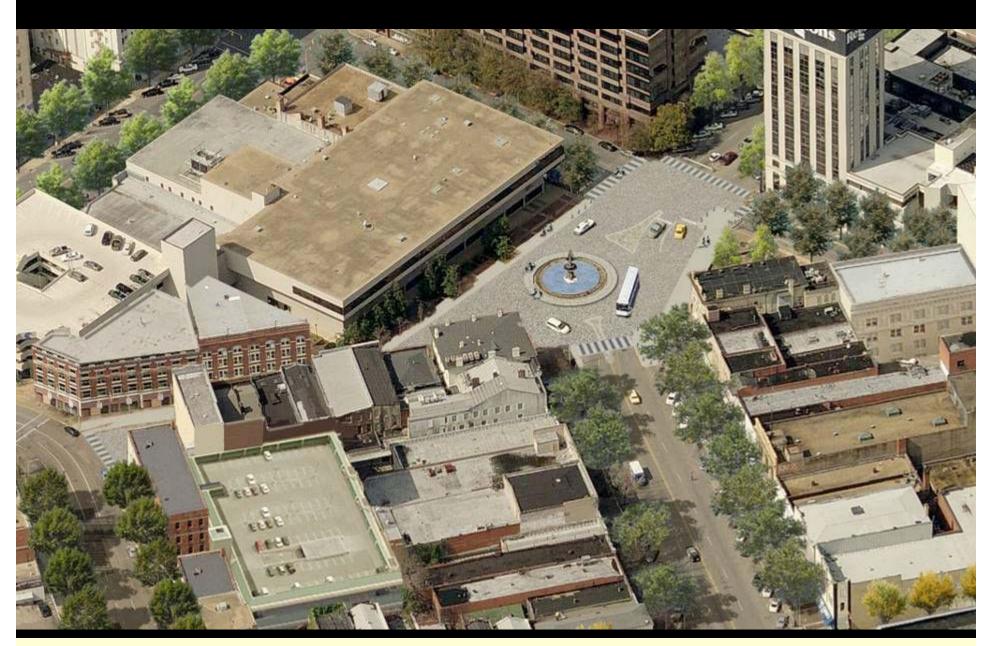


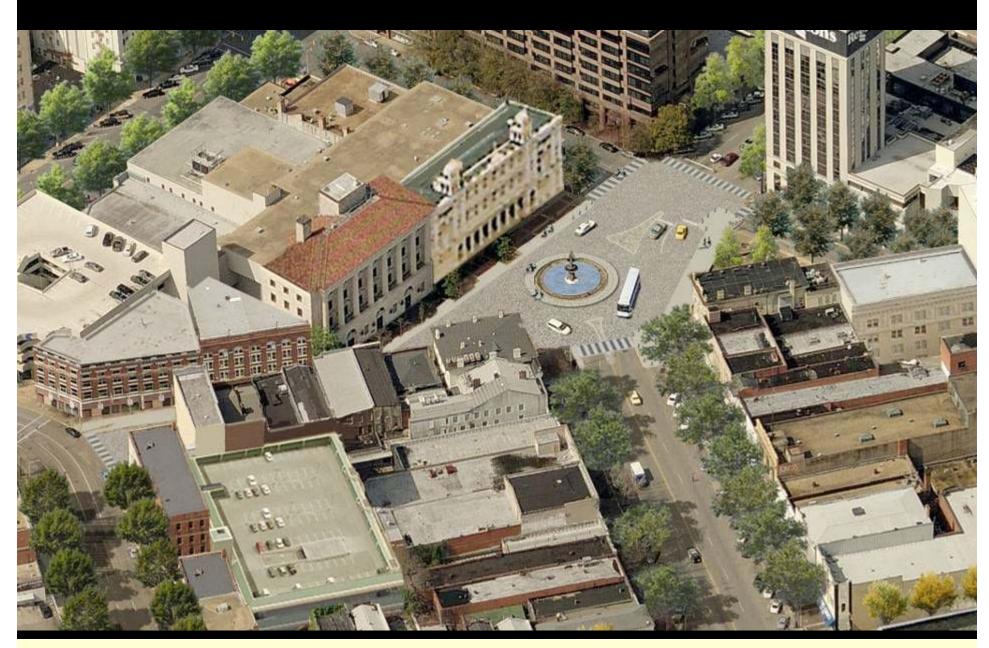


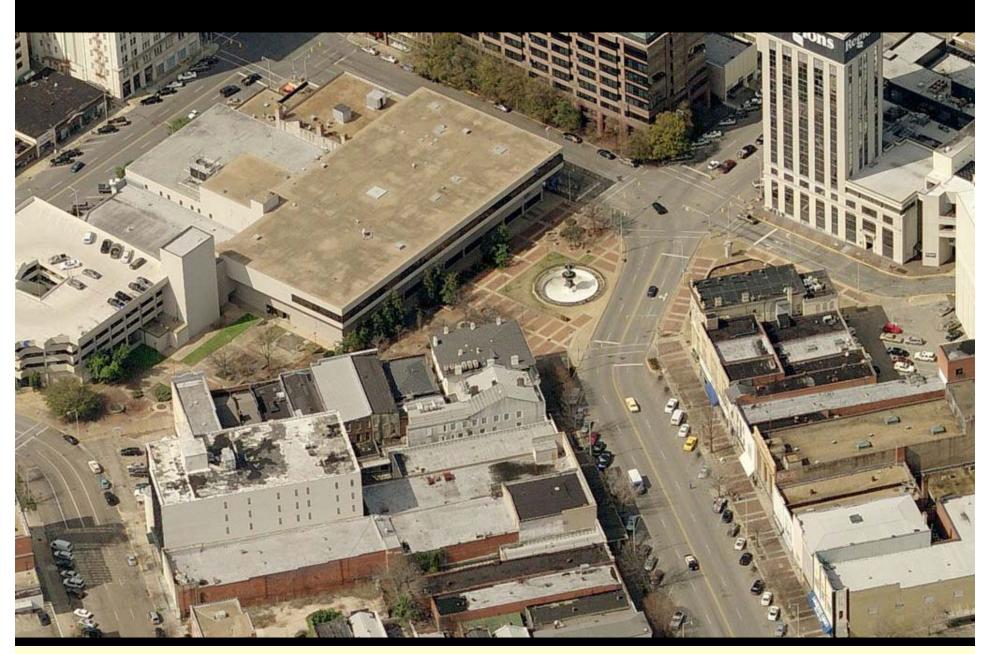




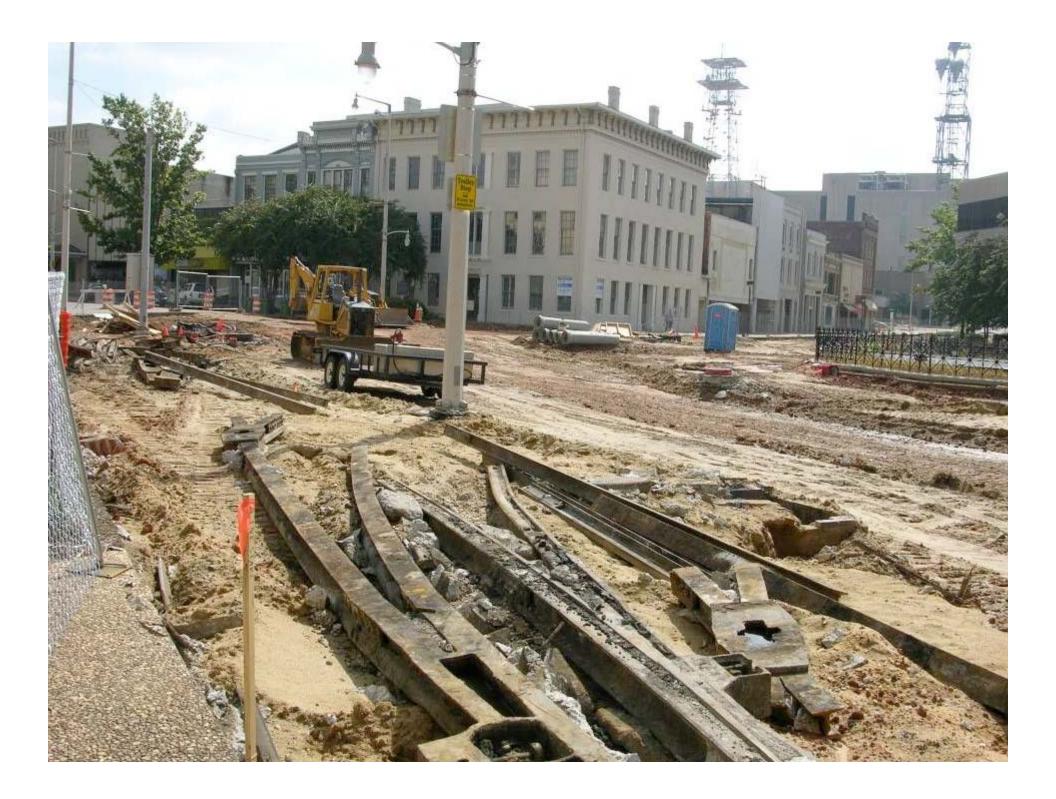




















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T1 T2 T3 T4 T5 T6

