

Transportation
investments are
powerful and
far-reaching.

Grin & Bear It

By Fred Wagner



"We're gonna need roads...lots of 'em!"

The Size and Character of Road Influences the Quality of Built Environment



“The problem is people want to go 70 miles an hour.
And for what? To get to Saginaw in 7 minutes instead of
10?”

From: Steve Saginaw, MI

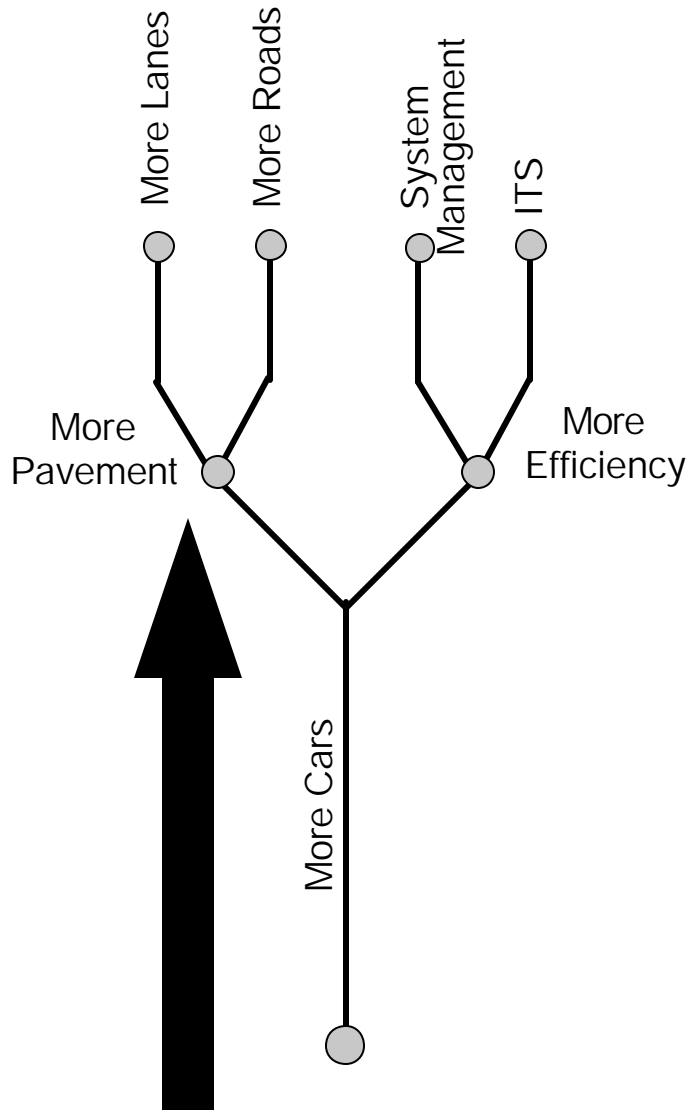
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Conventional Approach



Reframing Key Transportation Conventions

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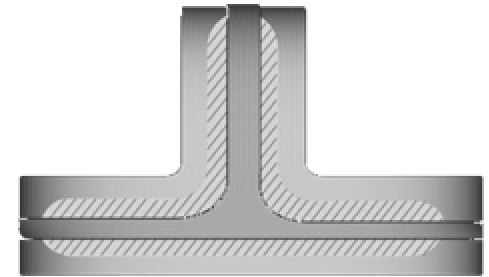
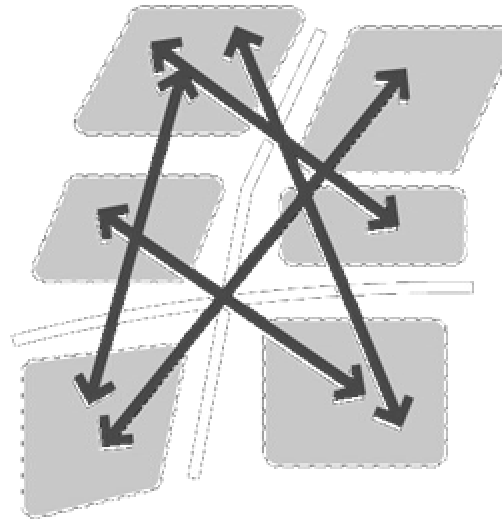
Land Use

Travel

Road Capacity

generates

demands



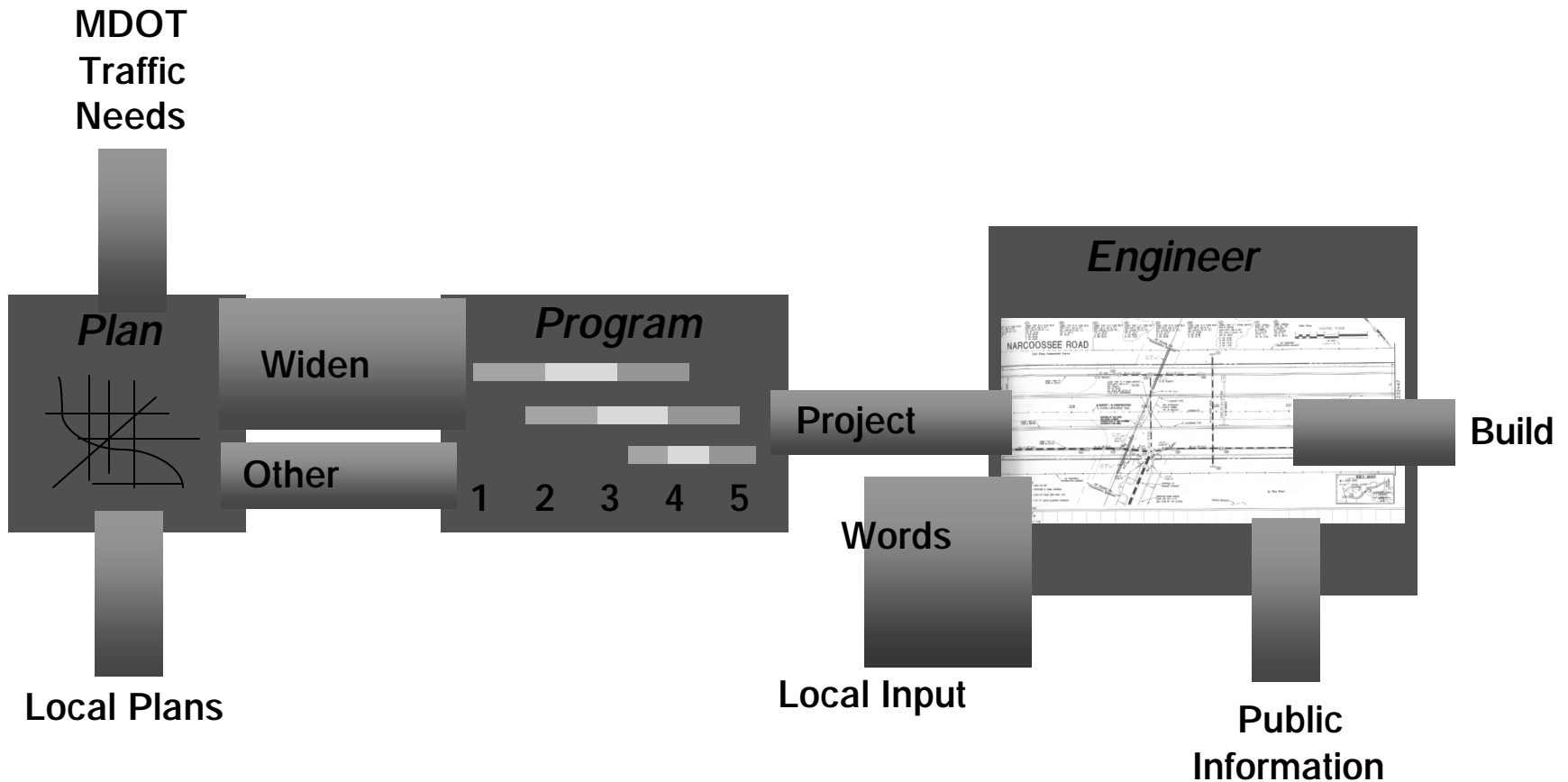
Anticipate

Forecast
(Based on Speed)

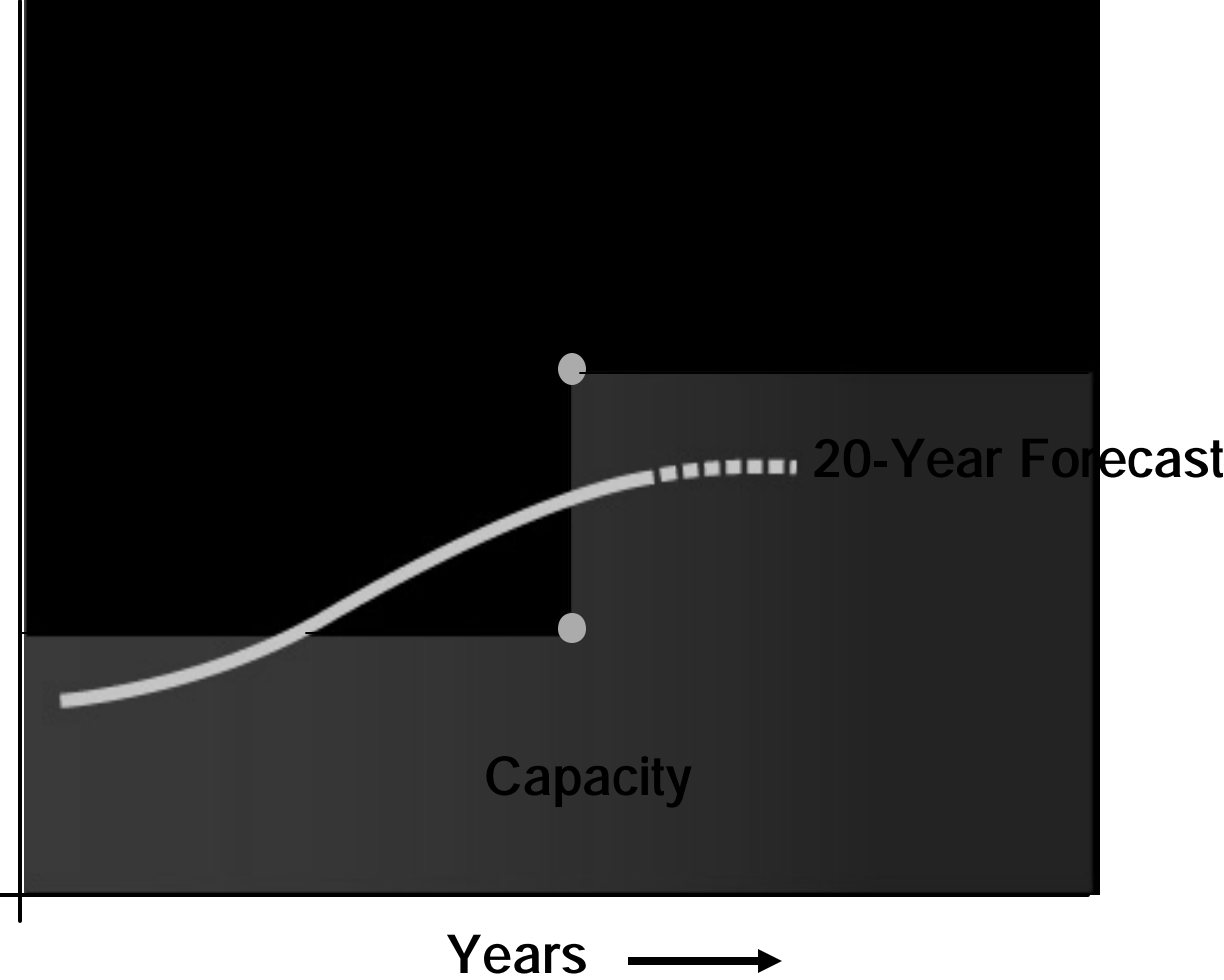
Accommodate

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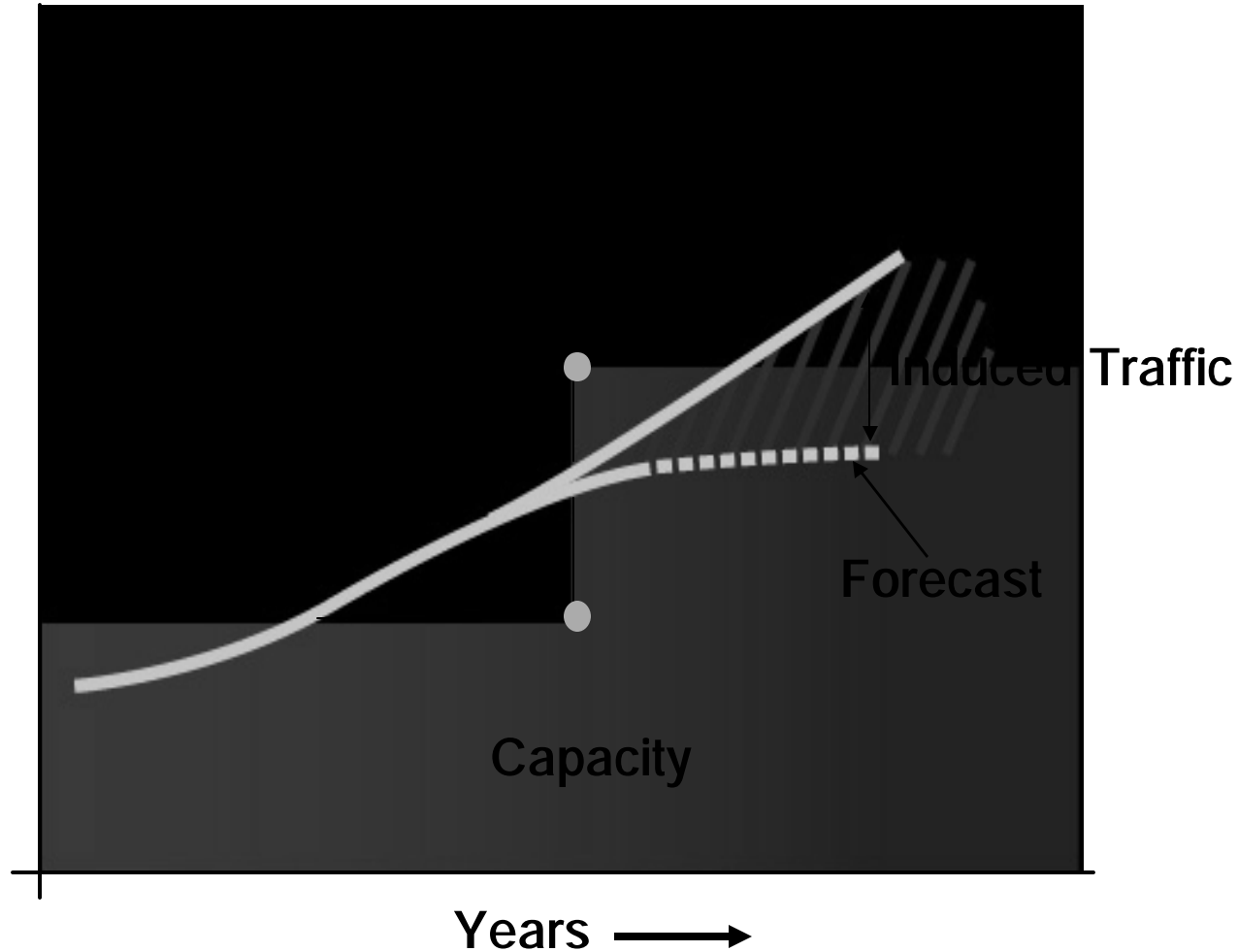
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Land Use & Transportation – Ideal Traffic Planning



Land Use & Transportation – The Reality



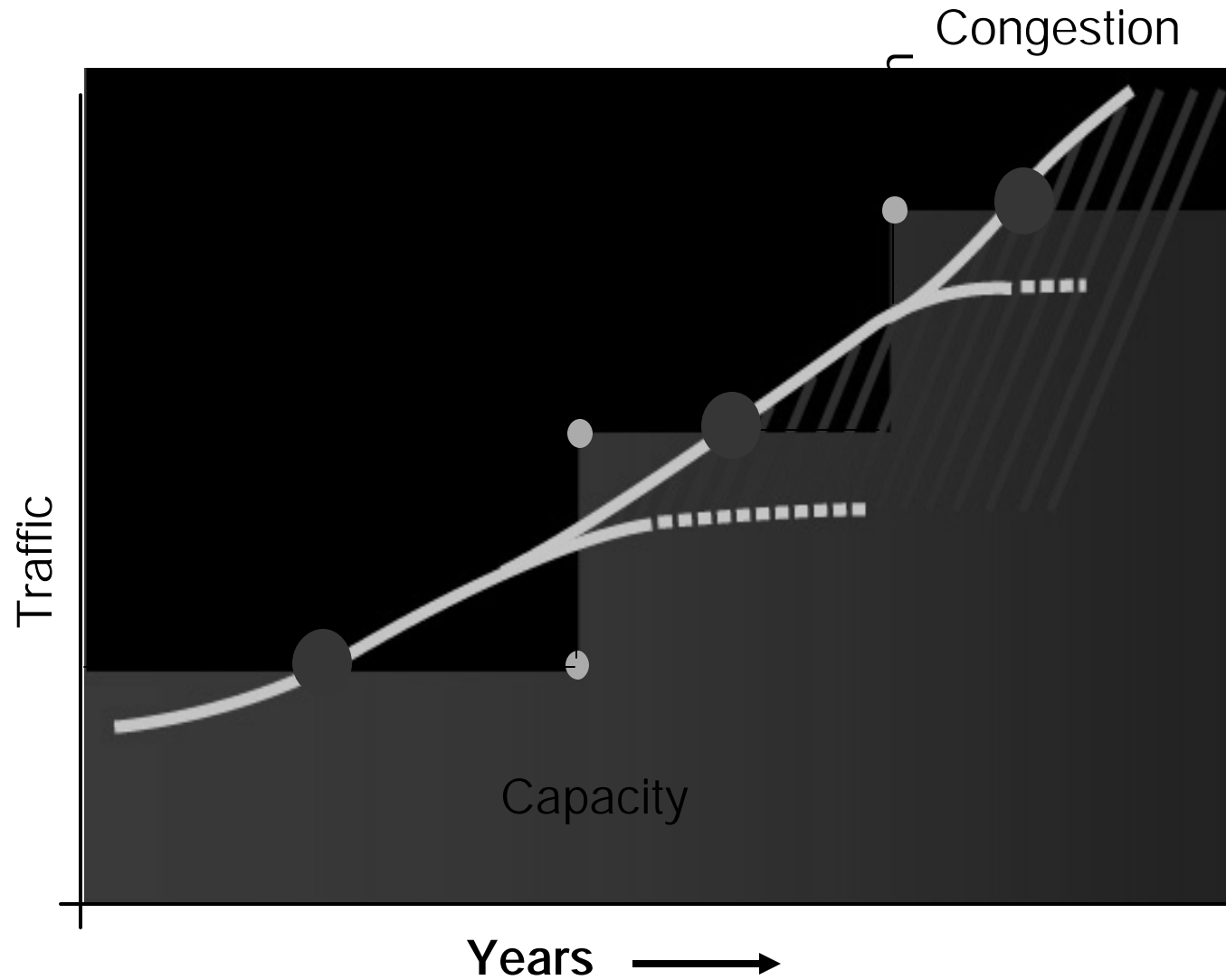
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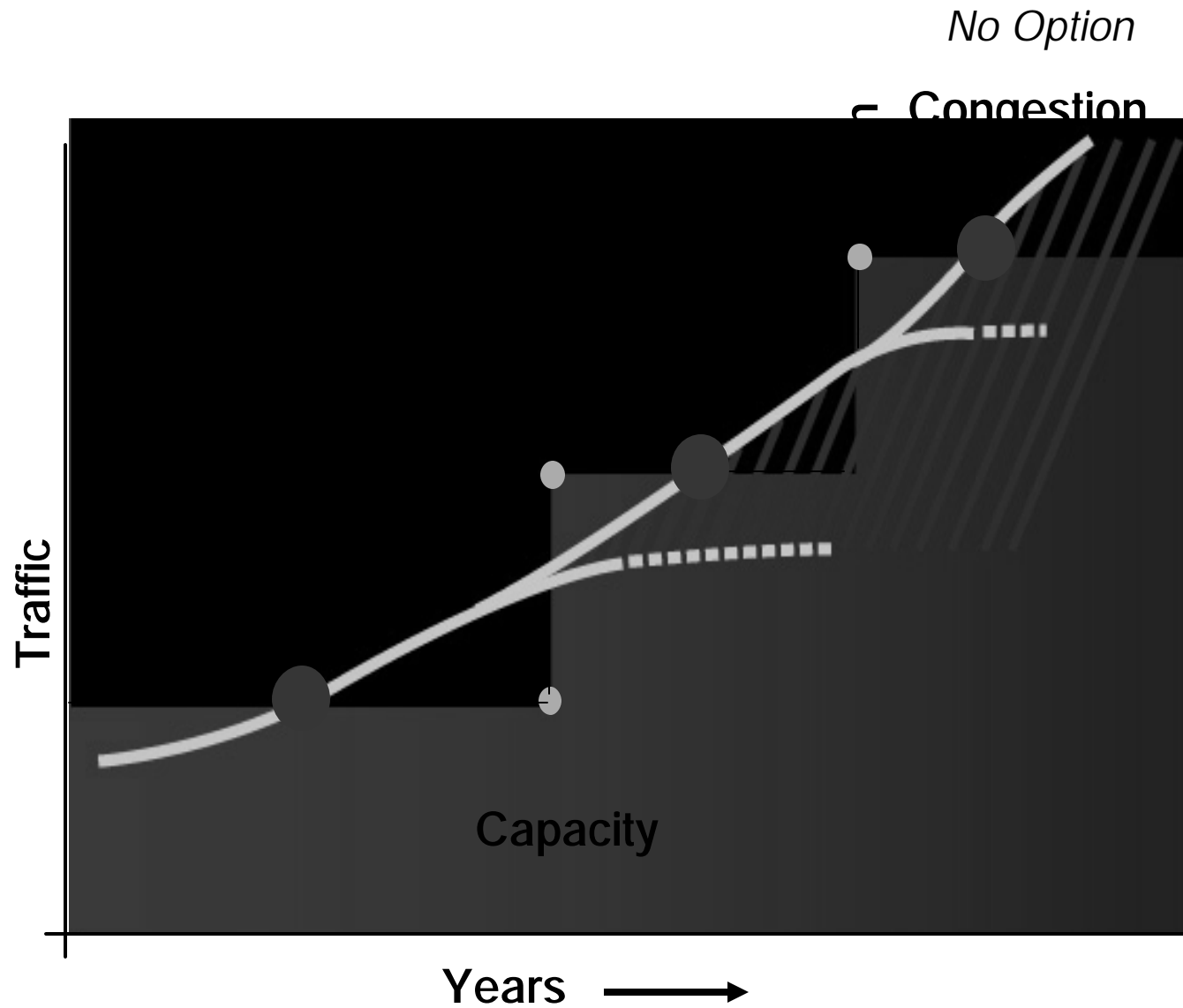
Land Use & Transportation – “Induced Demand”



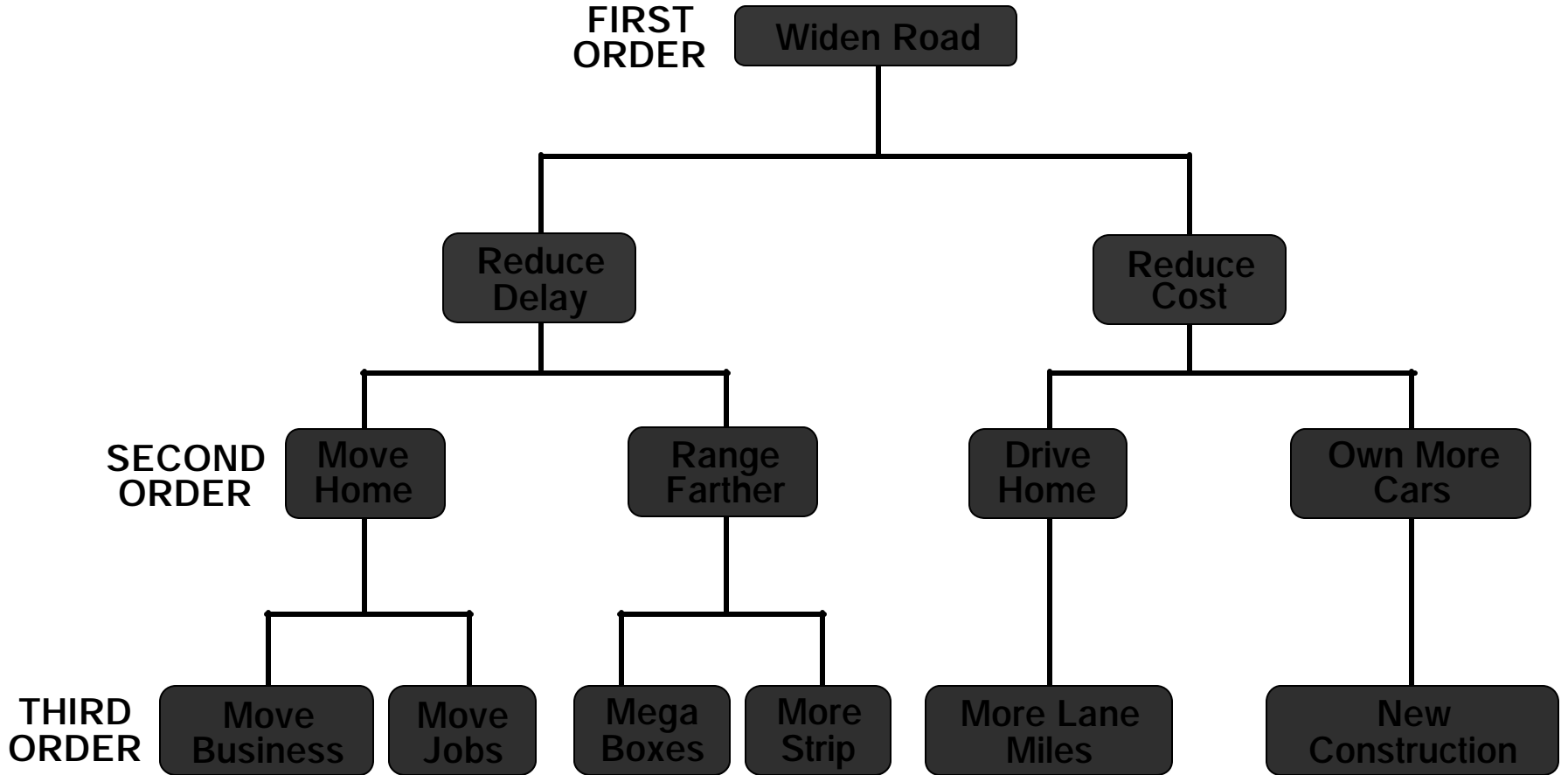


Can't Be "Improved" Further

Road Size, Not Congestion, is the Choice



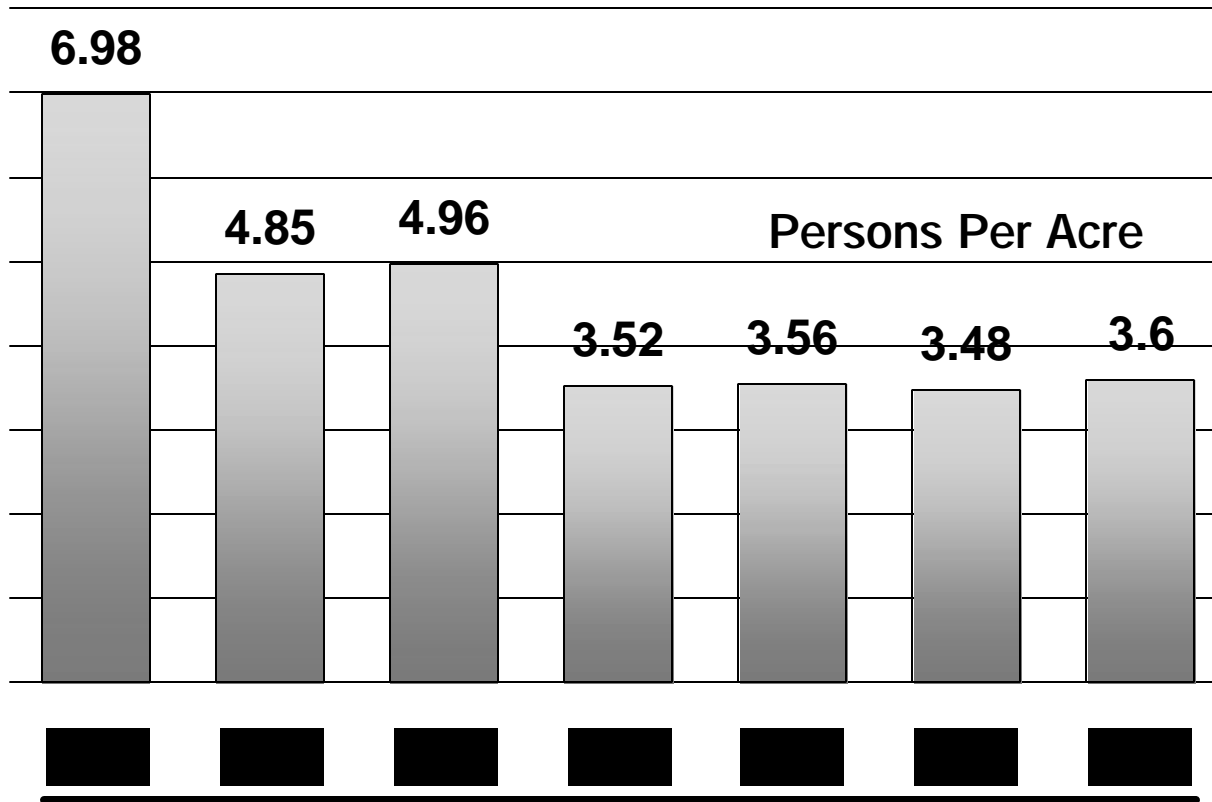
Chain of Impacts



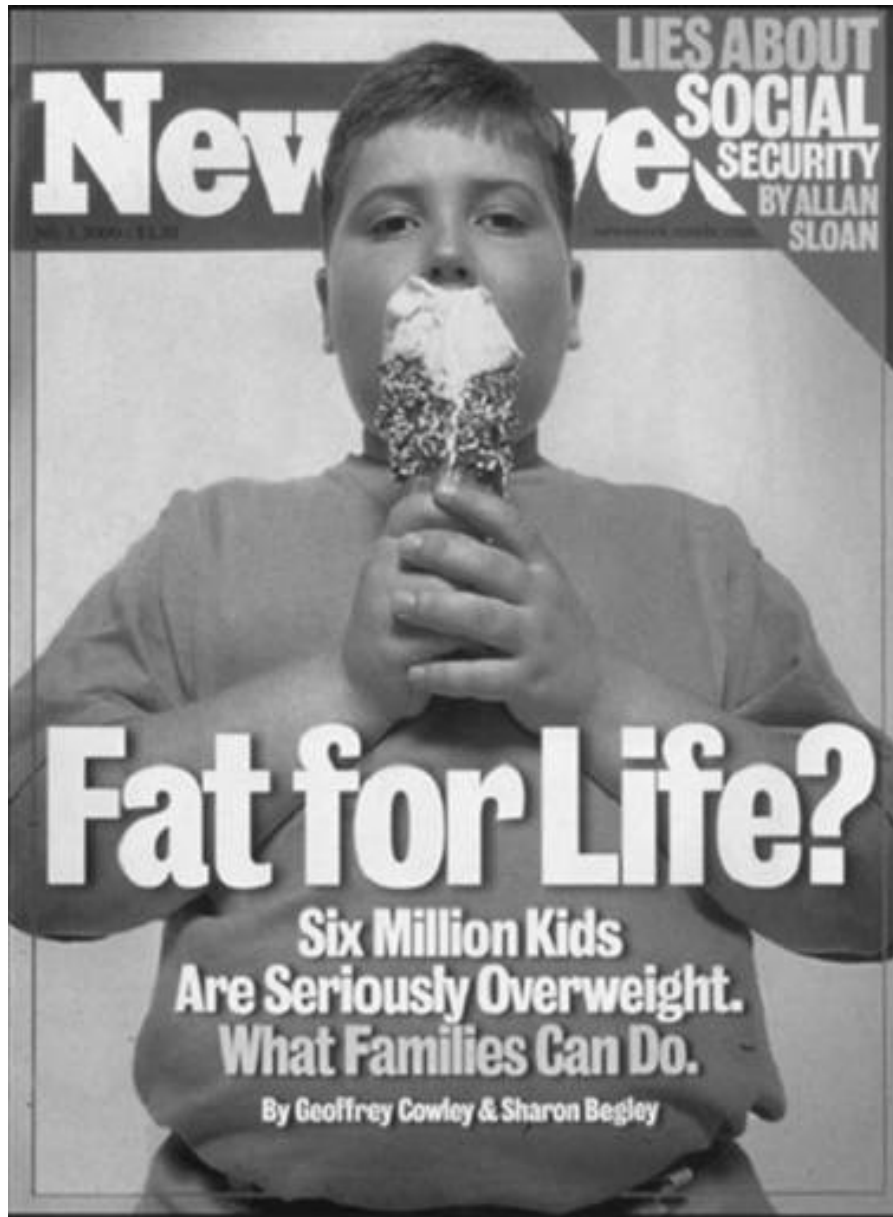
Results Over the Last 50-Years

- 1) Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) Growing Faster Than Population Growth
- 2) Longer Commute Times
- 3) Decreased Transit Ridership

Decreased Density . . Increased Sprawl



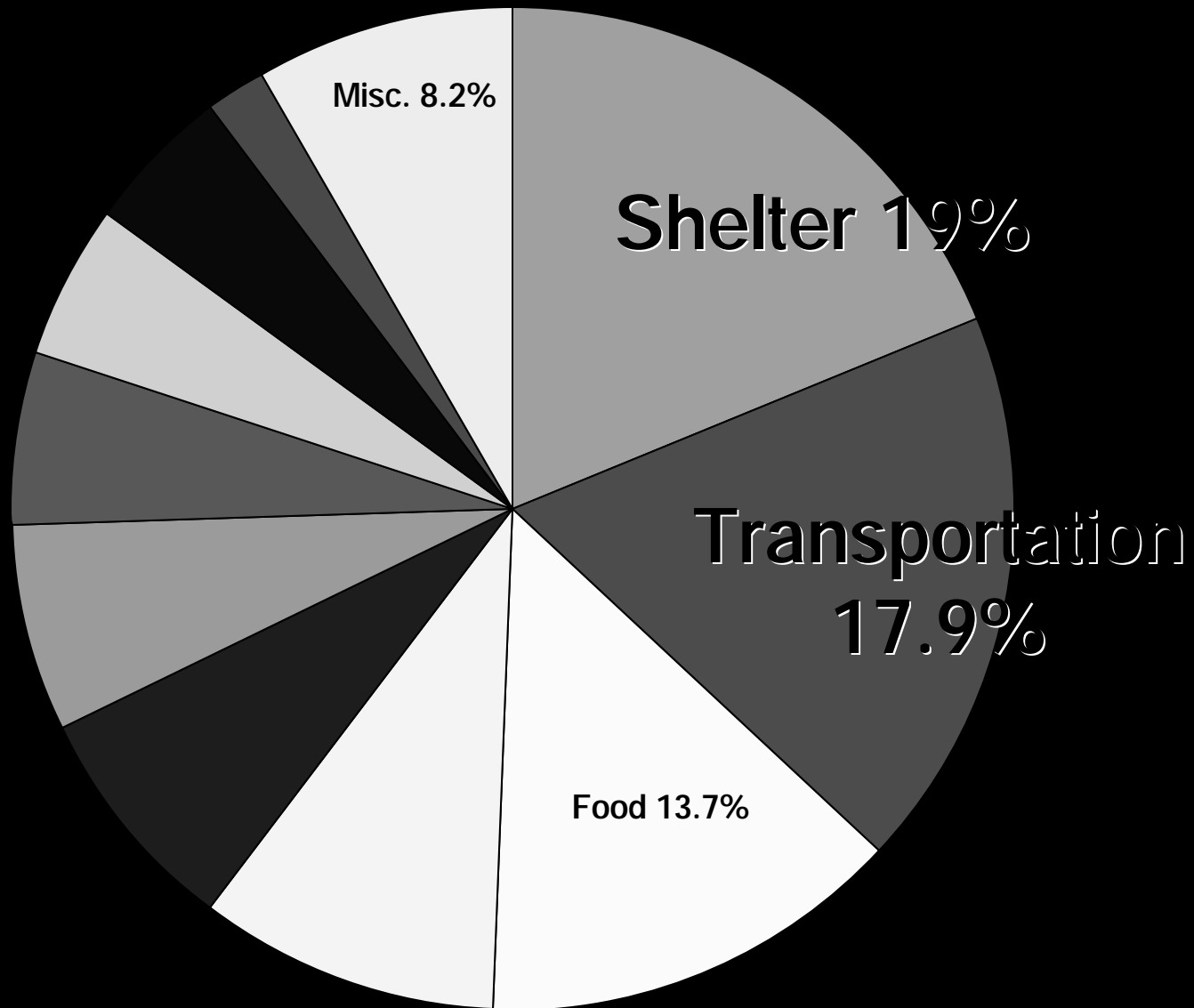
Charlotte's Population Per Acre
1950-2005



The physical impacts of all this inactivity

- Increased risk of obesity
- Increased risk of major diseases
 - Diabetes
 - Cardiovascular disease
 - Colon cancer
- Increased symptoms of depression and anxiety
- Poorer development and maintenance of bones and muscles

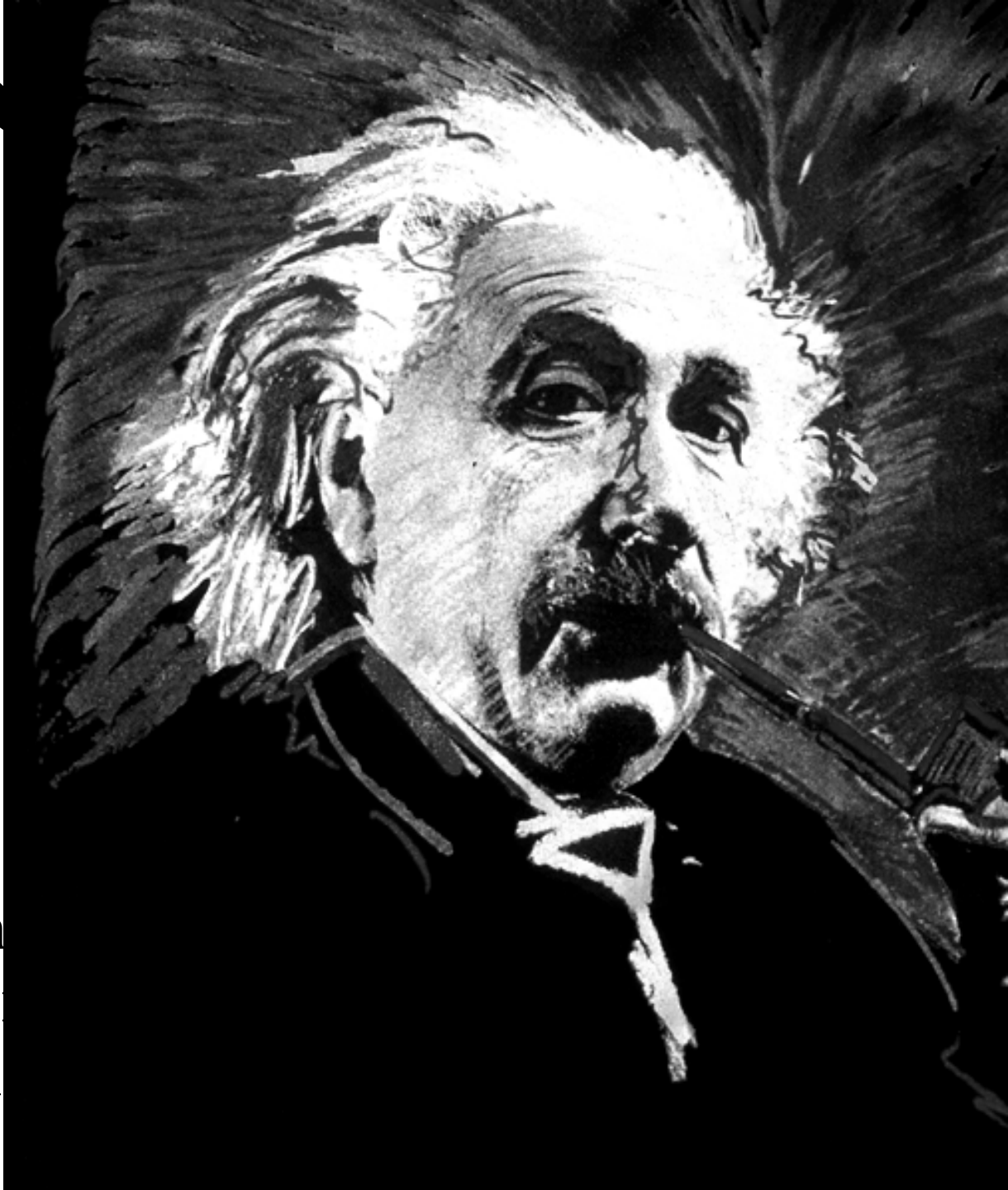
Health care costs for obesity now top those related to smoking!!!

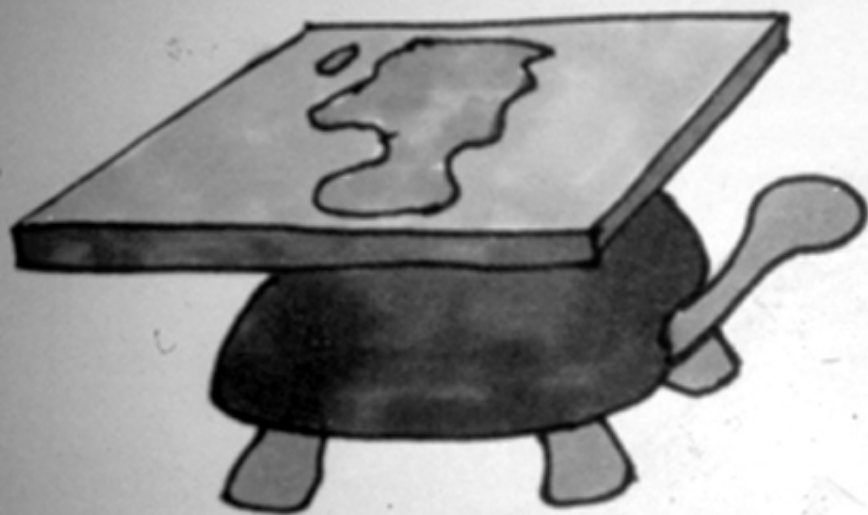


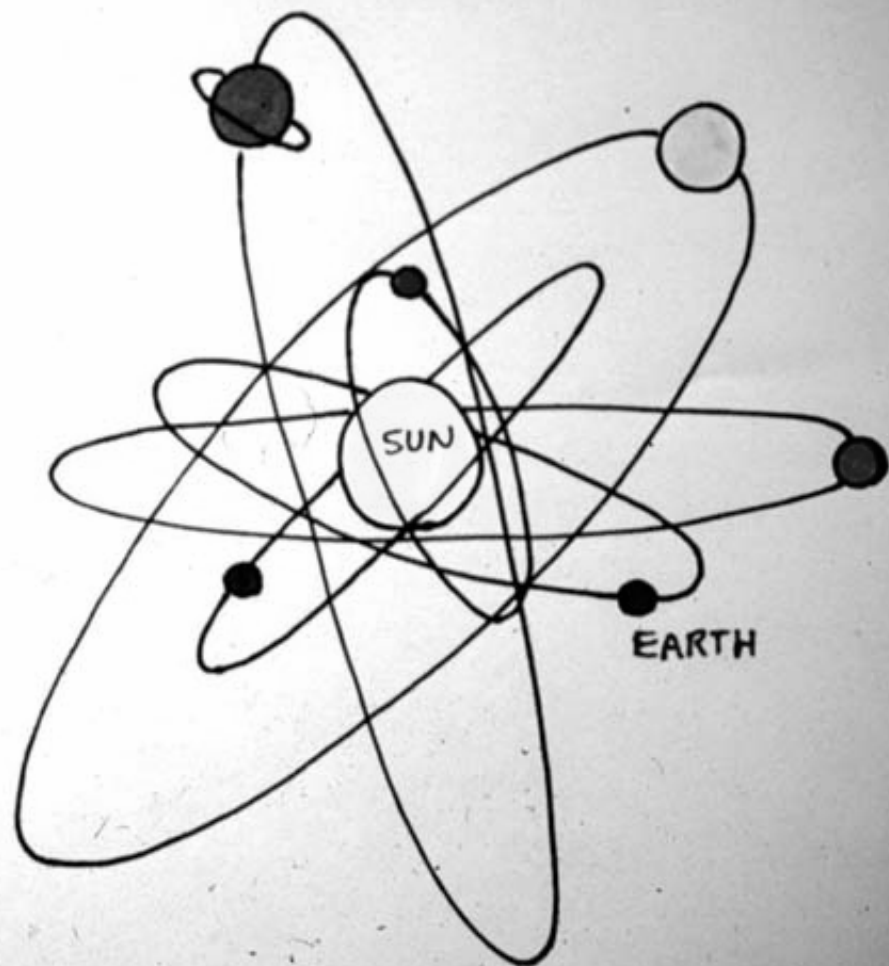
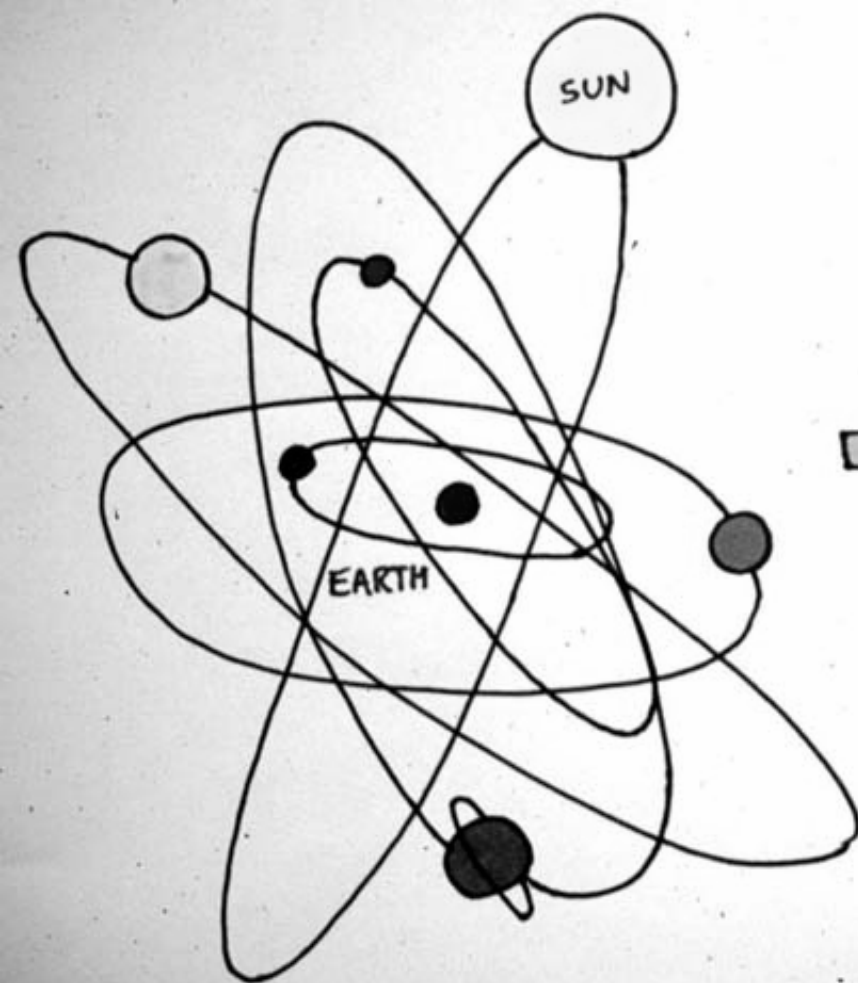


OVERCOMING THE FEAR OF CHANGE

The problems we
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be solved with the same
thinking that created

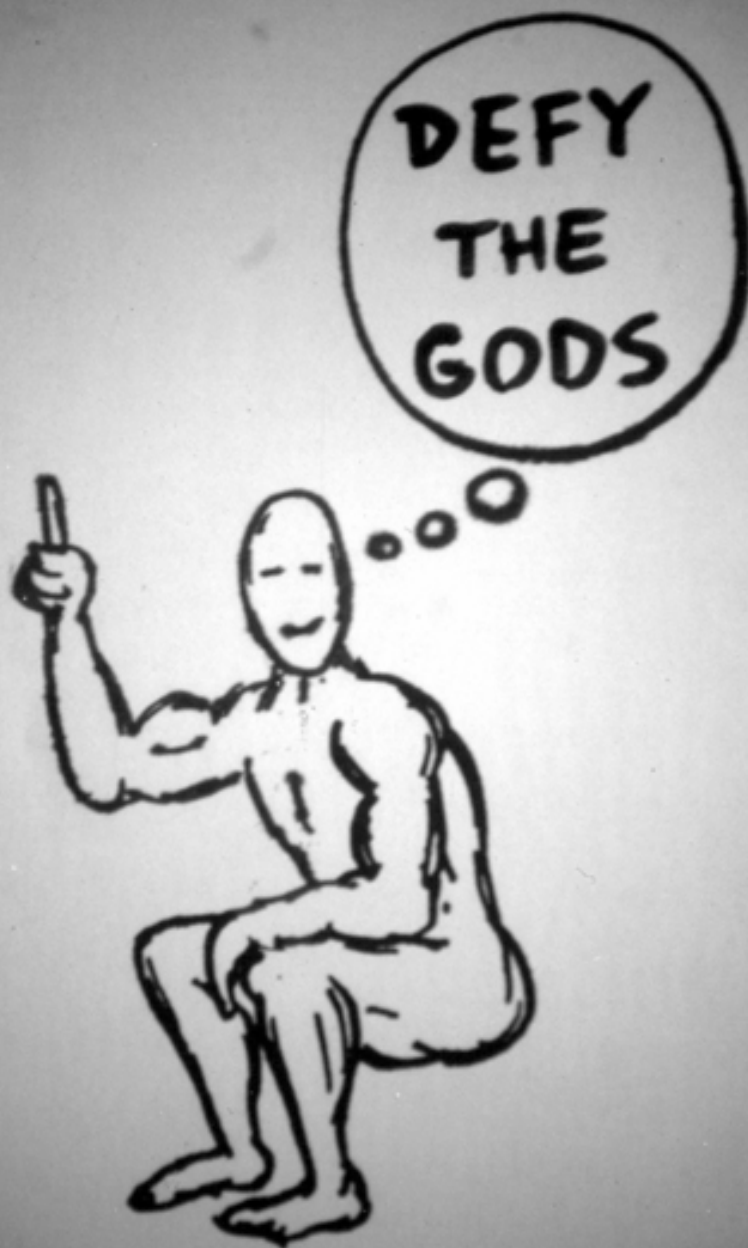












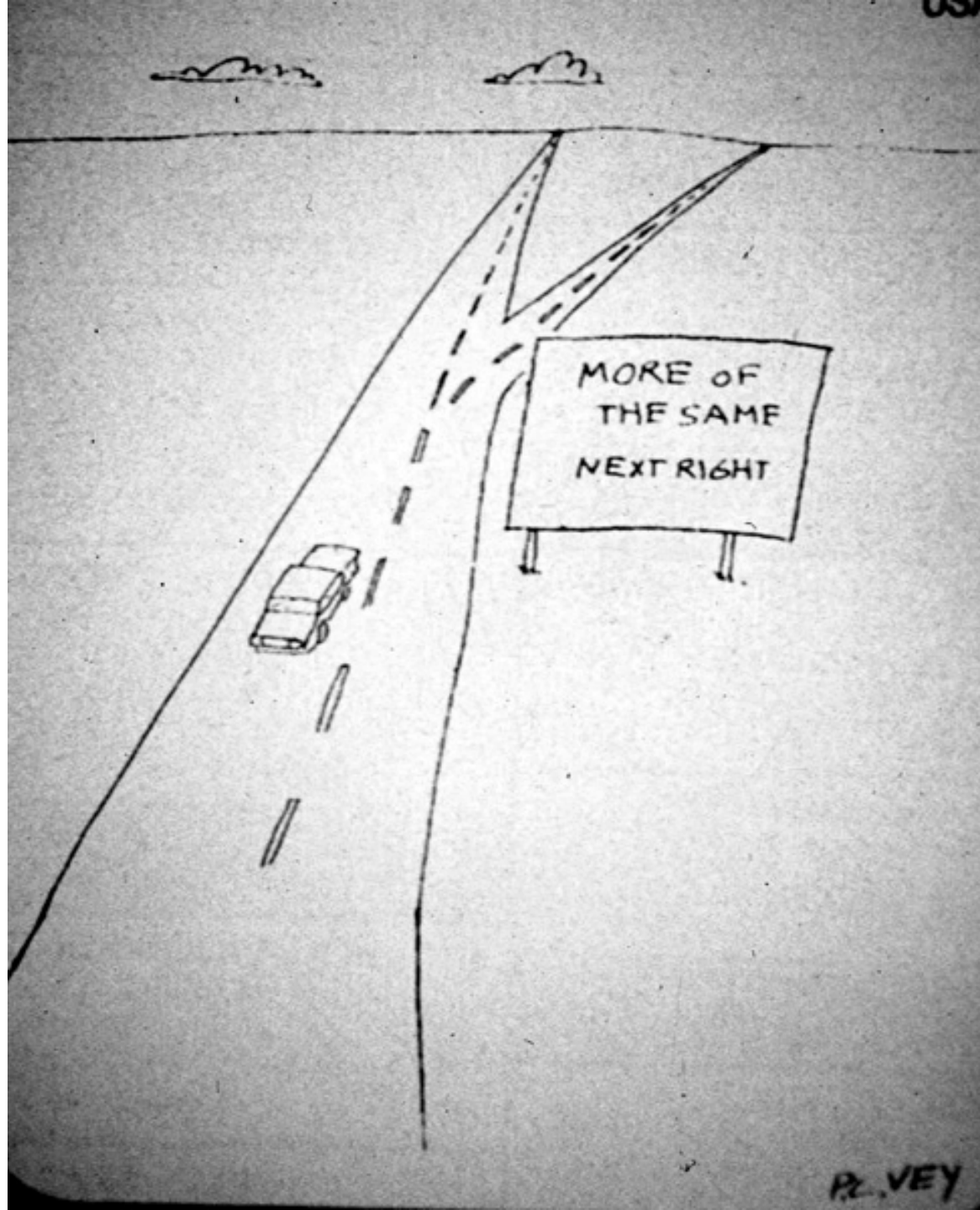


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1970

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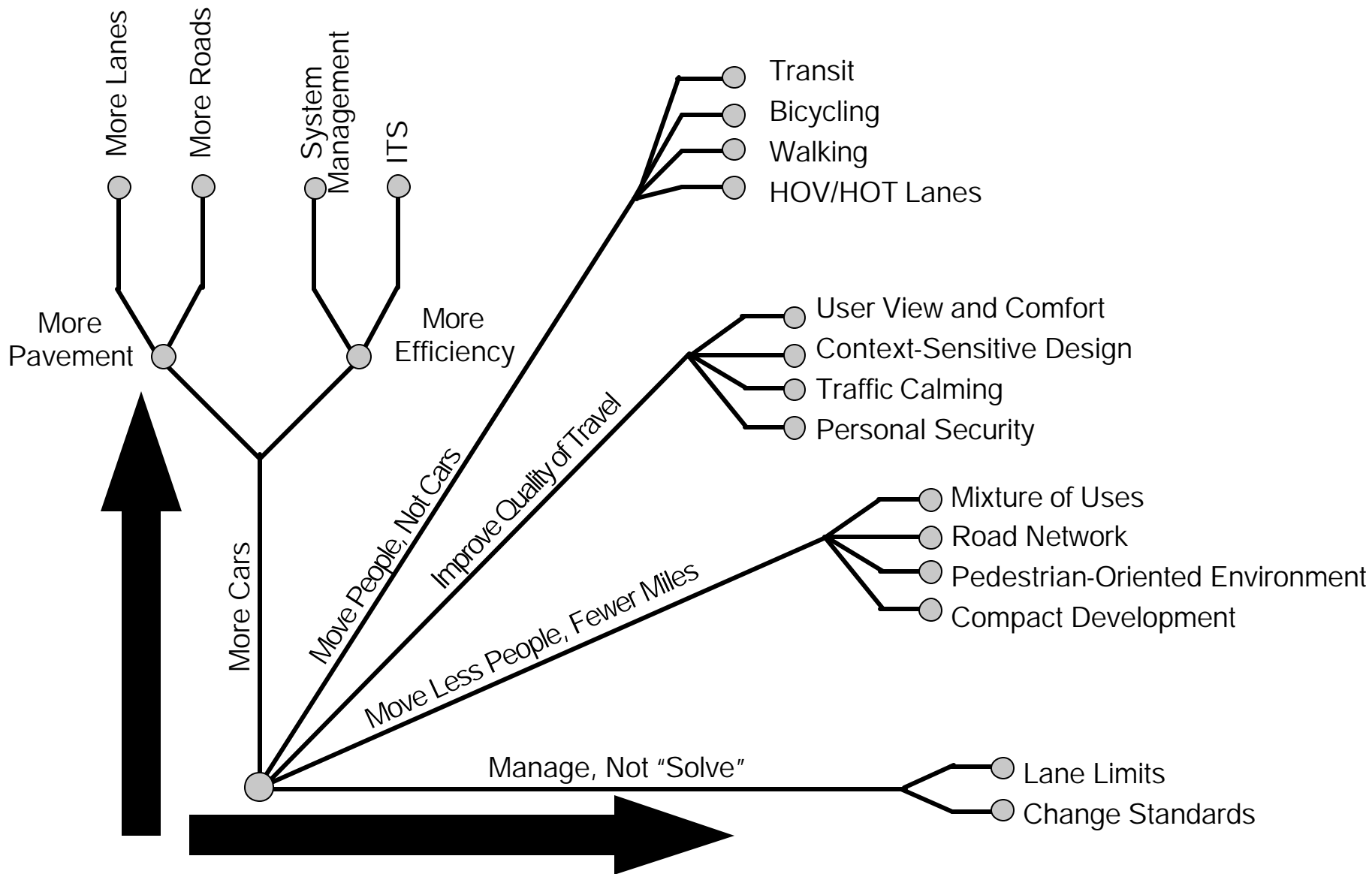
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1970

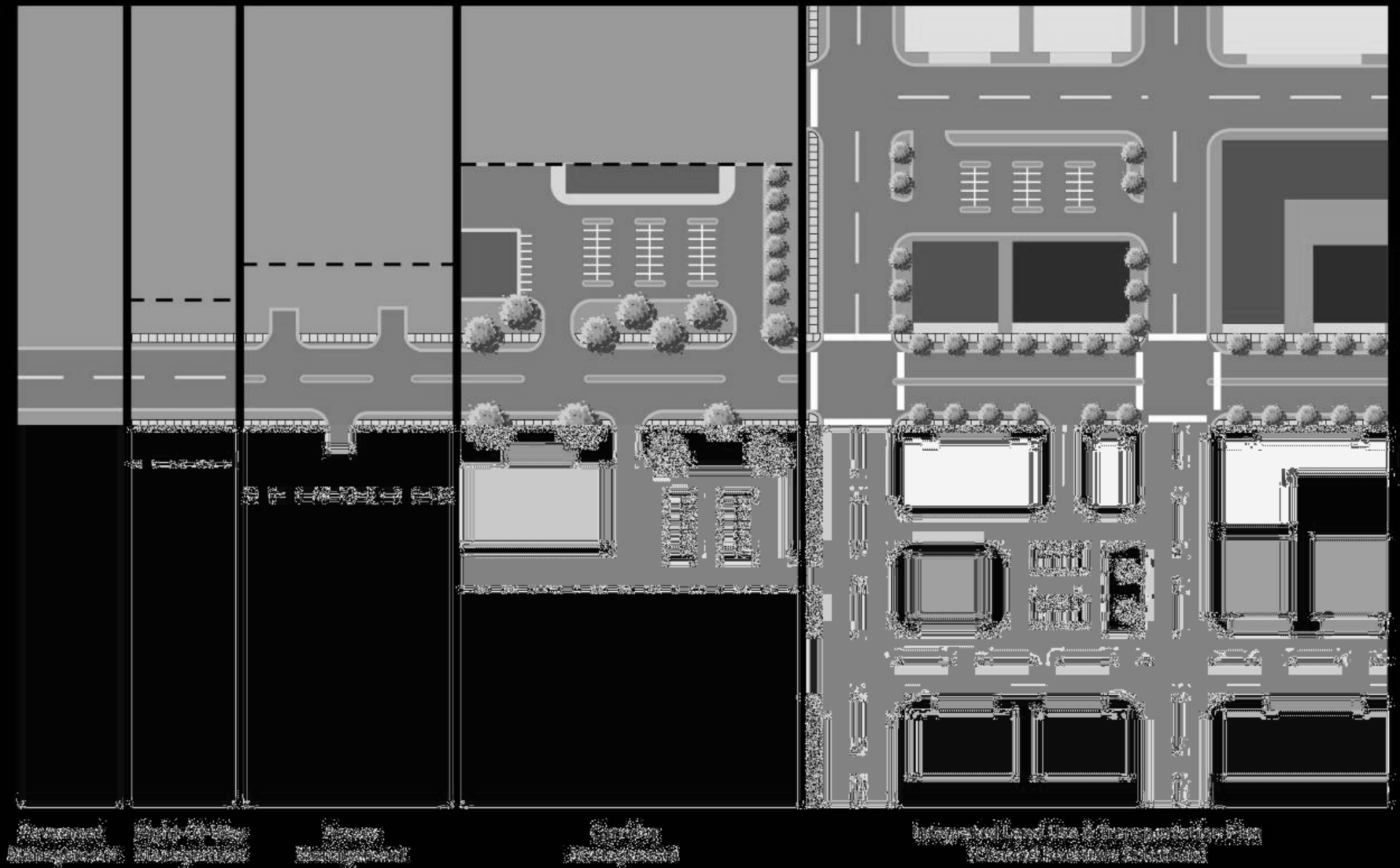


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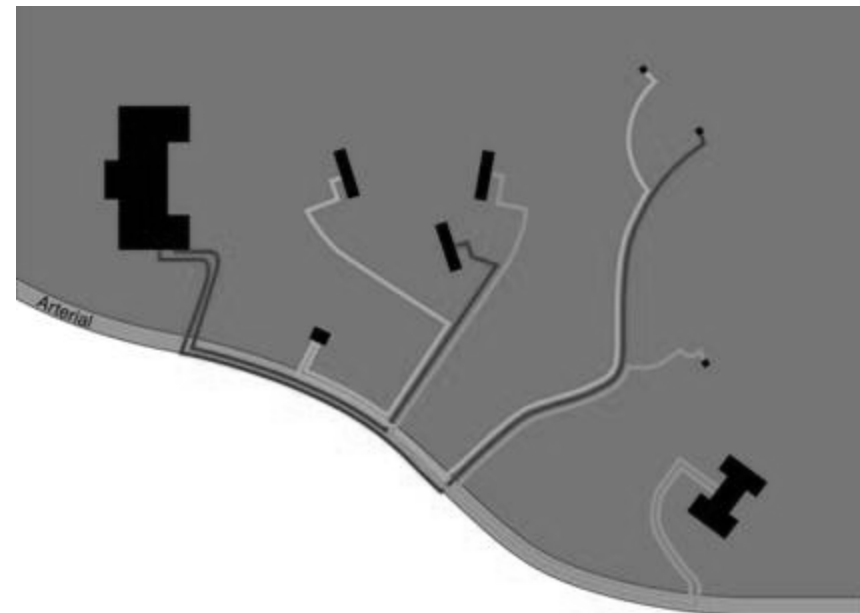
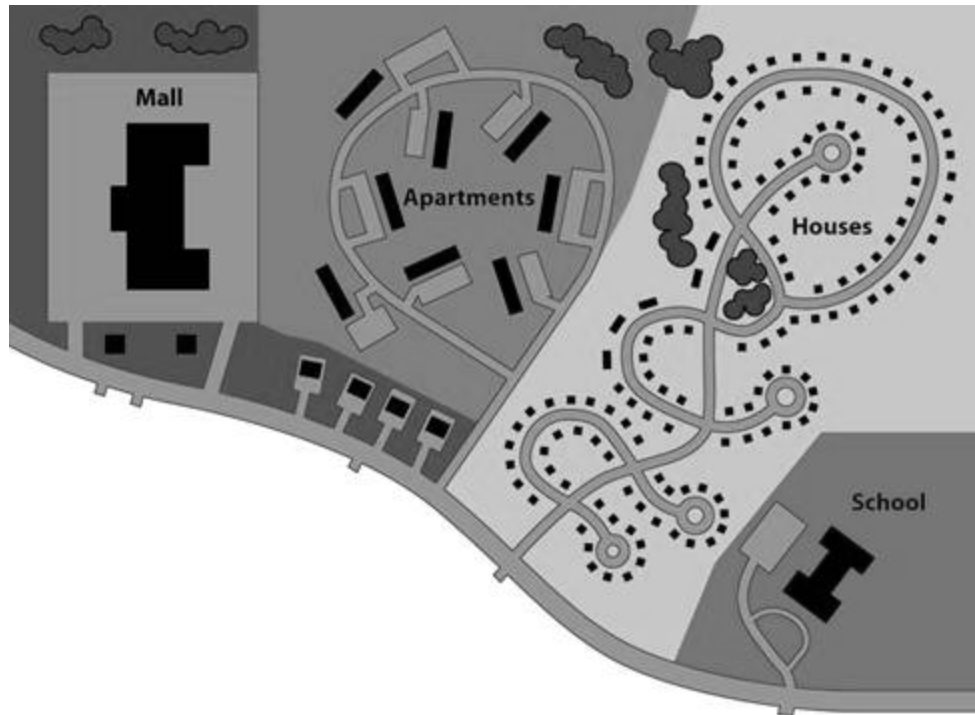
The Possibility



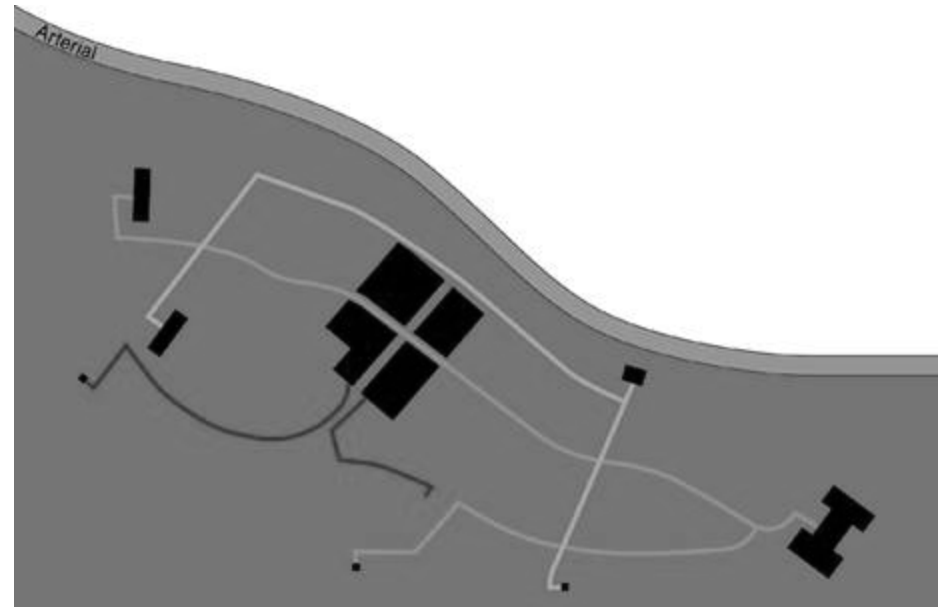
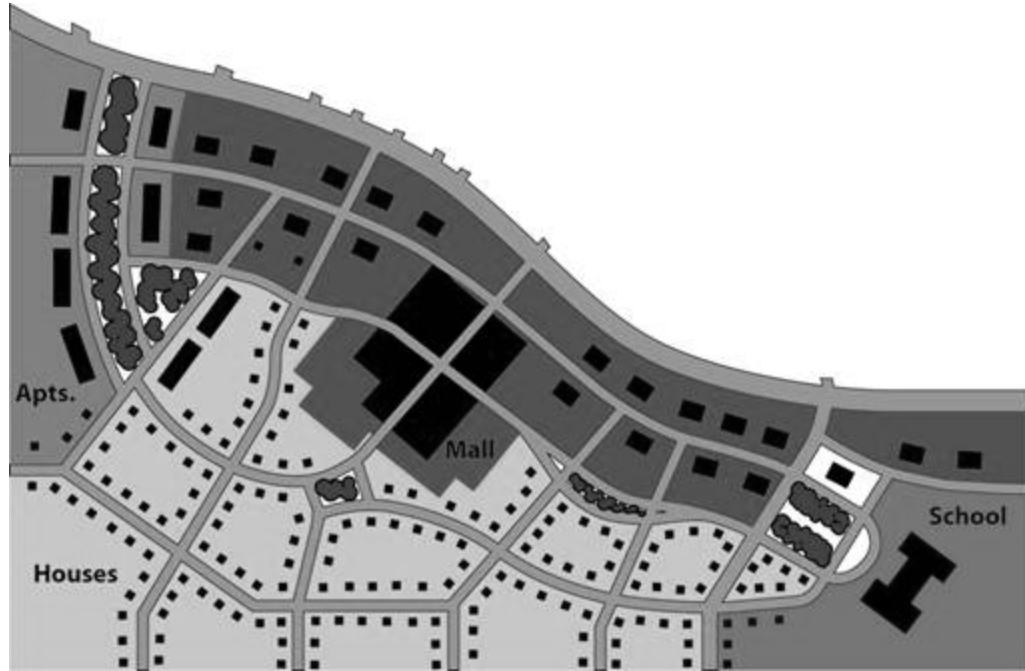


Principles of Livable **Transportation**

No Network – BIG ROADS

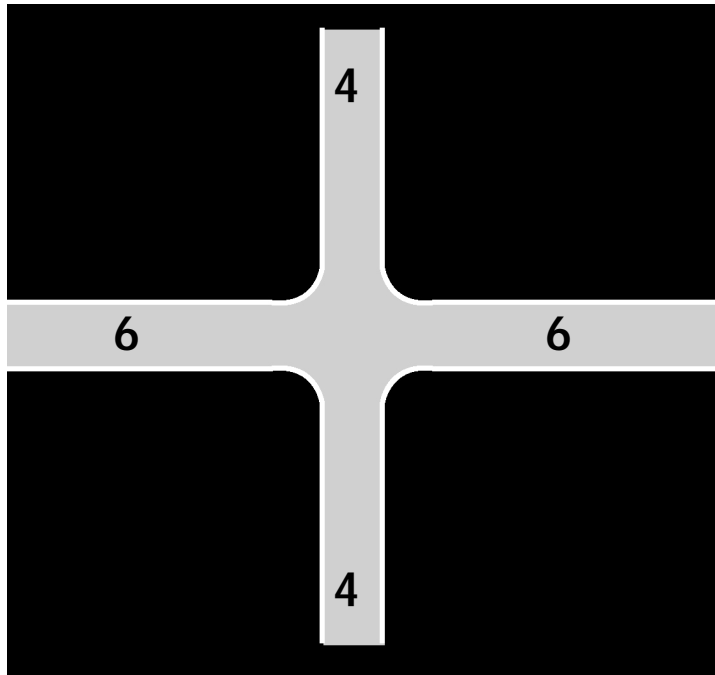


Connected Network – SMALL ROADS



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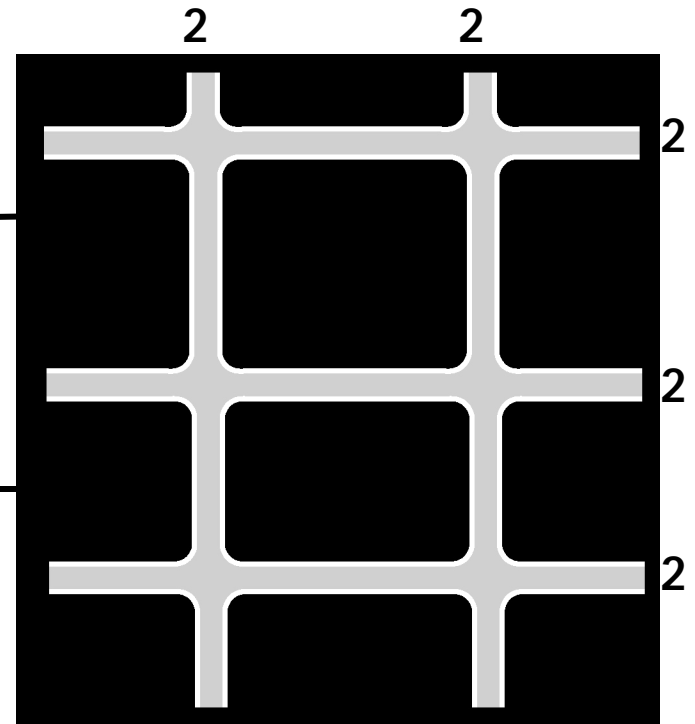


Same Total
Lanes

Capacity

S

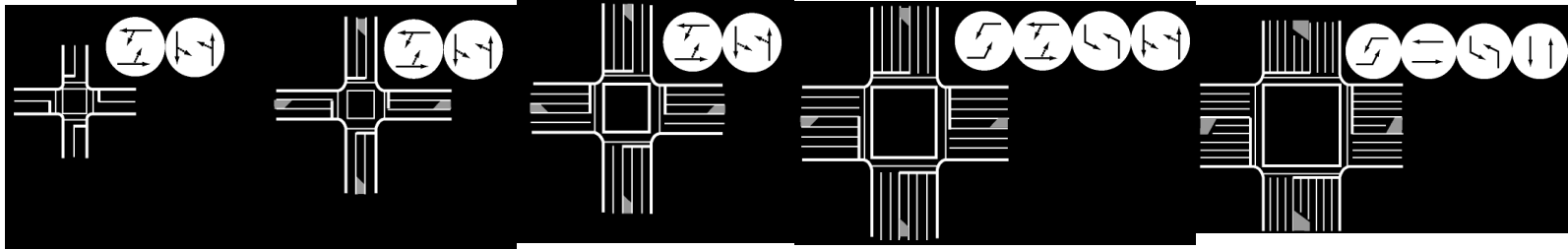
- Clearance Time
- Signal Phase



Benefits of Network

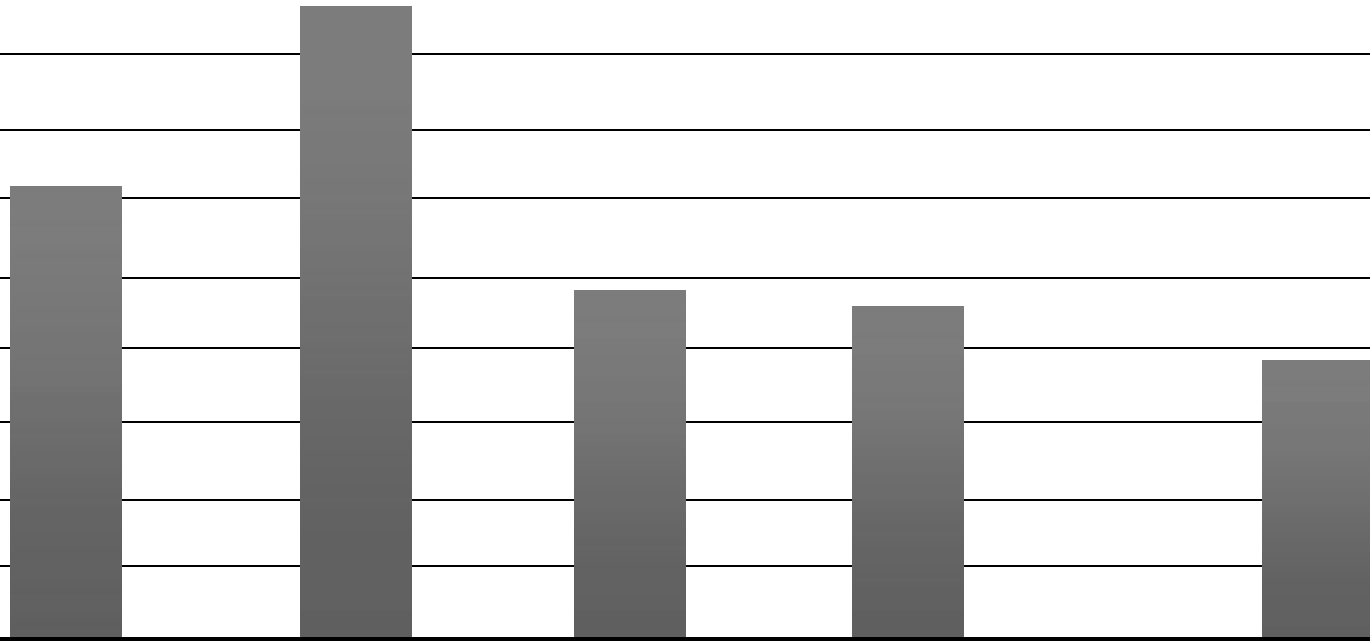
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Capacity of Additional
Through Lane (VPH)

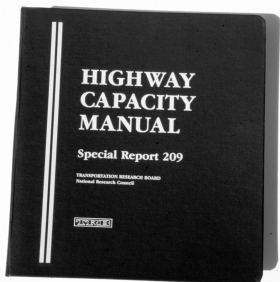
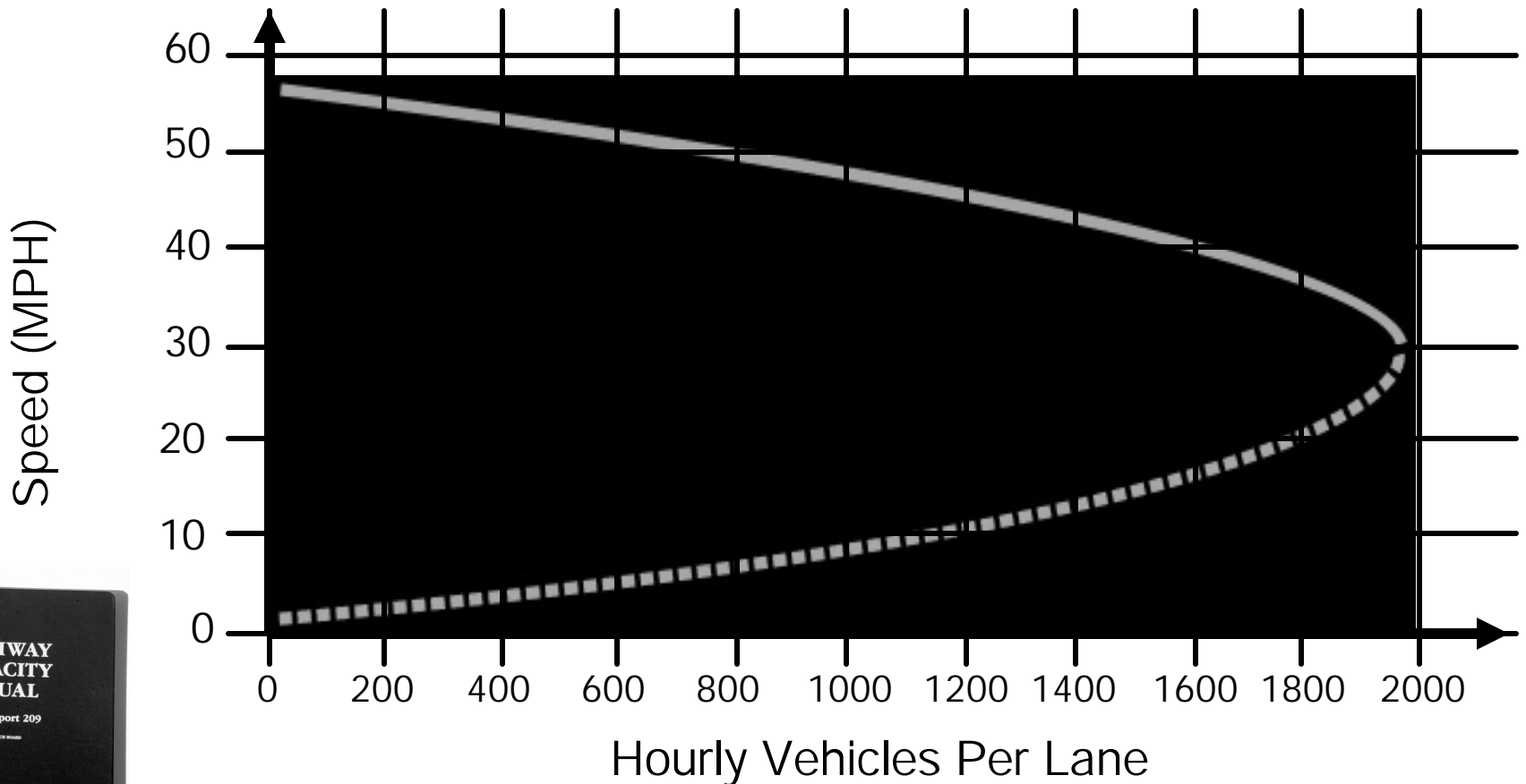
800
600
400
200



Lane Capacity

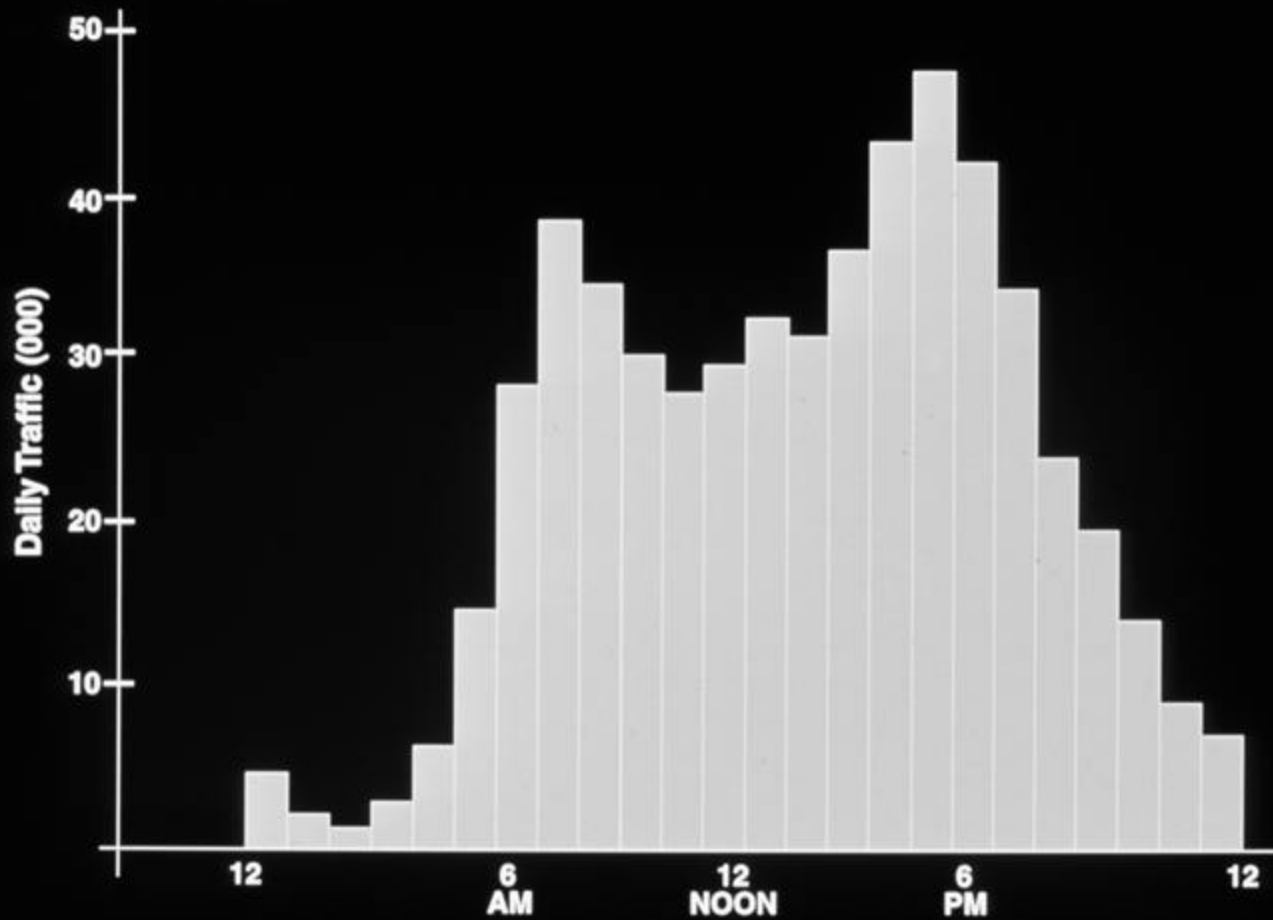
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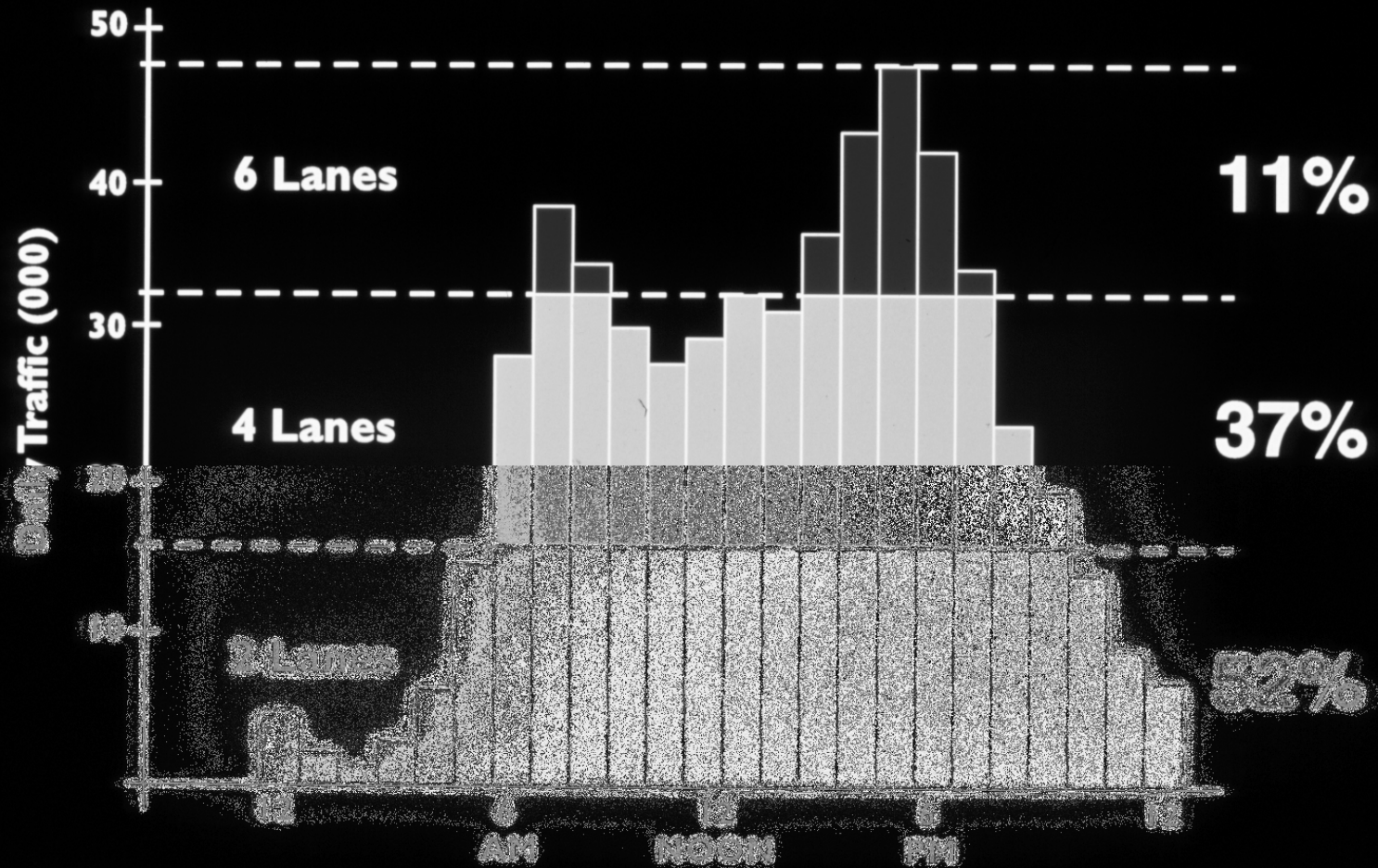
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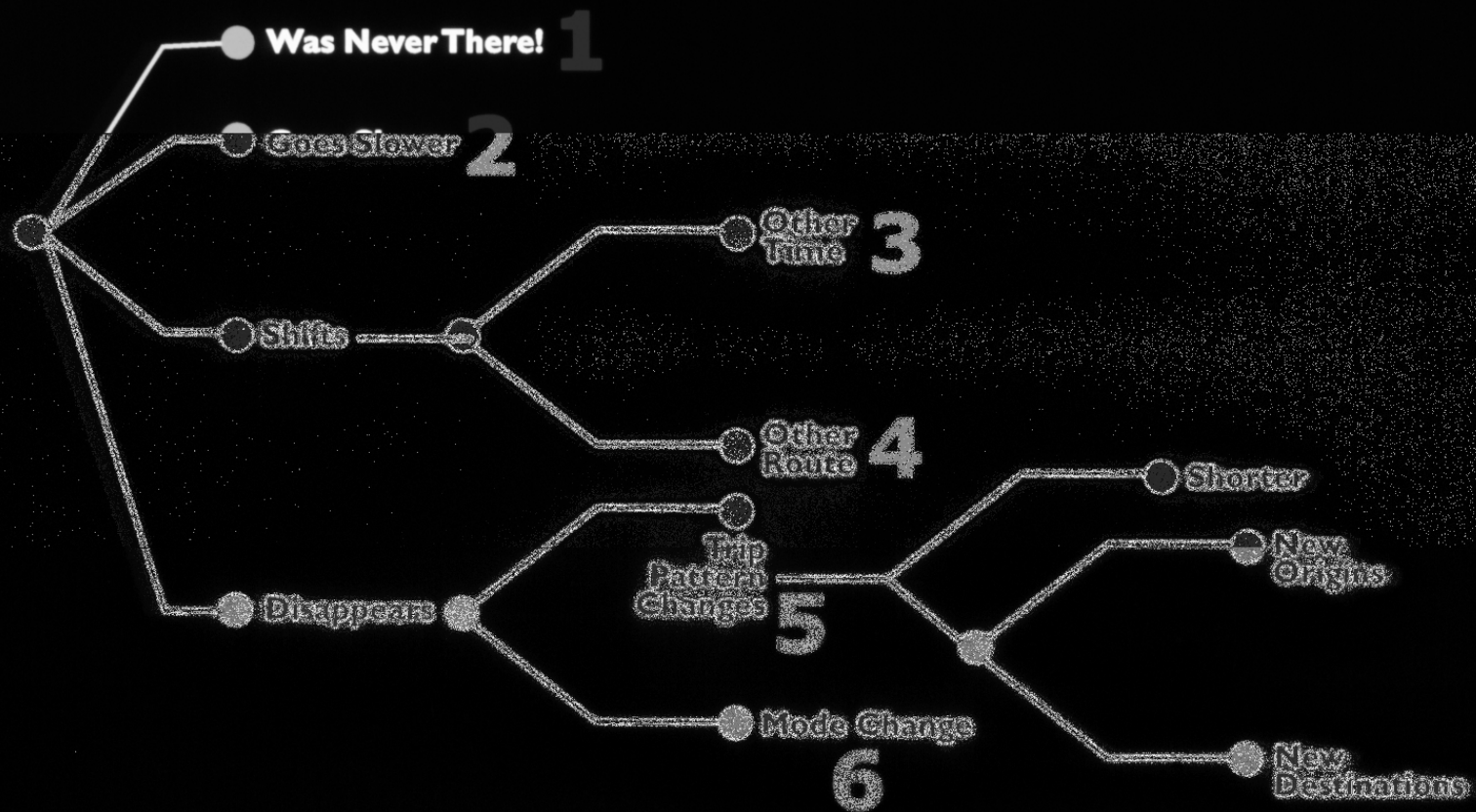
DESIGN TRAFFIC - Understanding Travel Patterns



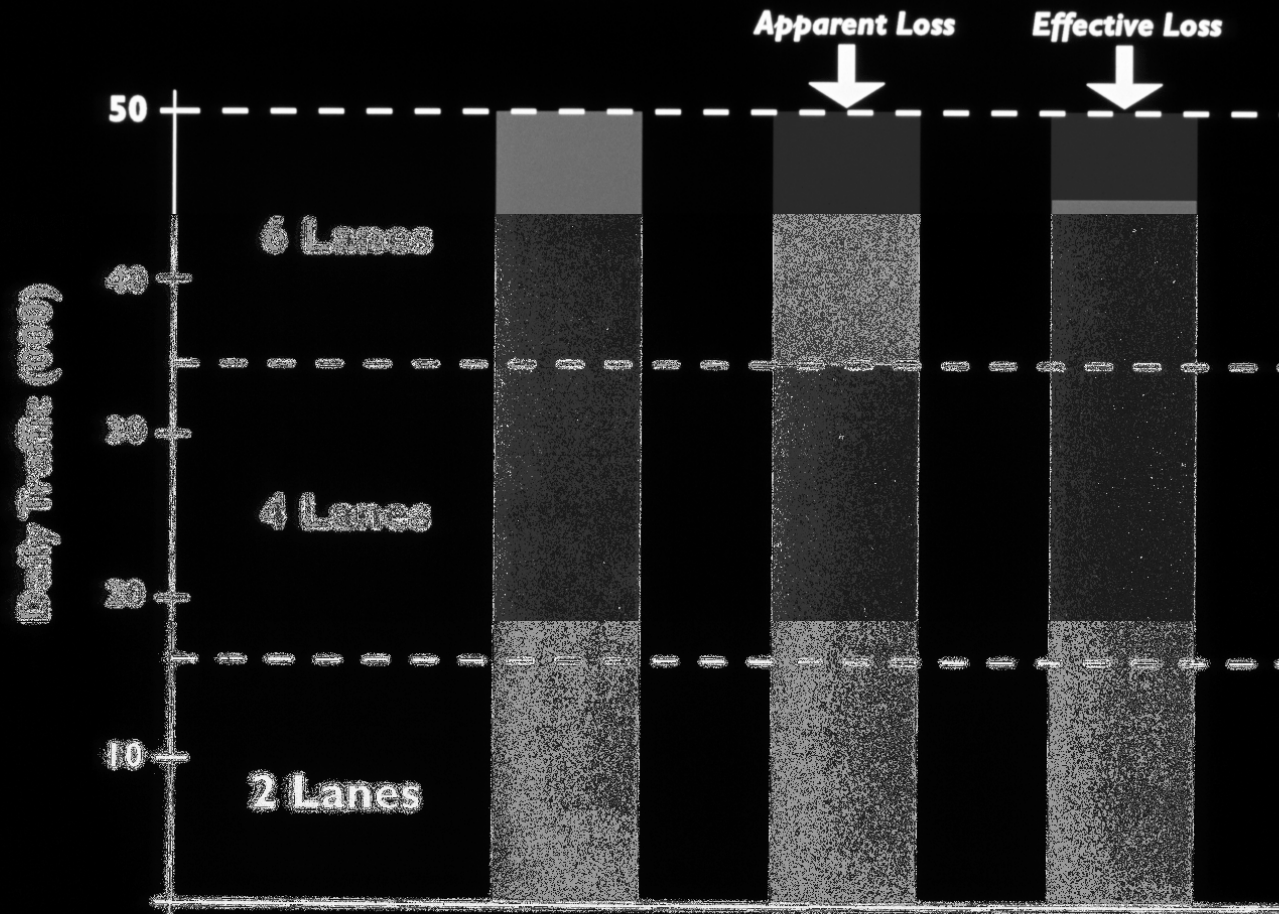
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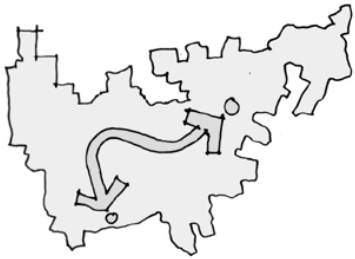


Real Loss in Capacity

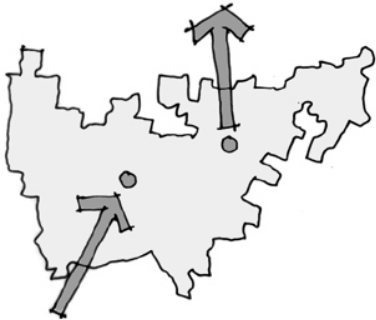


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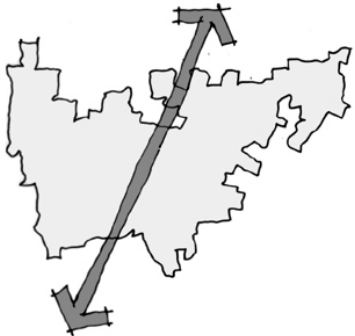


- Internal Travel – Preserve the capacity and quality of local streets for travel made entirely within the City.



- Local Travel – Make selective, precisely targeted capacity improvements, on the City's own terms. for trips beginning in (by residents of) Roswell and trips ending in (by visitors to) Roswell.

SELECT LINK ANALYSIS



- Through Travel – For regional through trips - neither beginning nor ending in the City.



Through Traffic Needs

- Land Use Context less important
- Higher travel speeds
- Controlled Access
- Limited connectivity
- Walking and bicycling not alternatives
- Transit could be an alternative

Local Traffic Needs

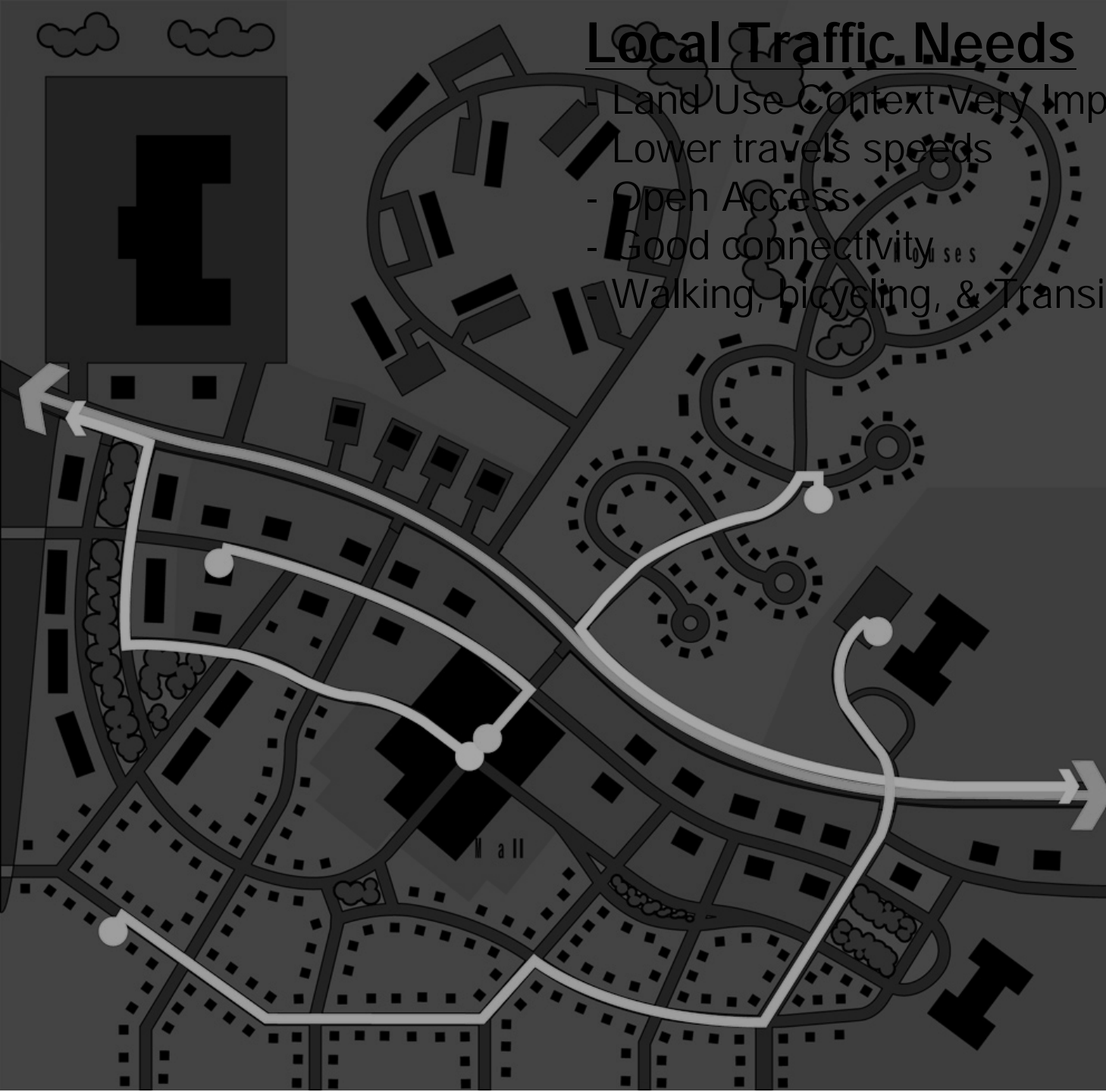
- Land Use Context Very Important

- Lower travel speeds

- Open Access

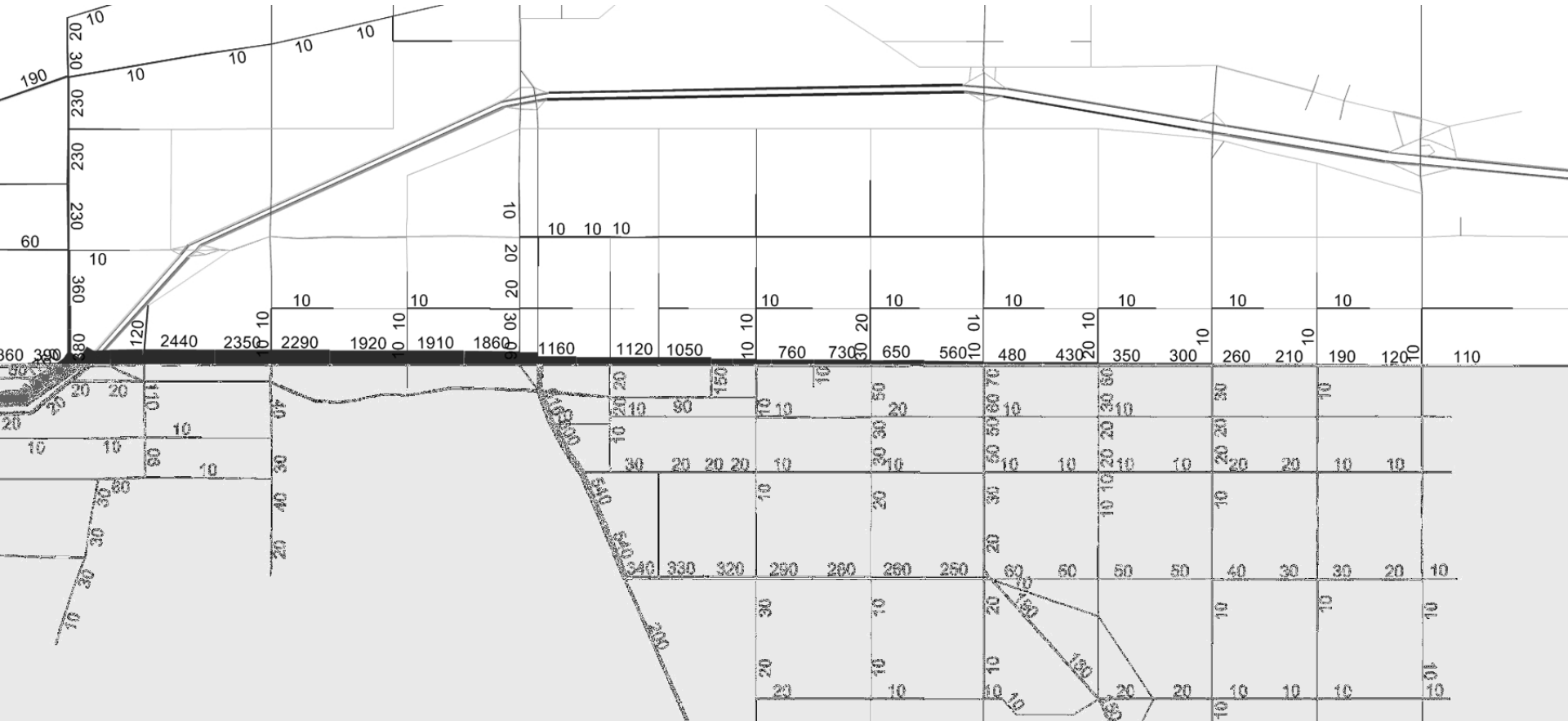
- Good connectivity

- Walking, bicycling, & Transit are alternatives



Select Link Analysis

Westbound Sprague at Freeway Overpass



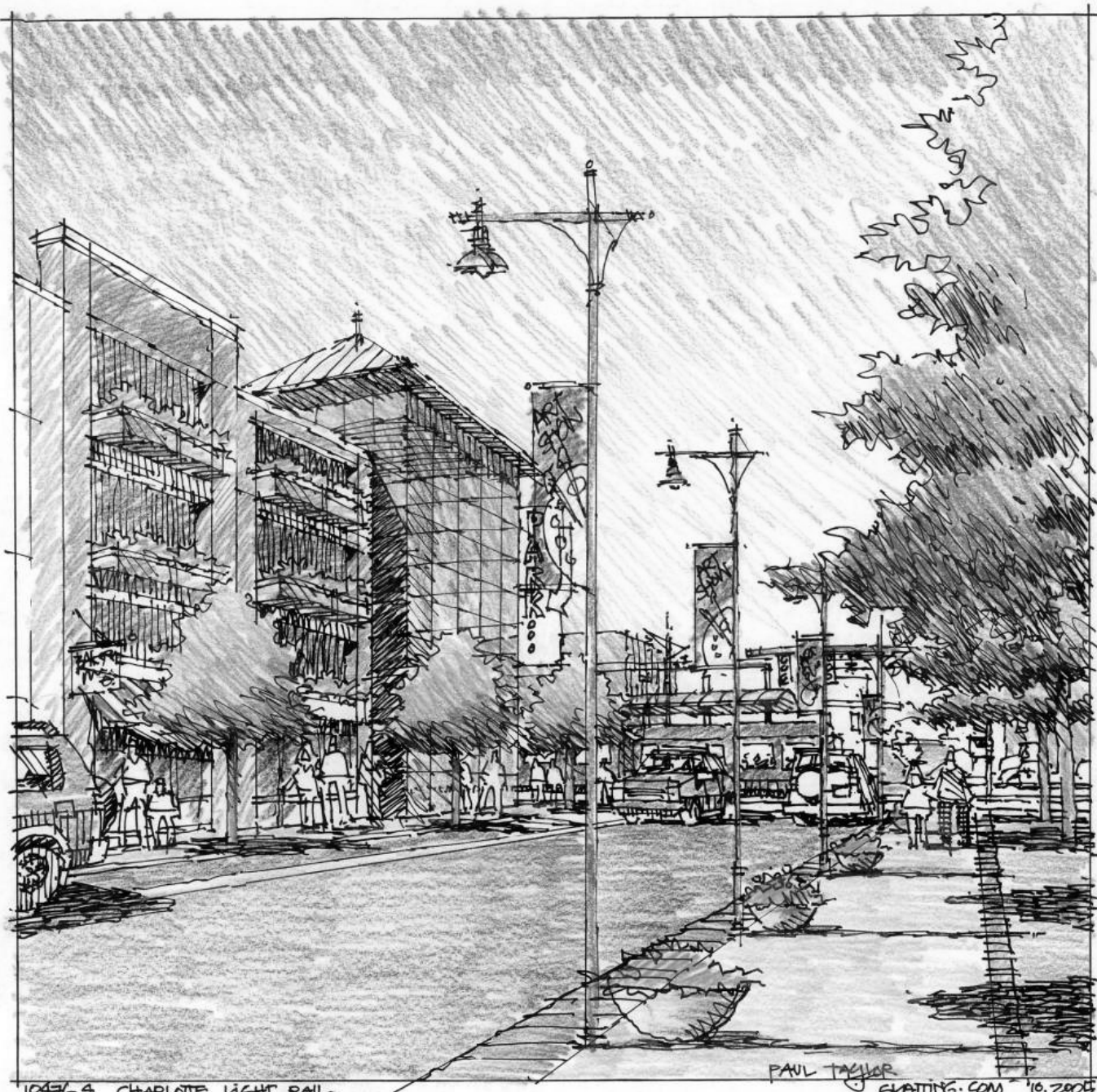
PM Peak Hour volume
at end of corridor

2760

Same volume from this
link at end of corridor

110 (4%)





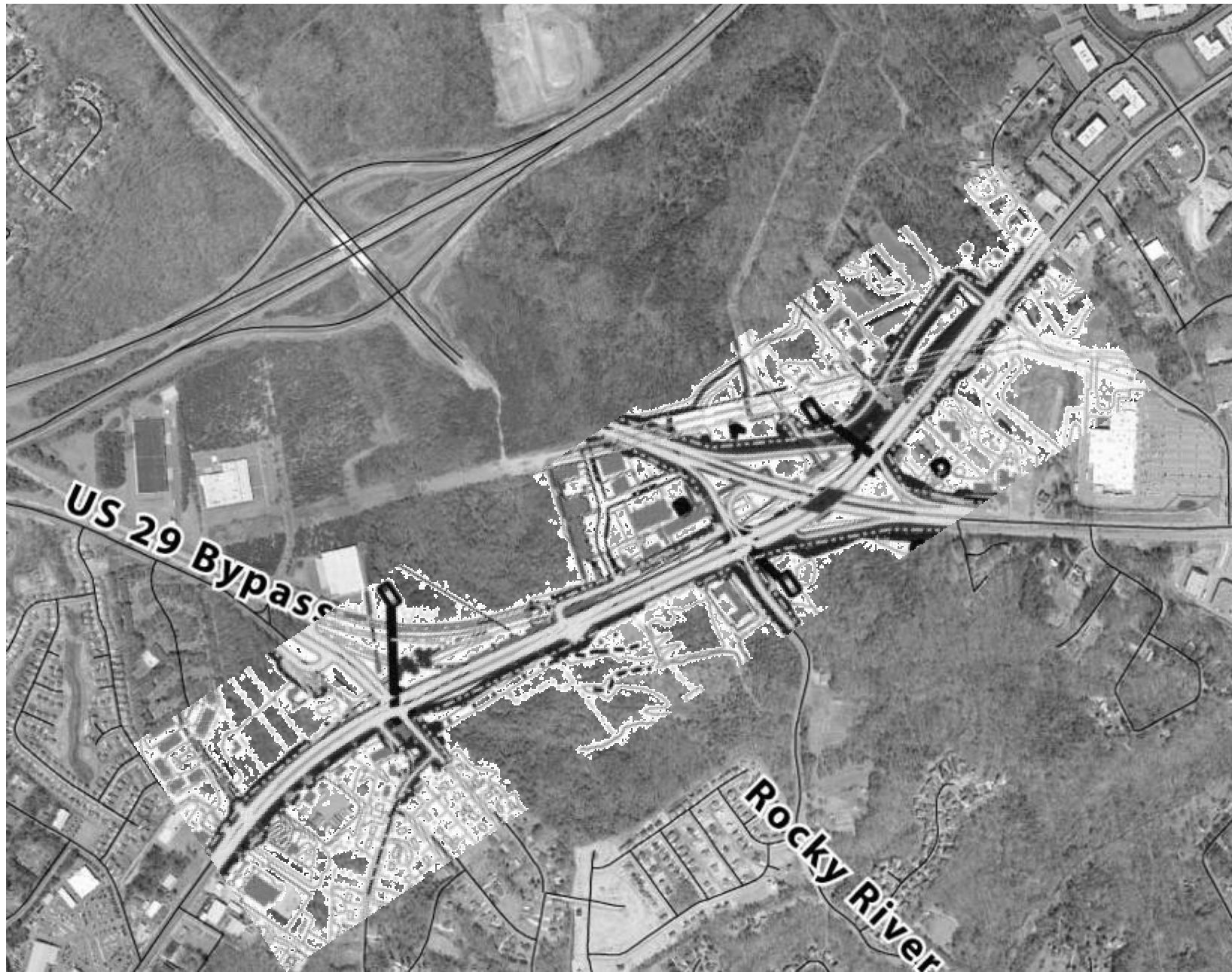
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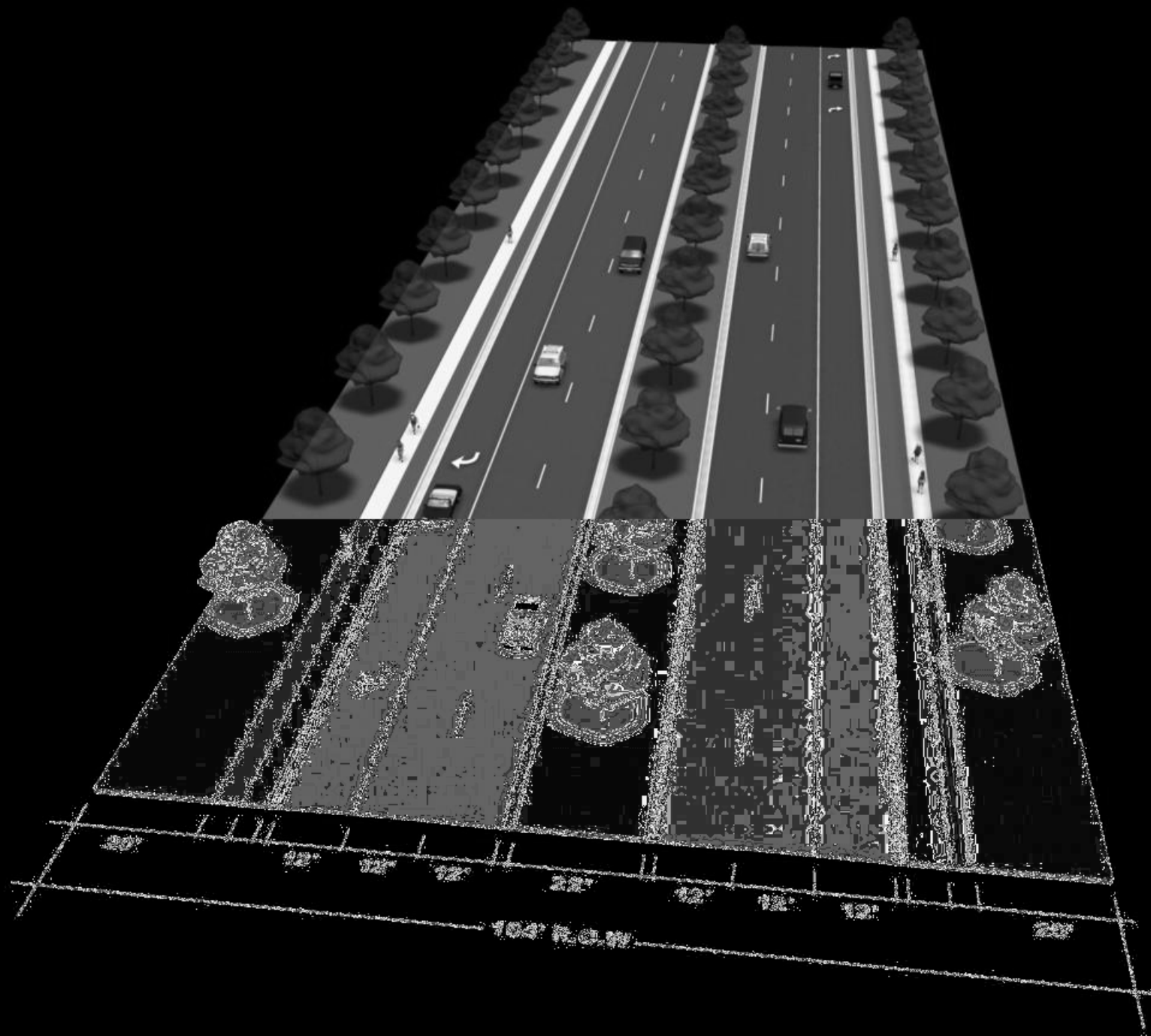
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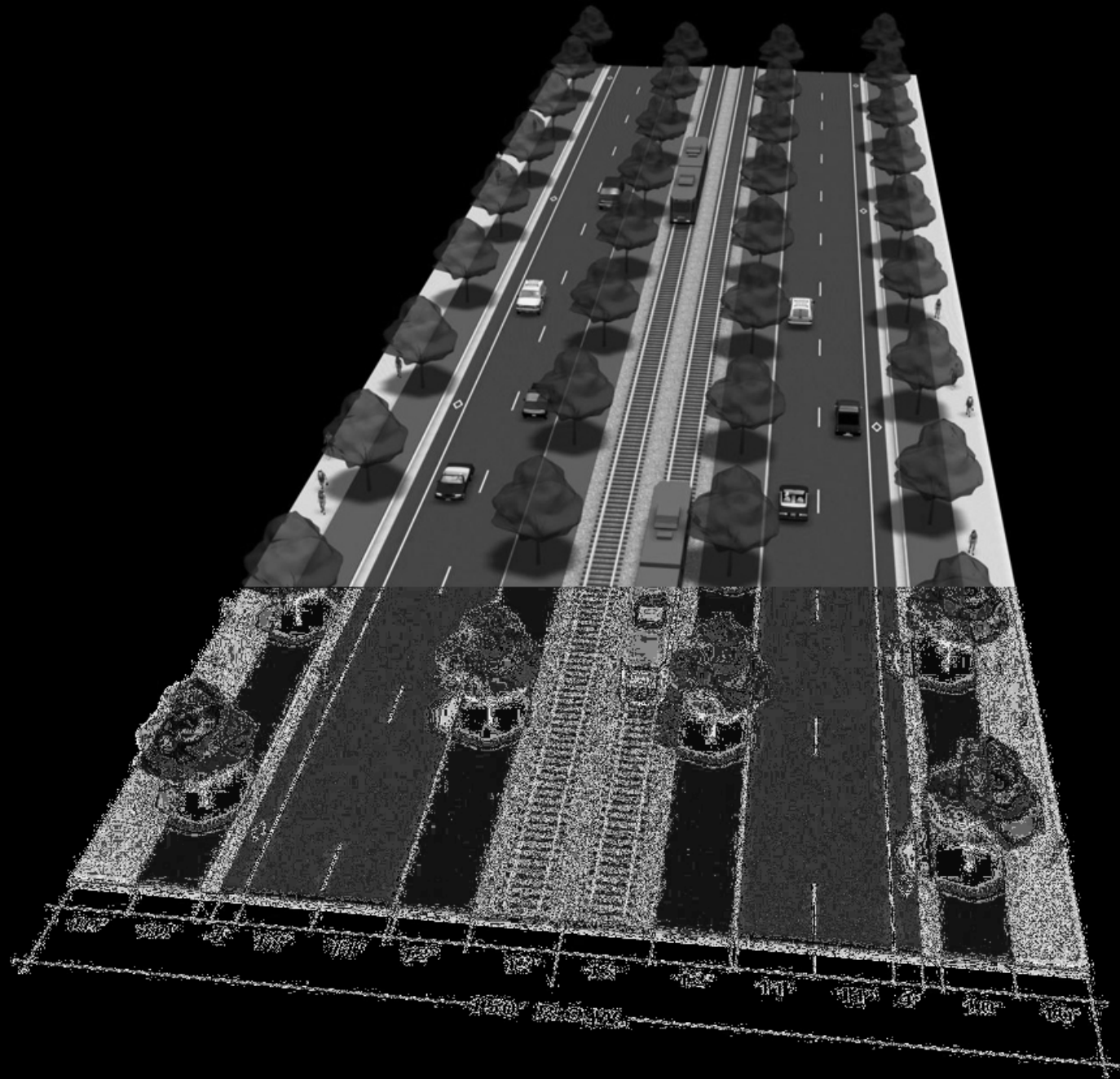
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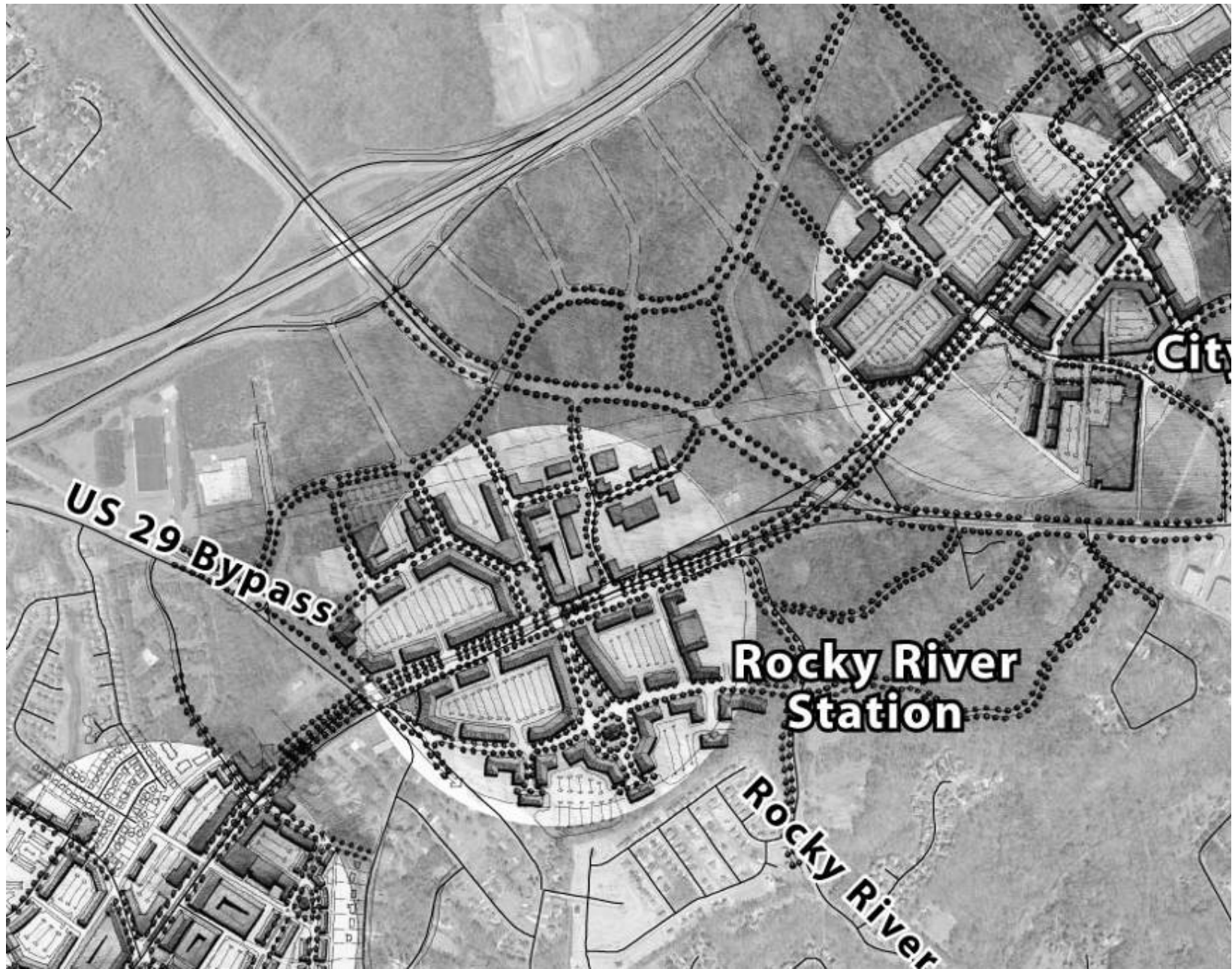




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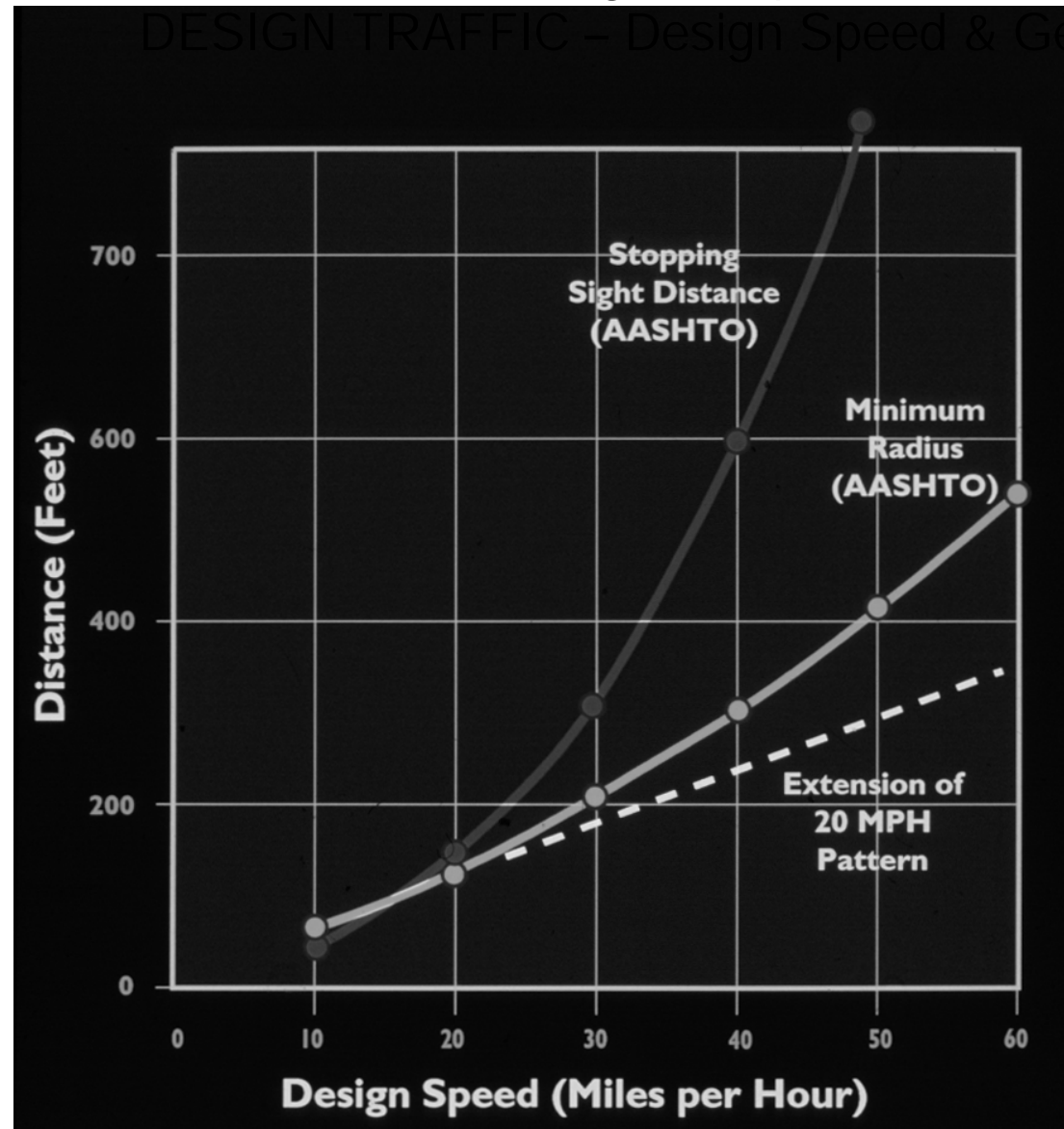
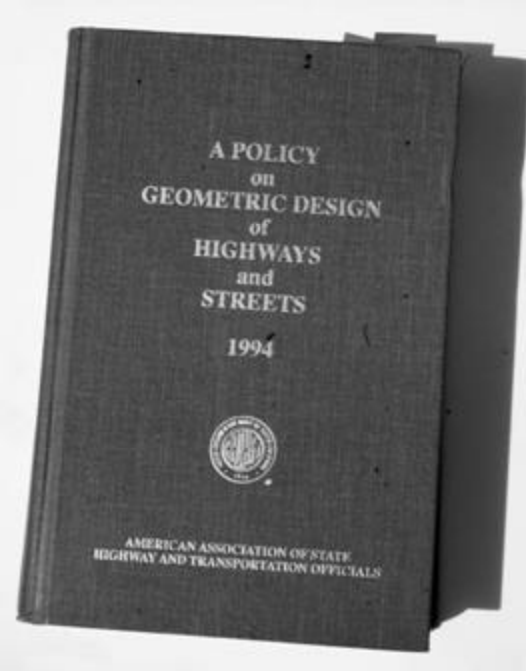


NE Corridor Station Areas

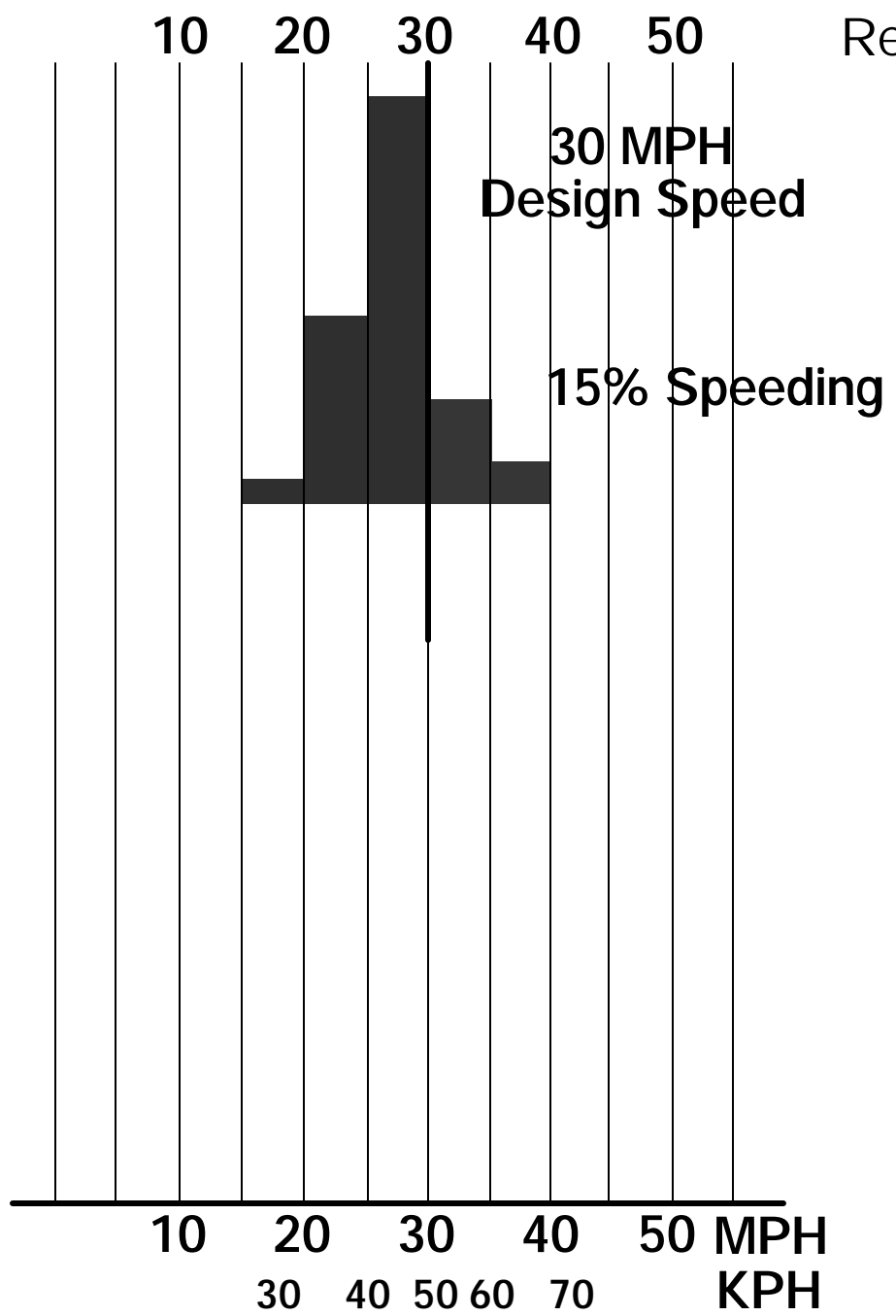


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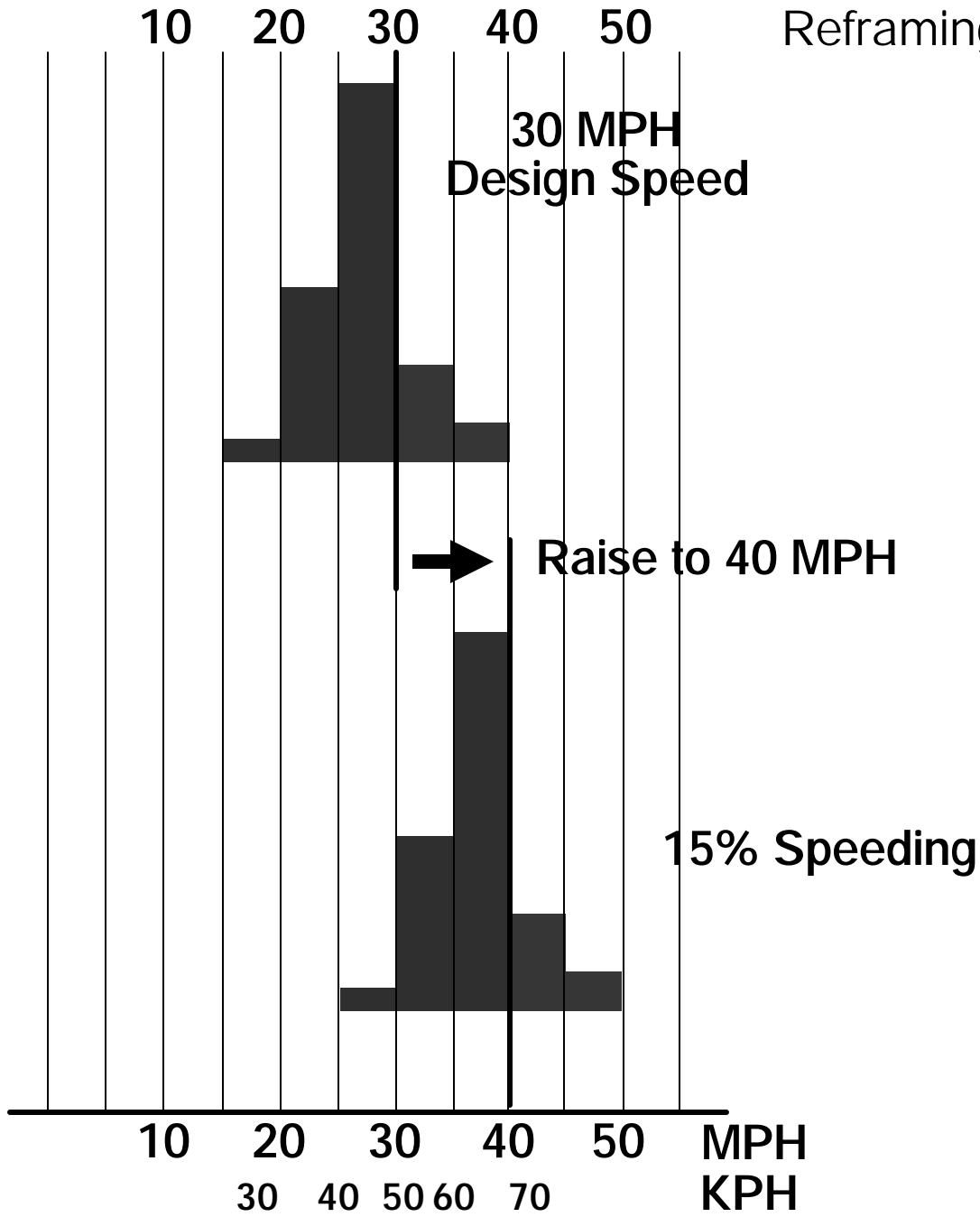
DESIGN TRAFFIC – Design Speed & Geometrics



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30 mph



25 mph



20 mph



15

SPEED

p (killing pedestrian)

15 mph

3.5 %

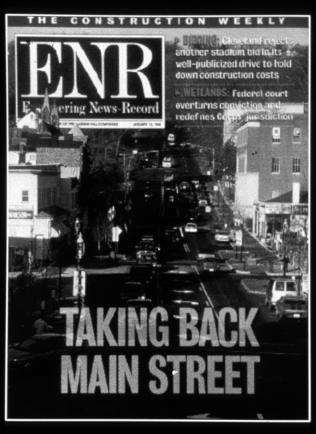
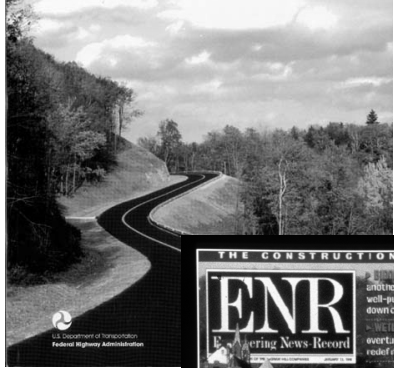
31 mph

37.0 %

44 mph

83.0 %

Flexibility in Highway Design



TRAFFIC CALMING



Measuring Success

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Capacity of Streets

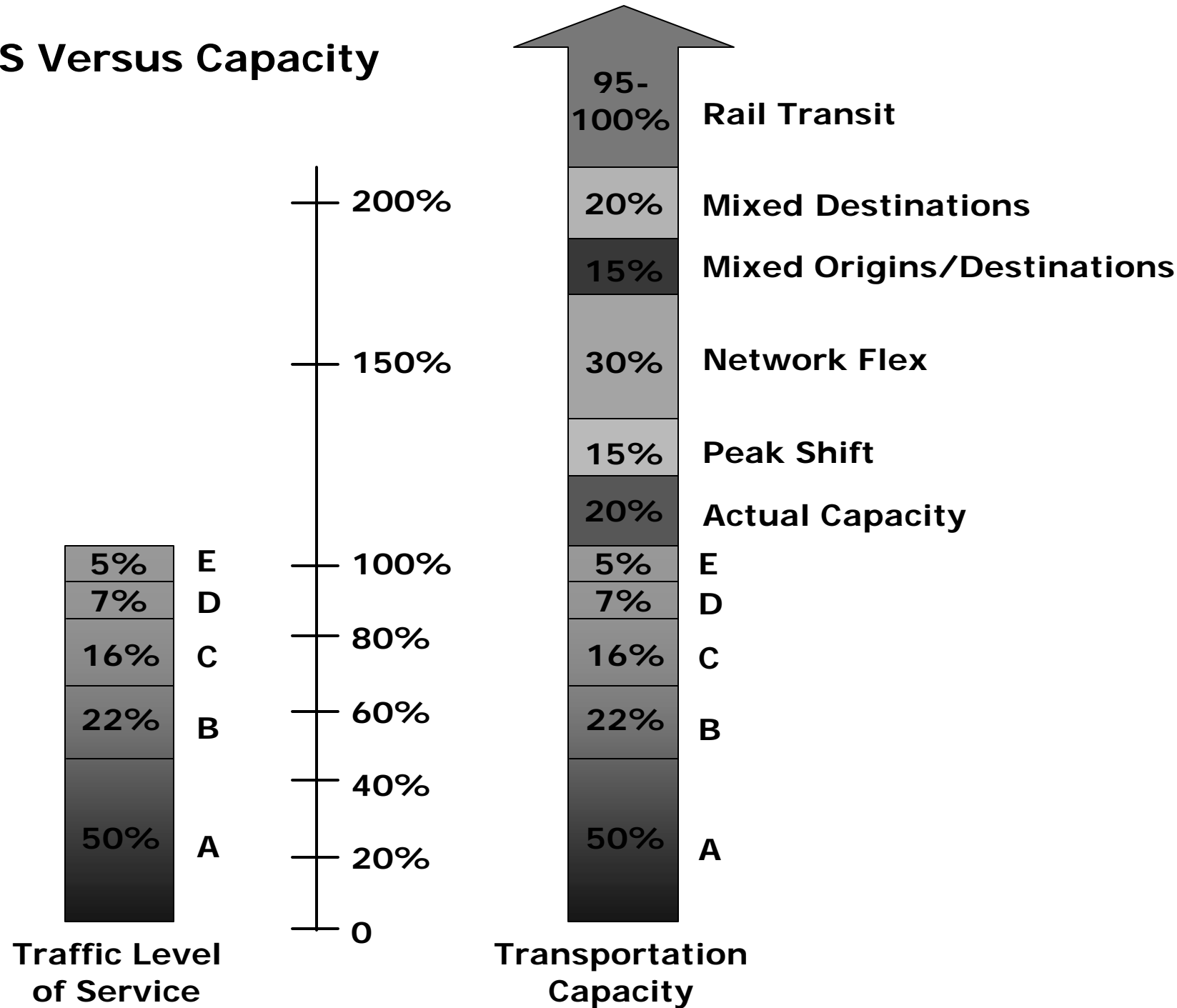
LEVEL OF SERVICE DEFINITIONS

SERVICE

LEVEL DEFINITION – Operating Speed

- A Free Flow: Users unaffected by others in the traffic stream.
- B Stable Flow: Slight decline in the freedom to maneuver from LOS "A"
- C Stable Flow: Operation of the vehicle becomes significantly affected by the interaction of others in the traffic system.
- D Approaching Unstable Flow: High volumes of traffic, speeds adversely affected, and the freedom to maneuver is severely restricted.
- E Unstable Flow: Operating conditions are at, or very near capacity. All speeds are low and the freedom to maneuver is extremely difficult.
- F Exceeding Capacity: Point at which arrival flows exceed discharge flows causing queuing delays. Stoppages may occur for long periods of time because of the downstream congestion. Travel times are also substantially increased.

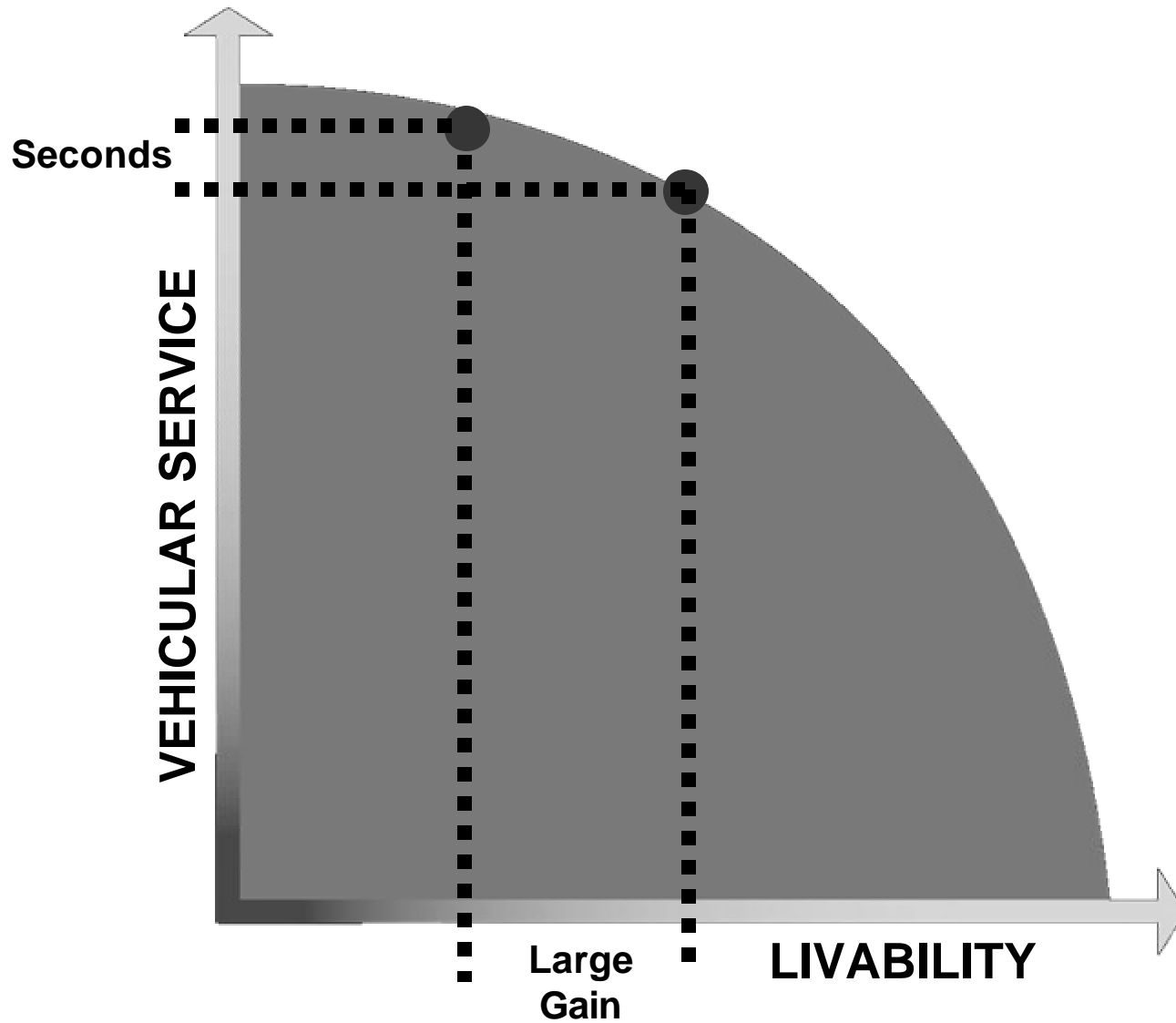
LOS Versus Capacity





EVALUATION CONTINUUM

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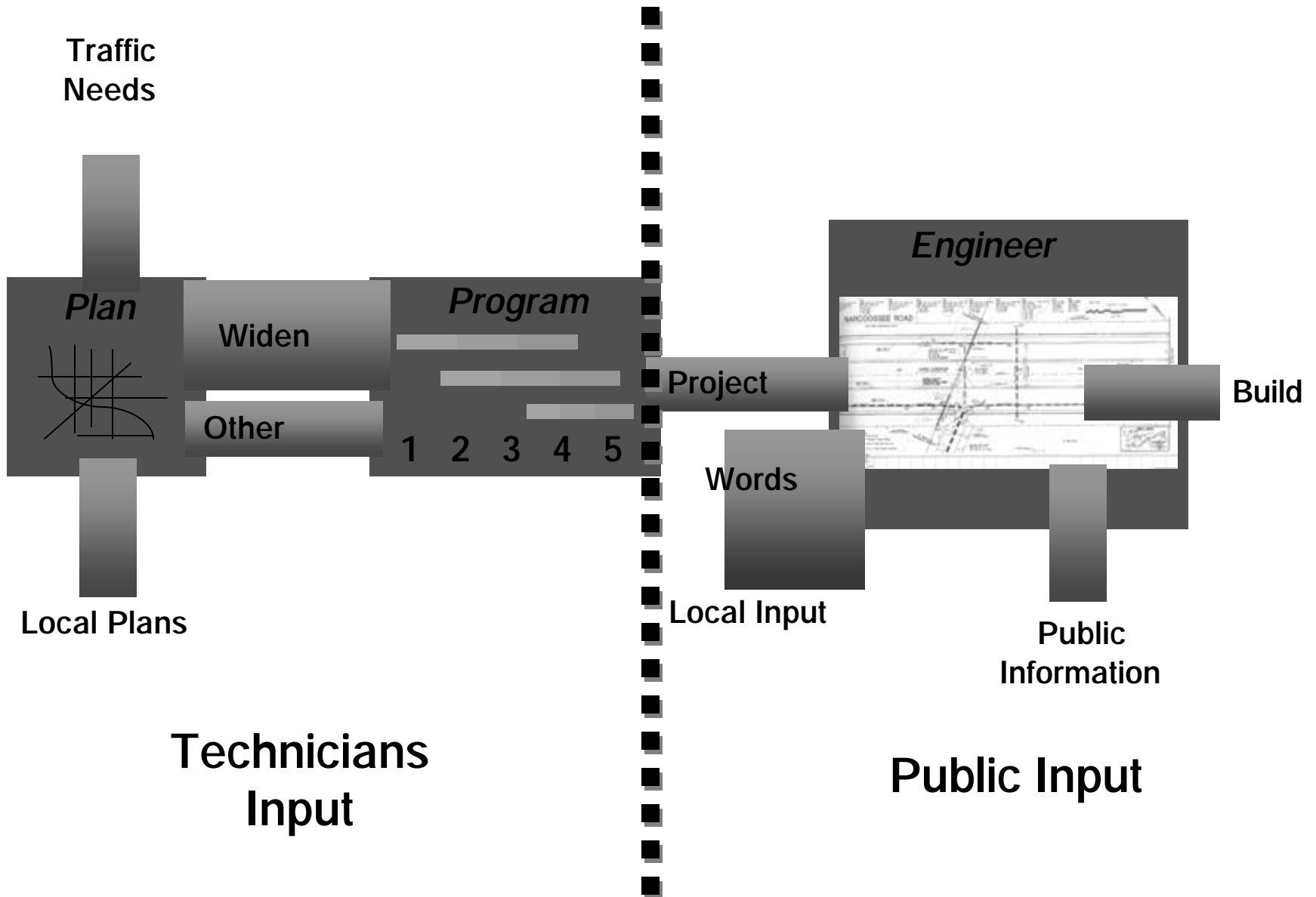






What
If?

Typical Input Model



Integrated Process

Public Input
Throughout

Business
Neighborhoods
Visitor Needs

Traffic Needs

Partners

Connections
More Small Roads
Less Travel
Bike Routes
Sidewalks, Trees
Great Streets
Great Neighborhoods
Traffic Calming

Plan

*Vision
Plan*

Widen / or
Network

Other

1 2 3 4 5

Program

Project

~~Engineer~~

*Design
Dialogue*

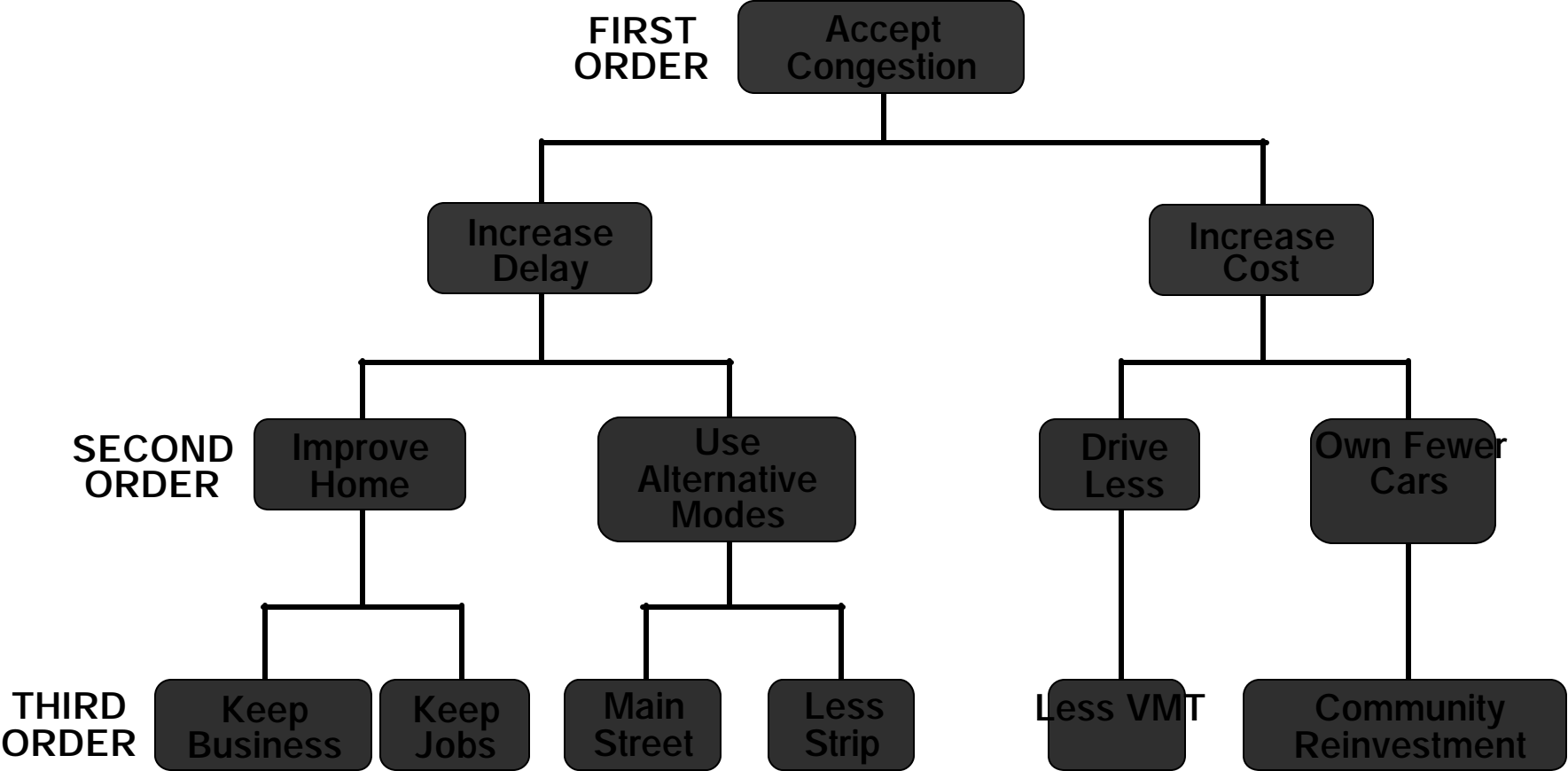
~~Words~~

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Local Plans

Chain of Impacts





**People will get sick and
tired of traffic congestion
and...**

Karl Rasmussen
State Traffic Engineer, Minnesota



**...and move into
the city.**

Karl Rasmussen
State Traffic Engineer, Minnesota





When you have eliminated the impossible whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.







FOLSOM &

← FOLSOM ST.

THE EMBARCADERO

HARRISON ST. →



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