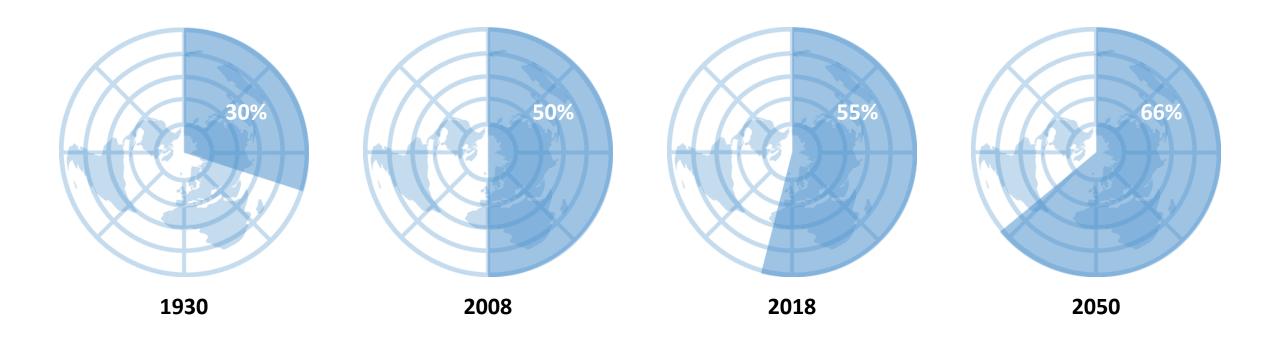


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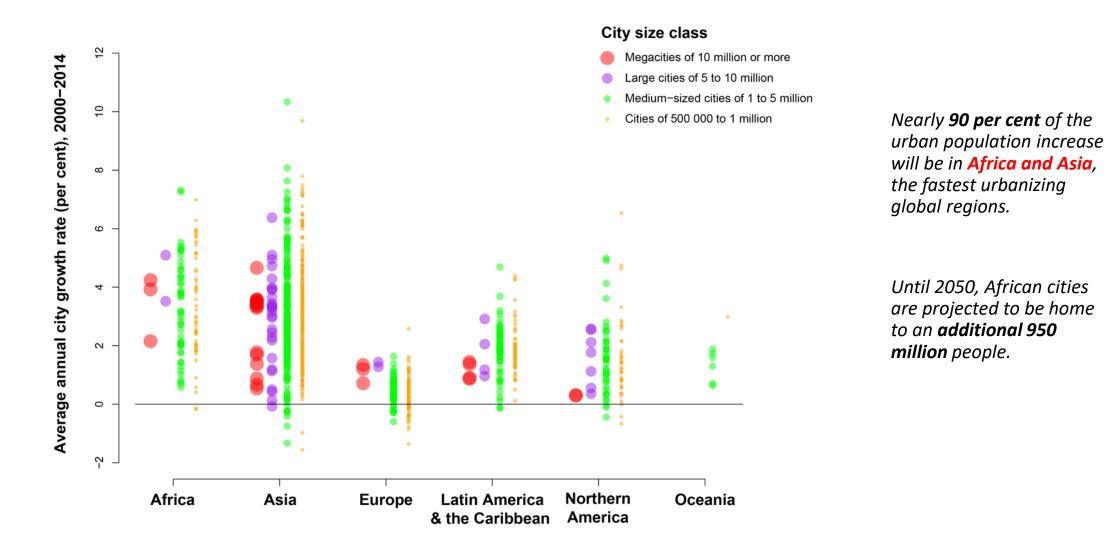
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Source: United nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2014), World Urbanization Prospects



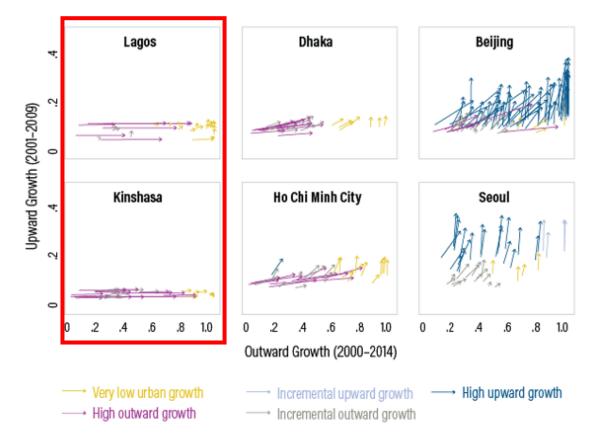
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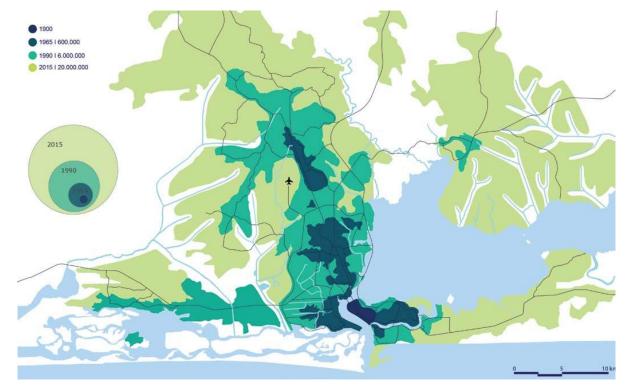


African Cities are Growing Out Rather Than Up

Some cities are growing outward, while others are growing upward



Note: The arrows represent different areas within a city. The length of each arrow captures change in built-up area over time. Source: World Resources Report: Upward and Outward Growth



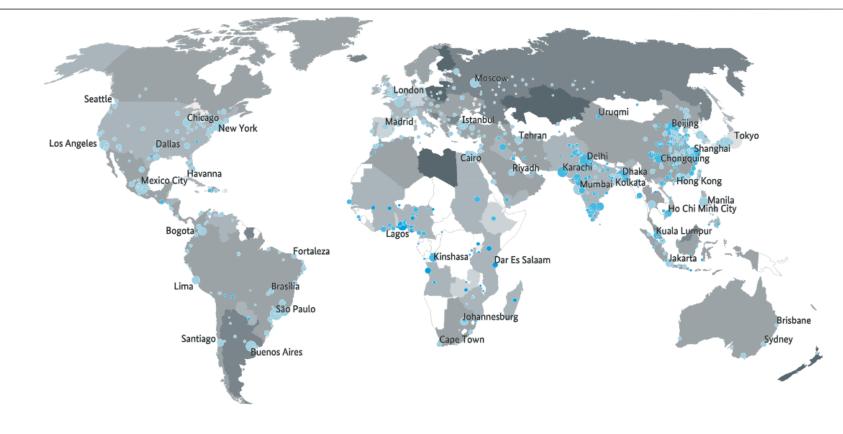
Lagos Growth Map - source http://futurecapetown.com





Change in Urban Population and Motorization Rate

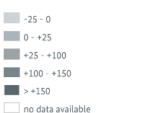
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Average annual population growth Forecast 2012-2030 (%)



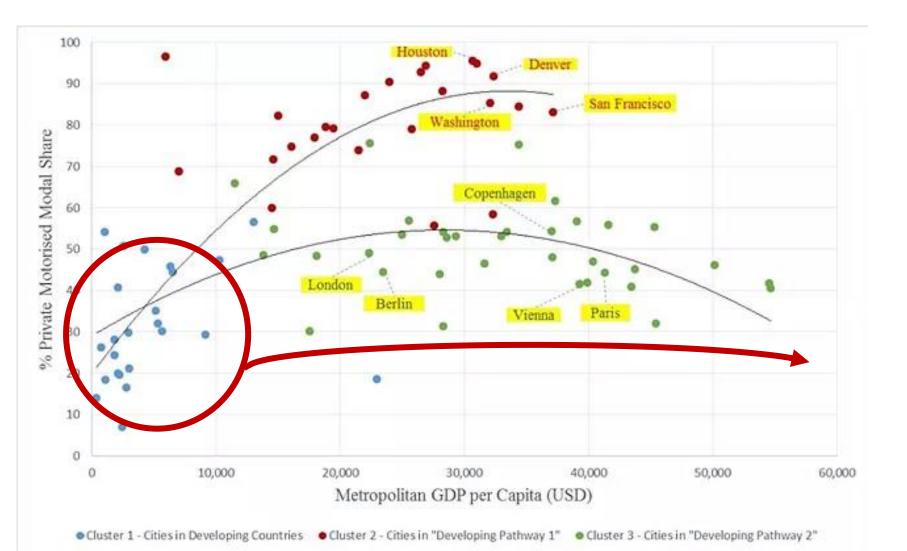
Motorisation change 2005 - 2014 Change in cars per 1,000 people







Which pathway to take? Let's avoid the evolutionary mistakes of other cities... and instead leapfrog to sustainable mobility!

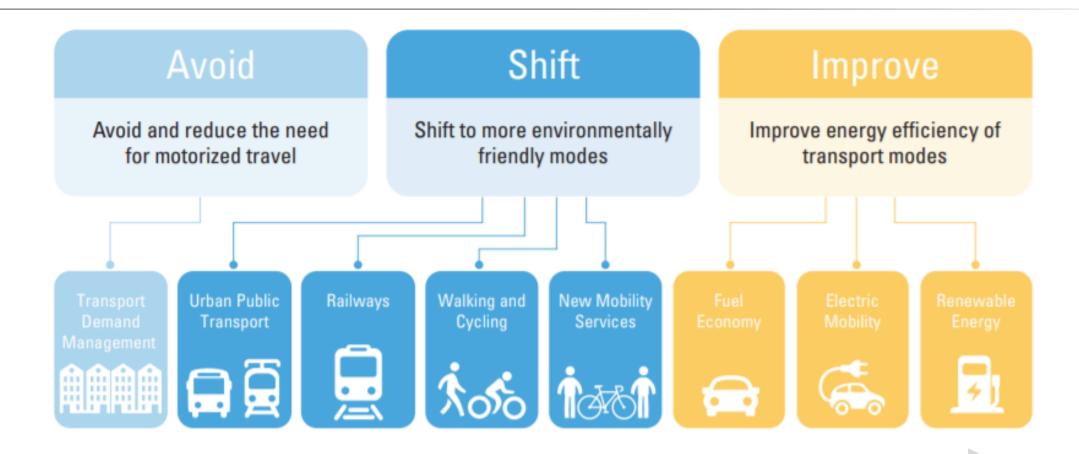


Decouple economic development from motorization!

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Source: Roger Teoh, Imperial/UCL 2016. UITP data 1995

The Avoid-Shift-Improve framework



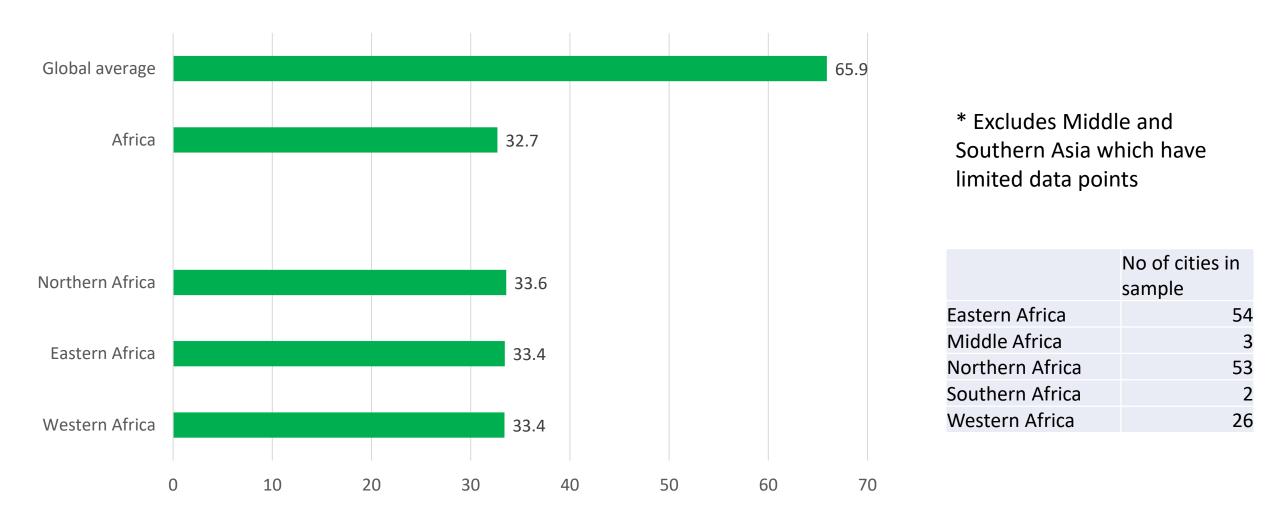
"Logic from Left to Right": Avoid and Shift strategies can account for 40-60% of transport emission reductions, and they can be implemented at lower costs than Improve strategies.



SDG 11.2 Africa Overview – Data for 138 Cities



Share of population with convenient access to public transport (physical proximity to stops)

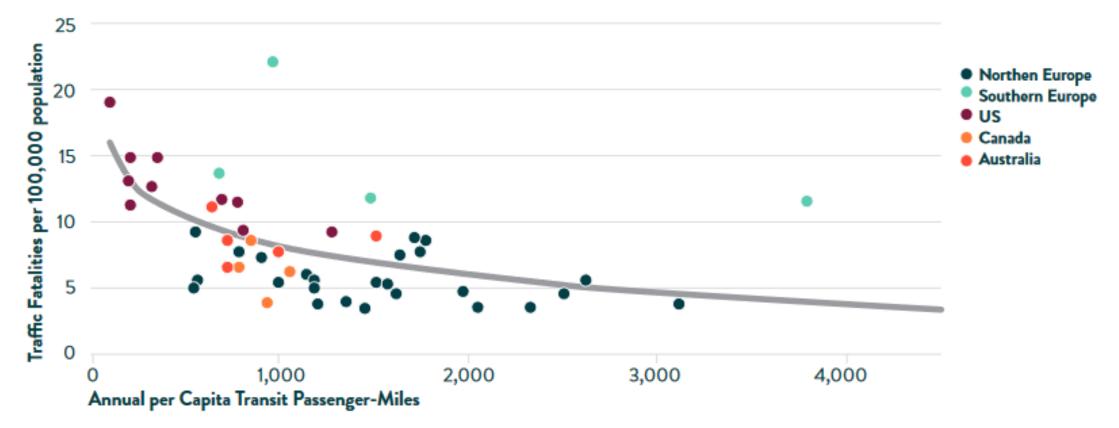




Public Transport cities are safer cities

Table 1 - In places where public transport ridership is high, traffic fatalities are low

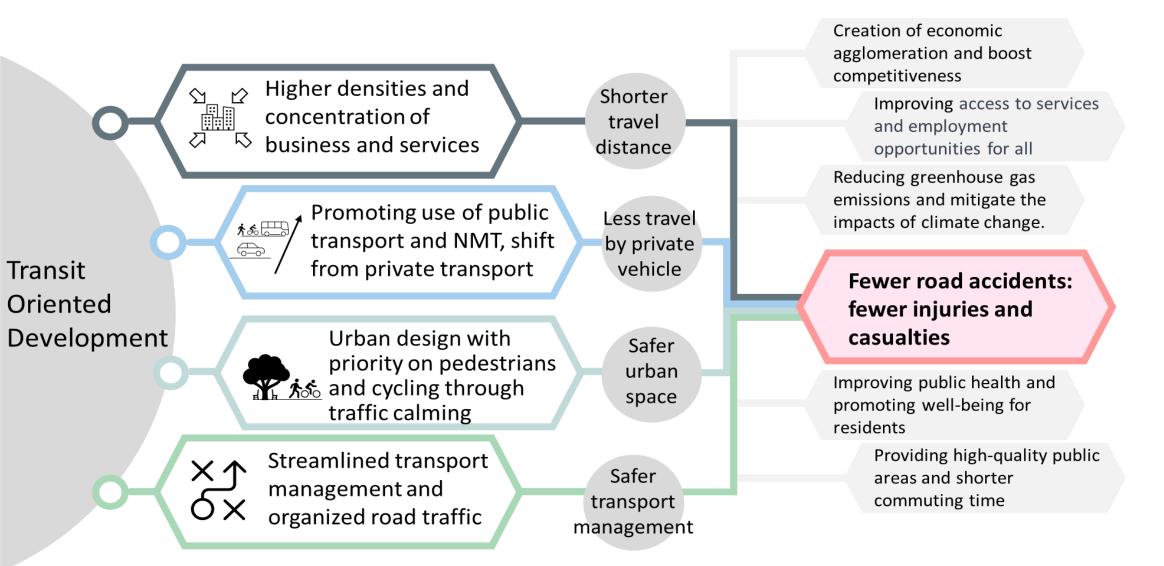
The link between traffic fatality rates and public transport ridership is especially strong in larger cities⁶



Source: UITP

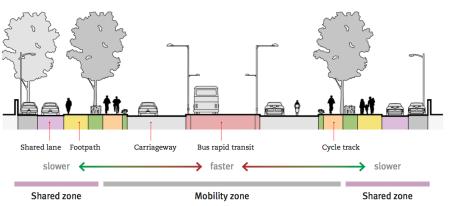


Road Safety in the context of transit-oriented development



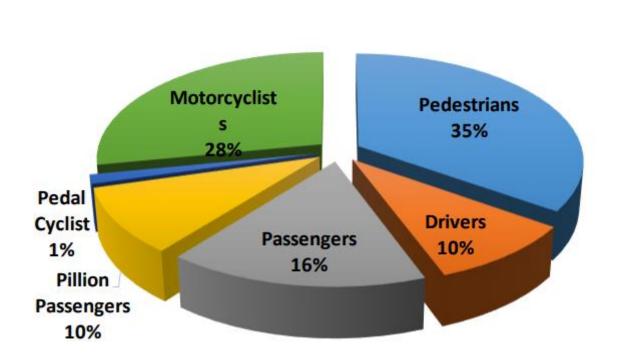


We need complete streets that cater for all transport modes



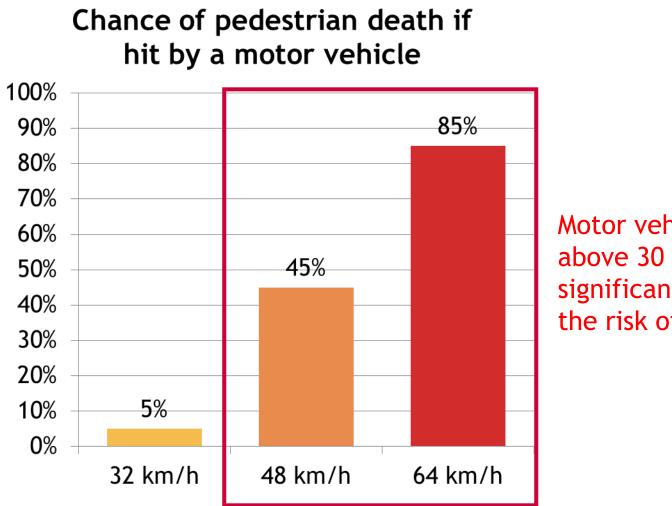


Pedestrians at Risk – "Reclaiming Streets project"



Example: Nairobi Fatalities (2022 NTSA data)





Motor vehicle speeds above 30 km/h significantly increase the risk of fatalities



Source: ITDP

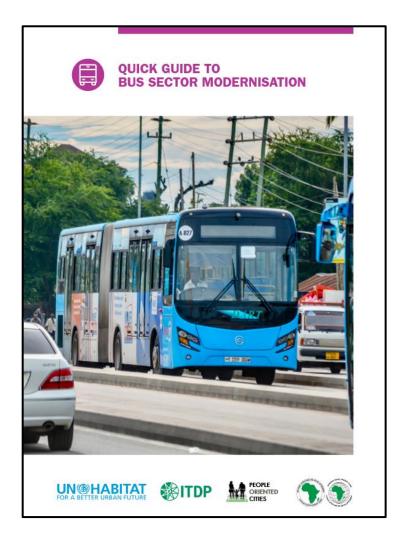


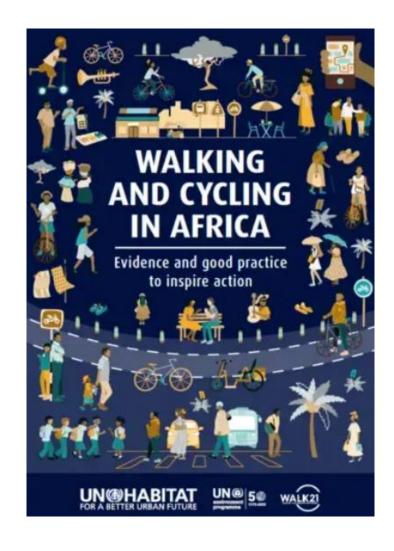


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