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## Chapter 3

# Urban Travel and Transportation System Characteristics

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# Chapter Outline

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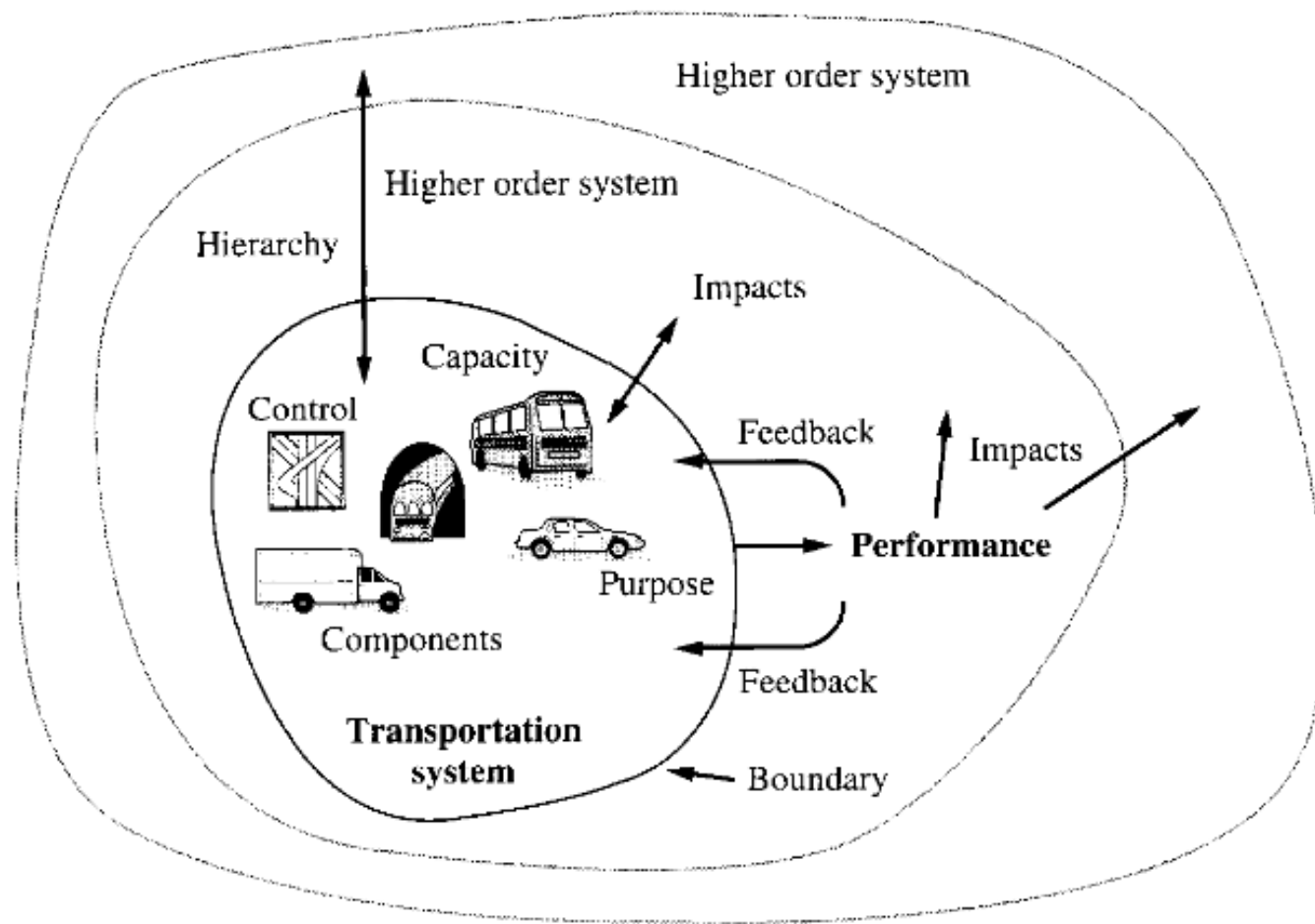
Characteristics of Urban Travel

# Introduction

- At the level of the individual traveler or goods movement, transportation is it trip from an origin to a destination to accomplish some purpose.
- At the urban region level, transportation is the aggregate of thousands of individual trip-making decisions.
- A transportation system consists of the facilities and services that allow these travel movements to occur
- The relationship among **travel patterns** (determined by individual trip making behavior); **transportation facilities** (shaped by the transportation planning and DM processes); and the **economic, social, and environmental context of a region**, forms the basis of most transportation analysis and policy decisions.

# Transportation from a Systems Perspective

- **A system** is a group of interrelated components that form a complex and unified whole intended to serve some purpose through the performance of its parts.
- **Characteristics of transportation systems:**
  - ❑ System Hierarchy
  - ❑ System Purpose
  - ❑ System Boundary
  - ❑ System Components
  - ❑ System Performance
  - ❑ System Capacity
  - ❑ System Control
  - ❑ System Feedback

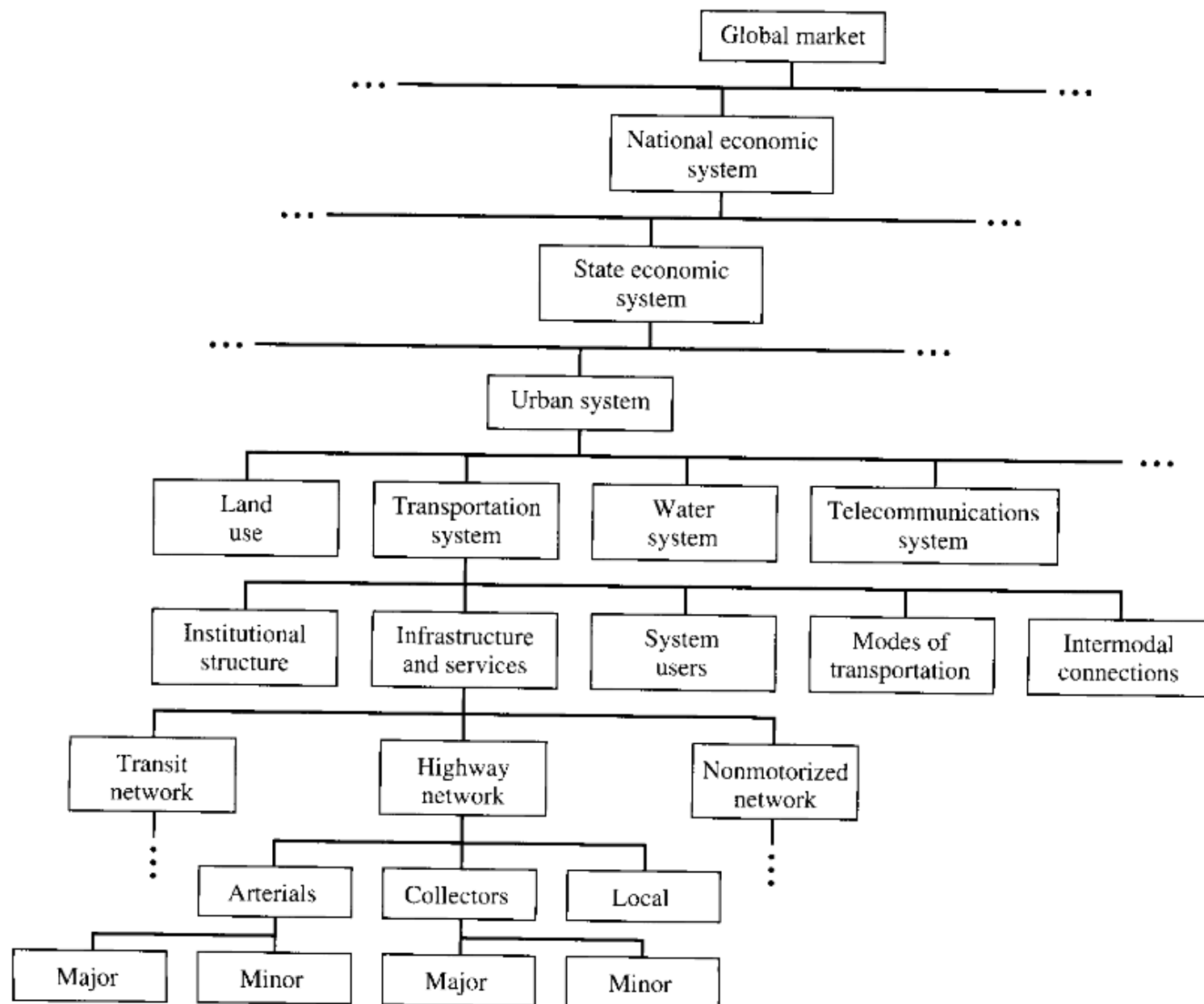


**Figure 3.1** Important variables for a systems perspective of transportation

# Transportation from a Systems Perspective ...

## ■ System Hierarchy

- Every system is a part of another system
- Focus on the linkages and relationships among these systems and on the overall relative importance
- A system hierarchy provides order and function to the operation of the components within global system goals (defined.. views problems and conducts planning)
- Functionally, the transportation system is just one of many systems that allow urban areas to exist
- National, regional, and local hierarchy (MOP Study)
- Roads, transit, pedestrian, .. facilities classification



**Figure 3.2** Transportation in a systems hierarchy



# Transportation from a Systems Perspective ...

## ■ System Purpose

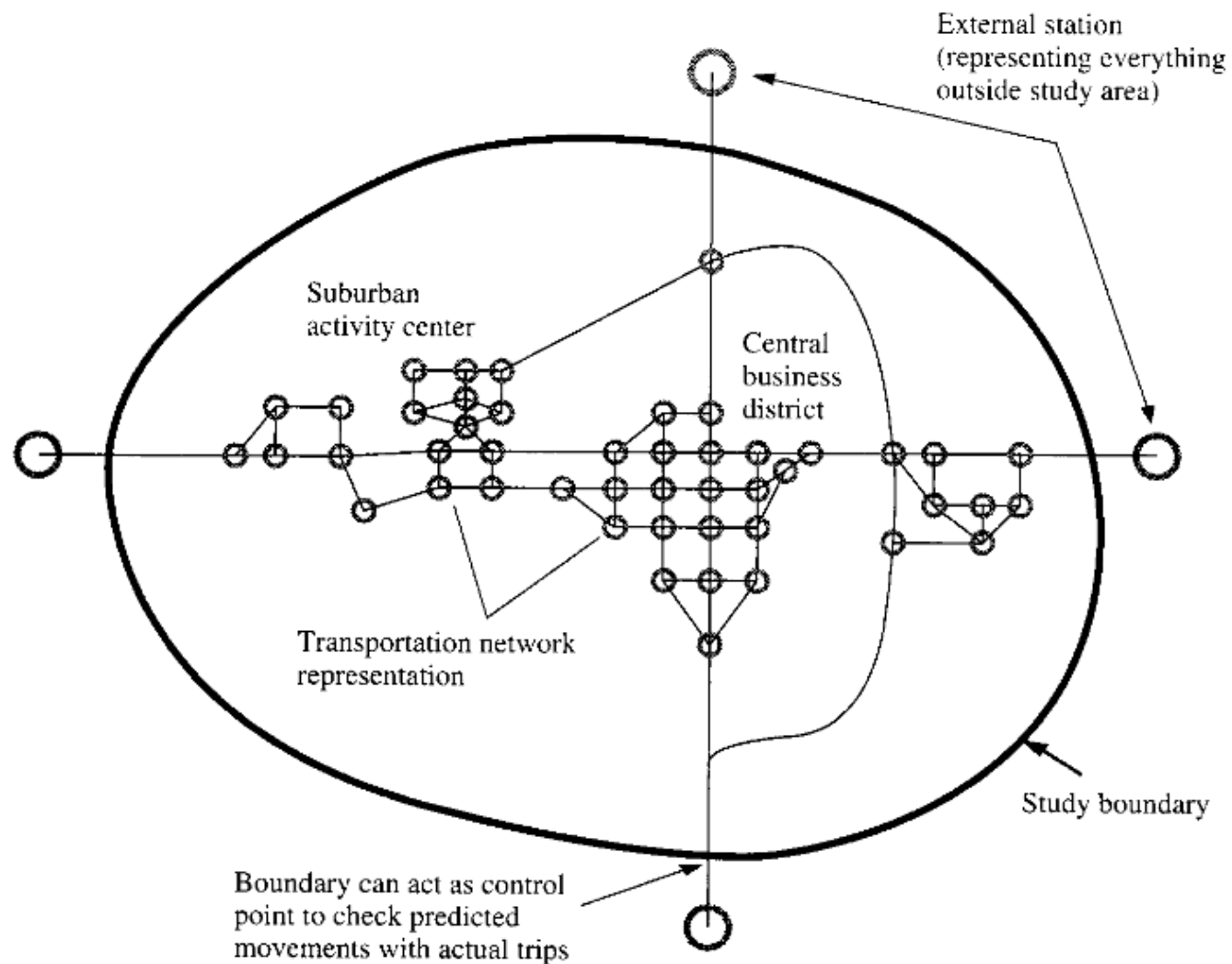
- Purpose of a transportation system: providing opportunities for mobility and accessibility:
- **Mobility:** The ability and knowledge to travel from one location to another in reasonable time and cost
- **Accessibility:** The means by which an individual can accomplish an activity through access to that activity.
- Broader system purpose, establish the linkage between transportation system performance and other systems
- **Example:** Region's transportation policies should protect the economy, Improve safety, Provide access,...



# Transportation from a Systems Perspective ...

## ■ System Boundary

- Given that systems are parts of other systems, analysts often define a boundary to focus on key relations
- The level of analysis within the boundary is usually quite detailed
- Establish the appropriate definition of the system boundary, especially as it relates to the economic and environmental contexts of transportation and in defining impacts on other systems
- **Example:** West-Bank and Gaza Trans Study for the World Bank

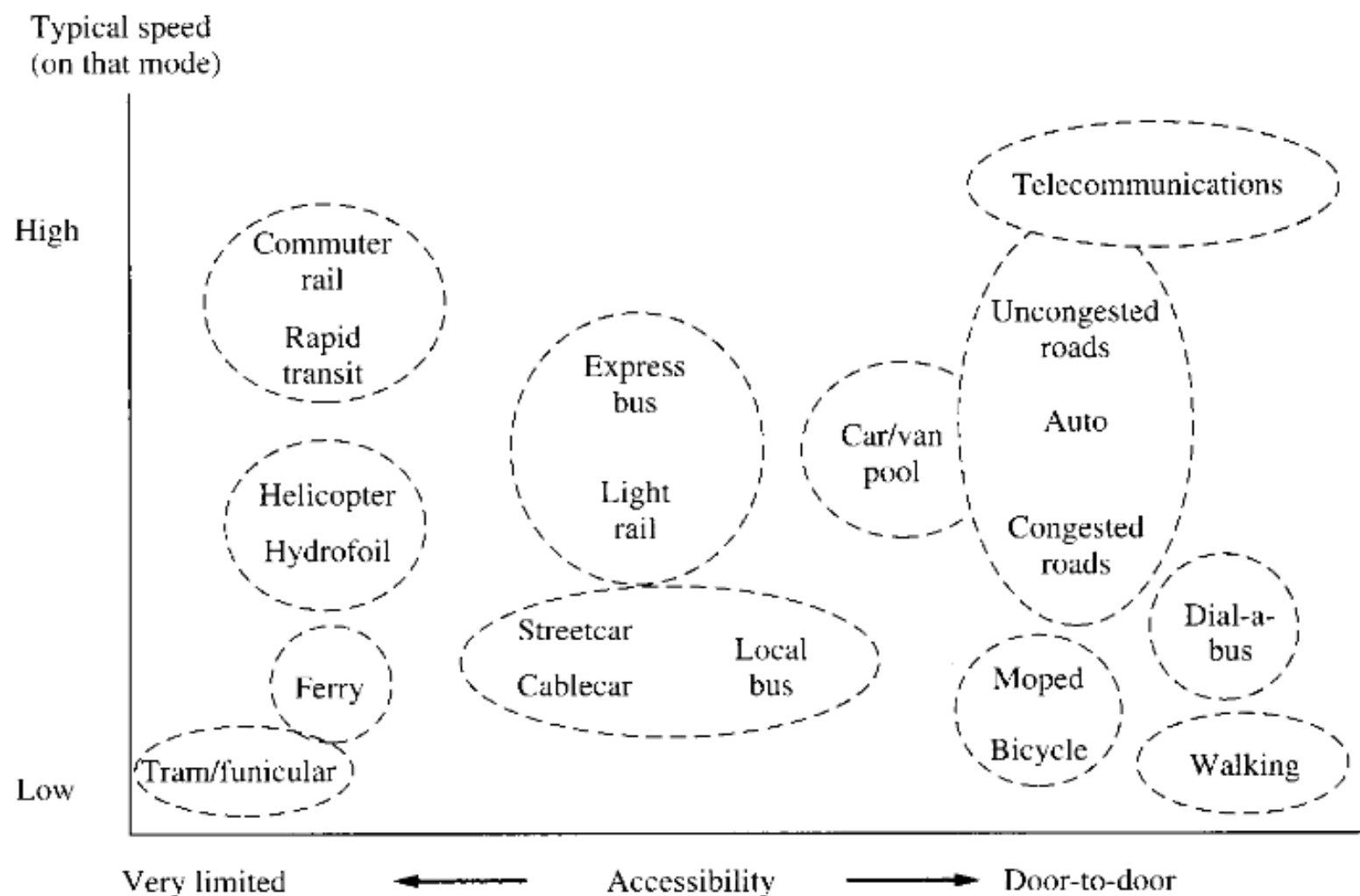


**Figure 3.3** System boundary as defined for a study

# Transportation from a Systems Perspective ...

## ■ System Components

- Components are individual parts that, when interconnected, allow the system to perform
- Five major system components:
  - *System User*
  - *Mode* or means of transportation used
  - *Infrastructure*
  - *Intermodal connections*
  - *Stakeholders*



**Figure 3.4** Typical urban transportation modes

# Transportation from a Systems Perspective ...

## ■ System Performance

- Links the success or effectiveness of a system to its performance
- Performance can be related to the level and quality of the outputs being produced
- Performance extends to these outputs ultimately affect society and the environment
- Examples:
  - LOS
  - average travel delay, adherence to transit schedule ..
  - degree of on-time delivery for goods, ...

# Level of Service Criteria for Roads

Levels of service	Vehicle flow states	Average vehicle speed	V/C
Level A	Driving smoothly	>48km/h	$0 \leq V/C < 60\%$
Level B	Stable vehicle flow	>40km/h	$60 \leq V/C < 70\%$
Level C	Stable vehicle flow	>32km/h	$70 \leq V/C < 80\%$
Level D	Less stable vehicle flow	>24km/h	$80 \leq V/C < 90\%$
Level E	Unstable vehicle flow	$\approx 24\text{km/h}$	$90 \leq V/C < 100\%$
Level F	Traffic congestion	<24km/h	$\geq 100\%$

# Transportation from a Systems Perspective ...

## ■ System Capacity

- A system can handle only a finite number of inputs in the process of producing desired outputs. This limit is called *system capacity*.
- Capacity of a *facility* is defined as the number of units passing a given point during a given time period
- Capacity of components
- Examples: on capacity of systems or its components:
  - Highway cap.
  - Transit cap.
  - Terminal cap.



**Table 3.5** Factors affecting road and transit capacity

Transit Capacity	Road Capacity
<b><i>Vehicle Characteristics</i></b> Allowable number of vehicles per transit unit Vehicle dimensions Seating configuration and capacity Number, location, and width of doors Number and height of steps Maximum speed Acceleration and deceleration rates Type of door actuation control  <b><i>Right-of-Way Characteristics</i></b> Cross-section design (i.e., number of lanes/tracks) Degree of separation from other traffic Intersection design Horizontal and vertical alignment  <b><i>Stop Characteristics</i></b> Spacing (frequency) and duration Design (online or offline) Platform height Number and length of loading positions Method of fare collection Type of fare Common or separate areas for boarding/alighting Passenger accessibility to stops  <b><i>Operating Characteristics</i></b> Intercity versus suburban operations at terminals Layover and schedule adjustment practices Time losses to obtain clock headways/driver relief Regularity of arrivals at given stop  <b><i>Passenger Traffic Characteristics</i></b> Passenger concentrations and distribution at stops Peaking of ridership  <b><i>Street Traffic Characteristics</i></b> Volume and nature of other traffic Cross traffic at intersections if at-grade  <b><i>Method of Vehicle Control</i></b> Automatic or by driver/train operator Policy spacing between vehicles	<b><i>Roadway Factors</i></b> Number of lanes Type of facility and surrounding land Lane widths Shoulder widths and lateral clearances Design speed Horizontal and vertical alignments Turn lanes at intersections  <b><i>Traffic Conditions</i></b> Vehicle type and percentage in traffic Lane and directional distribution of trucks/buses  <b><i>Control Conditions</i></b> Type of intersection control Signal phasing Signal cycle length and green time Linkage to nearby control measures Parking controls Turn restrictions Lane-use controls One-way street routings

# Transportation from a Systems Perspective ...

## ■ System Control

- The interaction of the many different components of a system usually requires some means of system coordination
- System coordination and ensure operation and safety
- Institutional structure for transportation planning, operations, management, and decision making

## ■ System Feedback

- Dynamic nature of system behavior is often the result of responses to system outputs and the feedback to individual components

# Transportation System Impacts

## ■ Context

- Transportation has impacts on other systems
- First, physical impacts of the construction and operation of transportation facilities received increasing attention
- Next, auto oil consumption impacts brought policies designed to improve environmental quality
- Environment System impacts:
  - Natural environment impacts
  - Physical impacts
  - Social and cultural impacts
- Some impacts are quantifiable, others are not

**Table 3.7**      Transportation system impacts of concern to transportation planners

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***Natural System Impacts***

Terrestrial ecology (habitats and animals)

Aquatic ecology (habitats and animals)

***Physical Impacts***

Air quality

Noise

Vibration

Water quality

Hazardous wastes

Storm water

Energy consumption

Erosion and sedimentation

Farmland conversion

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***Social and Cultural Impacts***

Historic and archaeological

Displacement of people

Community cohesion

Resource consumption

Land use

Aesthetics

Infrastructure effects

Accessibility of facilities, services, and jobs

Environmental justice

Employment, income, and business activity

# Transportation System Impacts ...

- Important characteristics of impacts to planners
  - Impacts can originate with the *construction* of the transportation facilities, others relate to the *use*
  - Impacts that can be *direct*, or they might occur later in time or farther removed in distance, called *indirect*
  - *Cumulative (incremental)* impacts of indirect effects
  - Environmental analysis is linked to a determination of the *significance of likely impacts (e.g., EIS, EA)*
  - *Scope of the proposed action* very much influences the types of impacts that will be of concern to planners both in context (extent) or intensity

# Transportation System Impacts ...

## ■ Natural environment impacts

- Focus on environment components and the direct relationship between transportation system and the components' function in the ecosystem
- Land, as a natural state, determines the physical and ecological characteristics of a region
  - Physical include soil and topography, and the erosion and sediment processes
  - Biological involve local plant and wildlife communities and the processes comprising the ecological system
- Consider –ve impacts on the ecosystem **(Nablus-Jenin HW)**



**Table 3.8** Example of the role of “function” in environmental analysis: Functions and effects of wetlands

Function	Effects	Societal Value	Indicator
<b><i>Hydrologic</i></b>			
Short-term surface water storage	Reduced downstream flood peaks	Reduced damage from floodwaters	Presence of floodplain along river corridor
Long-term surface water storage	Maintenance of base flows, seasonal flow distribution	Maintenance of fish habitat	Topographic relief of floodplain
Maintenance of high water table	Maintenance of hydrophytic community	Maintenance of biodiversity	Presence of hydrophytes
<b><i>Biogeochemical</i></b>			
Transformation, cycling of elements	Maintenance of nutrient stocks within wetlands	Wood production	Tree growth
Retention, removal of dissolved substances	Reduces transport of nutrients downstream	Maintenance of water quality	Nutrient outflow lower than inflow
Accumulation of peat	Retention of nutrients, metals, other substances	Maintenance of water quality	Increase in depth of peat
Accumulation of inorganic sediments	Retention of sediments, some nutrients	Maintenance of water quality	Increase in depth of sediment
<b><i>Habitat and Food-Web Support</i></b>			
Maintenance of characteristic plant communities	Food, nesting, cover for animals	Support for furbearers, waterfowl	Mature wetland vegetation
Maintenance of characteristic energy flow	Support for populations of vertebrates	Maintenance of biodiversity	High diversity of vertebrates



# Transportation System Impacts ...

## ■ Physical impacts

Effects of transportation systems and facilities that are often the most visible include:

- Air quality
- Noise
- Energy consumption
- Storm-water runoff

Others include sediments, erosion, etc.

# Transportation System Impacts ...

## ■ Air quality

UT system.. a major source of air pollution. Most important vehicle pollutants:

- ❑ **Carbon Monoxide (CO)** .. incomplete fuel combustion .. near congested roads.. interferes with O<sub>2</sub> transfer in the bloodstream
- ❑ **Hydrocarbon (HC)** .. unburned fuel .. smog formation
- ❑ **Oxides of Nitrogen (NO)<sub>x</sub>** .. high-temperature combustion .. smog, & can irritate the eyes, nose, lungs
- ❑ **Sulfur Oxides (SO)<sub>x</sub>** .. combustion ..sulfates..irritates
- ❑ **Particulates** .. unburned C.. breathing .. Pb toxic

**Table 3.9** Highway vehicle emissions as a percentage of total emissions in selected North American metropolitan areas, 1998

Area	NO <sub>x</sub>	HC/VOC	CO
Atlanta	49	47	74
Boston	45	32	67
Chicago	32	27	59
Cincinnati	25	36	66
Cleveland	39	35	64
Dallas	50	47	68
Detroit	32	54	73
Houston	21	29	57
Los Angeles	47	47	63
Milwaukee	43	29	67
Minneapolis	38	30	63
New York	43	29	61
Philadelphia	41	33	65
Pittsburgh	40	37	72
St. Louis	37	36	72
San Diego	49	45	56
San Francisco	49	44	60
Seattle	55	38	63
Washington, D.C.	40	36	56

**Table 3.10** Ambient air quality standards, United States

Pollutant	Primary (Health Related)		Secondary (Welfare Related)
	Type of Average	Standard	
CO	8 hour	9 ppm	No secondary standard
	1 hour	35 ppm	
NO <sub>2</sub>	Max quarterly average	1.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Same as primary standard
O <sub>3</sub> <sup>a</sup>	8 hour	0.08 ppm for 3-year average of annual 4th highest daily max 8-hour concentration	Same as primary standard
	Max 1-hour average	0.12 ppm	
PM <sub>10</sub>	Annual	50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Same as primary standard
	24 hour	150 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	
PM <sub>2.5</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Annual	15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	
	24 hour	65 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	

# Transportation System Impacts ...

## ■ Noise

- Noise and vibration are of the most apparent physical impacts of a transportation facility's operation
- Exposure to high levels of noise over an extended period can have detrimental effects on the physical and mental health of human beings
- Noise measurement is the decibel (dB), a logarithmic measure of sound pressure
- Affected by **vehicle type, traffic volume, and distance to receptor**
- Some land uses are particularly sensitive

Noise level (dBA)			
Type and location		Individual reaction	
Rocket engine	180	Pain threshold Deafening	
Motorcycle at a few feet	110		
Loud auto horn at 10 ft	100		
Lawn mower	98	Vocal effort	
Freight train	95		
Philadelphia rail car (underground)	93-98 82-95	Loud and very annoying	
Station platform			
Inside cars			
Large truck at 50 ft	90	Annoying	
Busy city street			
Toronto subway car			
Station platform	84		
Inside cars	78		
Philadelphia trolley car (above ground)	80-85 65-75		
Station platform			
Inside cars			
Highway traffic at 50 ft	70		Telephone difficult to use
Light car traffic at 50 ft	60		Intrusive
Normal breathing	10	Barely audible	

**Figure 3.6** Transportation noise in urban areas

# Transportation System Impacts ...

## ■ Energy consumption

- Vehicles are the largest single consumers of petroleum
- Concern for transportation energy consumption has been an important transportation policy issue
- Economic burden on a country
- National policies (dependant on others, emargo)
- Policies of alternative fuel vehicles, vehicle cons. red., travel demand management



**Table 3.13** Energy consumption of passenger and freight transportation modes

Mode	Passengers	Vehicle Miles Per Gallon	Passenger (pax) Miles Per Gallon	Fuel Energy BTU/Gal	Energy Use BTU/Pax-Miles Per Gallon
Bicycle	1	50 kcal/mile	650 (equiv)		200
Walking	1	70 kcal/mile	450 (equiv)		300
Auto—fuel efficient	4	100	400	125,000	300
Bus—intercity	45	5	225	138,700	600
Auto-high econ	4	50	200	125,000	600
Maglev vehicle	140				800
10-car commuter train	800		160	138,700	900
10-car subway train	1,000		150	138,700	900
Auto	4		120	125,000	1,000
Bus—local	35	30	105	138,700	1,300
4-car intercity train	200	3	80	138,700	1,700
A300 jet plane	267		80	135,000	1,700
Motorcycle	1	60	60	125,000	2,100
Auto—luxury	4	12	48	125,000	2,600
747 jet plane	360		36	135,000	3,800
Light plane—2 seat	2	15	30	120,200	4,000
Executive jet plane	8	2	16	135,000	8,400
Concorde SST	110		13	135,000	10,400
Snowmobile	1	12	12	125,000	10,400
Ocean liner	2,000		10	150,000	15,000
Mode	Mileage (ton-miles/gal)	Energy consumption BTU/Ton-Mile			
Oil pipelines	275		450		
Railroads	185		670		
Waterways	182		680		
Truck	44		2,800		
Airplane	3		42,000		

# Transportation System Impacts ...

## ■ Water Quality (Storm-water runoff)

- Vehicles movement on facilities contribute to degradation of water resources, as water runoff and drainage have impervious surfaces
- A related issue is the inappropriate disposal of motor fuel oil
- The most common contaminants of highway runoff are heavy metals
- Surface water and groundwater are the most susceptible to runoff contaminants

**Table 3.14**     Constituents and sources of highway runoff

Constituent	Primary Sources
Particulates	Pavement wear, vehicles, atmosphere, maintenance
Nitrogen, phosphorus	Atmosphere, roadside fertilizer application
Lead	Leaded gasoline (auto exhaust), tire wear (lead oxide filler material), lubricating oil and grease, bearing wear
Zinc	Tire wear (filler material), motor oil (stabilizing additive), grease
Iron	Autobody rust, steel highway structures (e.g., guard rails), moving engine parts
Copper	Metal plating, bearing and bushing wear, moving engine parts, brake-lining wear, fungicides
Cadmium	Tire wear (filler material), insecticide application
Chromium	Metal plating, moving engine parts, brake-lining wear
Nickel	Diesel fuel and gasoline (exhaust), lubricating oil, metal plating, bushing wear, brake-lining wear, asphalt paving
Manganese	Moving engine parts
Bromide	Exhaust
Cyanide	Anticake compound (ferric ferrocyanide, Prussian Blue or sodium ferrocyanide, Yellow Prussiate of Soda) used to keep deicing salt granular
Sodium, calcium	Deicing salts, grease
Chlorine	Deicing salts
Sulfate	Roadway beds, fuel, deicing salts
Petroleum	Spills, leaks or blow-by of motor lubricants, antifreeze and hydraulic fluids, asphalt surface leachate
Polychlorinated biphenyls, (PCBs), pesticides	Spraying of highway rights-of-way, background atmospheric deposition, PCB catalyst in synthetic tires
Pathogenic bacteria	Soil, litter, bird droppings, and trucks hauling livestock and stockyard waste
Rubber	Tire wear

# Transportation System Impacts ...

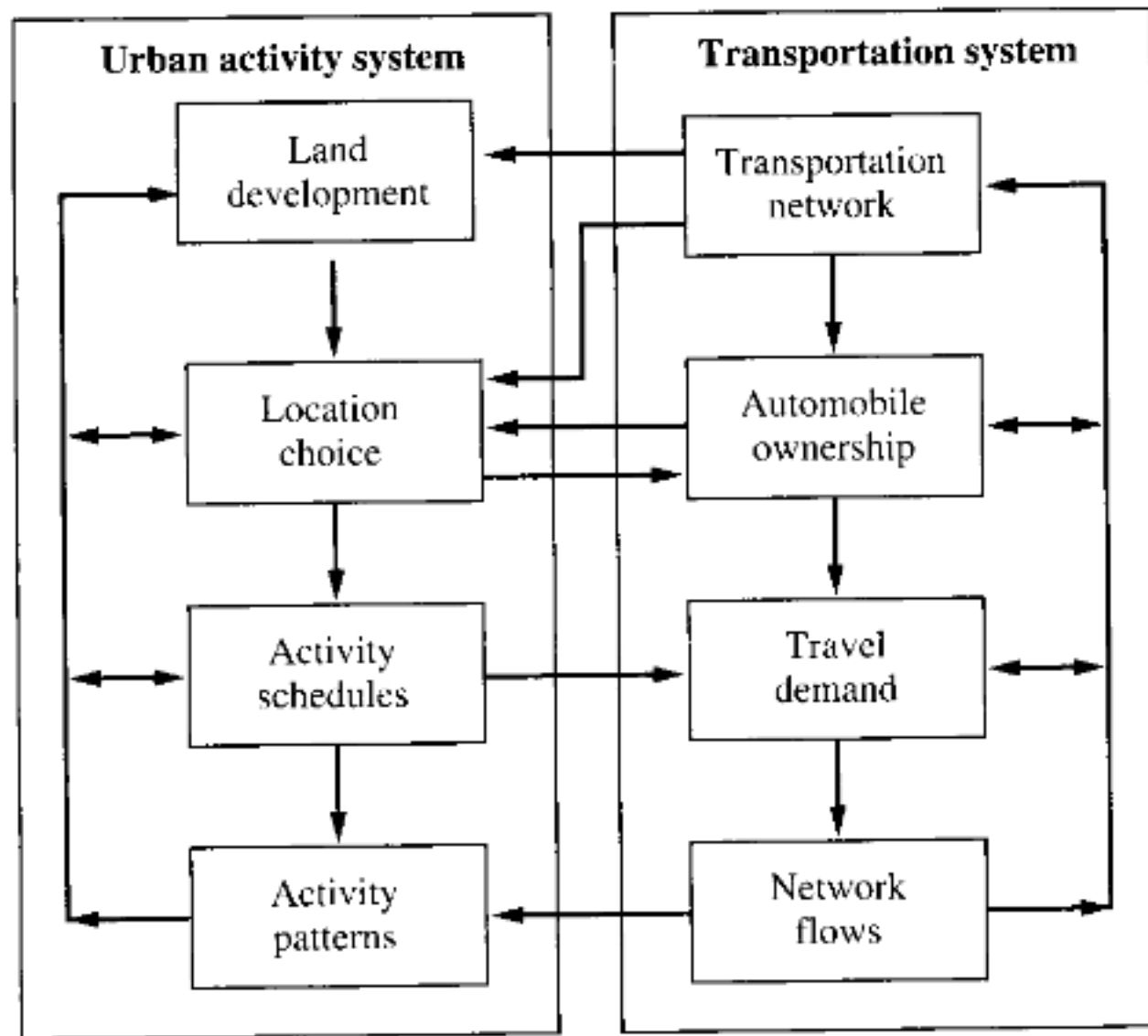
## ■ Social and cultural impacts

- Impacts of transportation systems on a community reflect their influence on land development and the potential disruption to community relationships
- Location theory, land-use and transportation models rely on measures of accessibility
- Focus on the most prominent of these impacts:
  - Land use
  - Economic activity
  - Community/social/cultural impacts

# Transportation System Impacts ...

## ■ Land use and Urban Form

- Trip-making characteristics of a region travel patterns and modal distributions function of land use, & land use pattern is influenced by the level of accessibility
- Auto, road, transit dev. impacts on shaping land uses
- Short run vs. long run interrelations
- Strategies of land-use vs. transportation
- *Transportation is a factor influencing develop. decisions*
- *TP & investment should be coordinated w/land-use*
- *Land dev. is responsibility of private developers*
- *Land-use impact involves changes in activity dist'n*



**Figure 3.7** Urban activity and transportation systems interaction

# Transportation System Impacts ...

## ■ Economic activity

- Transportation investment impacts on the regional or community economy is of utmost importance to DM
- Examples: jobs, overall economic health, funds to the region, and industrial productivity
- Trans. share of GDP, trans. hh expenditures
- Economic benefits:
  - *Generative* impacts produce net economic growth
  - *Redistributive* impacts account for locational shifts
  - *Transfer* impacts involve the transfer of moneys
- Economic costs (-ve): e.g., relocating, congestion



<i>City</i>	<i>Scenario</i>	<i>Economic Impacts</i>
Chicago	Restore system to good repair	41,209 gain in jobs \$4.6 billion in business sales in 2020
New York	System disinvestment	319,800 loss in jobs (2016) \$18.9 billion loss in business sales (2016)
Los Angeles	System investment with rail/bus improvements	131,200–261,700 increase in jobs (2020) \$8.9–16 billion increase in personal income
Dayton, OH	Immediate shutdown	\$3.8 million loss in direct/indirect spending 985 loss in direct/indirect jobs
Commuter rail services in U.S.	Value of current services	420,000 increase in jobs (1986–1996) \$3.5 billion increase in tax revenue \$300–450 million time savings to trucks \$247–865 annual time/fuel savings to riders

**Table 3.17** Overview of potential effectiveness of transportation policies in achieving alternative economic objectives

	Potential Effectiveness Relative to Nontransportation Policies	Potential Effectiveness Relative to Status Quo or Base Case
<i>Distributional Objectives</i>		
Employment	Low	Low/moderate
Personal income	Low	Low/moderate
Regional output	Low	Low/moderate
Sectoral output	Low/moderate	Moderate/high
<i>Growth Objective</i>		
Productivity	Moderate/high	High
Output	Moderate/high	High
Welfare/living standards	High	High

# Transportation System Impacts ...

## ■ **Community/social/cultural impacts**

- Transportation impacts community quality of life, and ability to interact, to enjoy the cultural/recreational benefits and access services of living in an urban area
- **Community impacts**
  - Effects of trans. investment on neighborhoods
  - Displacement of people: family ties, attitudes and behavior, disruption of neighborhoods
- **Equity/environmental justice**
  - Changes in UT system may benefit some/hurt others
  - Equity analysis, special groups (elderly, low income)

**Table 3.19** Questions for community impact analysis

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***Social and Psychological Aspects***

Will the project cause redistribution of the population or an influx of population?

How will the project affect interaction among persons and groups?

How will it change social relationships and patterns?

Will certain people be separated or set apart from others?

Will the project cause a change in social values?

What is the perceived impact on quality of life?

***Physical Aspects***

Is a wall or barrier effect created (such as from noise walls or fencing)?

Will noise or vibration increase?

Will dust or odor increase?

Will there be a shadowing effect on property?

***Visual Environment***

Will the community's aesthetic character be changed?

Is the design of the project compatible with community goals?

Has aesthetics surfaced as a community concern?

***Land Use***

Will there be loss of farmland?

Does it open new areas for development?

Will it induce changes in land use and density? What changes might be expected?

Is the project consistent with local land-use plans and zoning?

***Economic Conditions***

Will the proposed action encourage businesses to move to the area, relocate to other locations within the area close by, or move out of the area?

What is the economic impact on both the region and individual communities?

How is the local economy affected by the construction activities?

Are there both positive (jobs generated) and negative (detours and loss of access) impacts?

Will the proposed action alter business visibility to traffic-based businesses?

How will visibility and access changes alter business activity?

What is the effect on the tax base (from taxable property removed from base, changes in property values, changes in business activity)?

What is the likely effect on property values caused by relocations or change in land use?

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### ***Mobility and Access***

How does the project affect nonmotorist access to businesses, public services, schools, and other facilities?

Does the project impede or enhance access between residences and community facilities and businesses? Does it shift traffic?

How does the project affect access to public transportation?

How does the project affect short- and long-term vehicular access to businesses, public services, and other facilities? Does it affect parking availability?

### ***Provision of Public Services***

Will the proposed action lead to or help alleviate overcrowding of public facilities (i.e., schools and recreational facilities)? Will it lead to or help alleviate underuse?

How will it affect the ability to provide adequate services?

Will the project result in relocation or displacement of public facilities or community centers (e.g., places of worship)?

### ***Safety***

Will the proposed action increase or decrease the likelihood of accidents for nonmotorists?

Will the proposed action increase or decrease crime?

Will there be changes in emergency response time (fire, police, and emergency medical)?

### ***Displacement***

What are the effects on the neighborhood from which people move and into which people are relocated?

How many residences will be displaced? What types—multiunit, single family, others?

Are there residents with special needs (disabled, minority, elderly) being displaced?

How many businesses and farms will be displaced? What types? Do they have unique characteristics, such as specialty products or a unique customer base?

Are there available sites to accommodate those displaced?

### Household Income

Mode	<\$15,000	\$15,000– \$29,000	\$30,000– \$49,999	\$50,000– \$79,999	\$80,000 and over	All
Total auto	75.9%	87.0%	90.1%	91.2%	91.1%	88.3%
2+ occupants	40.7	43.6	46.0	47.4	48.1	45.5
Only driver	35.1	43.3	44.0	43.7	42.9	42.4
Total transit	6.8	2.5	1.5	1.2	1.2	2.1
Bus/LRT	5.6	1.7	1.0	0.5	0.5	1.4
Heavy rail	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
Commuter rail	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
School bus	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.8
Taxicab	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Bicycle	1.6	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.9
Walk	12.8	7.1	5.4	4.2	5.0	6.2
Other	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
All	100	100	100	100	100	100

1 SOURCE: Pucher et al. 1998

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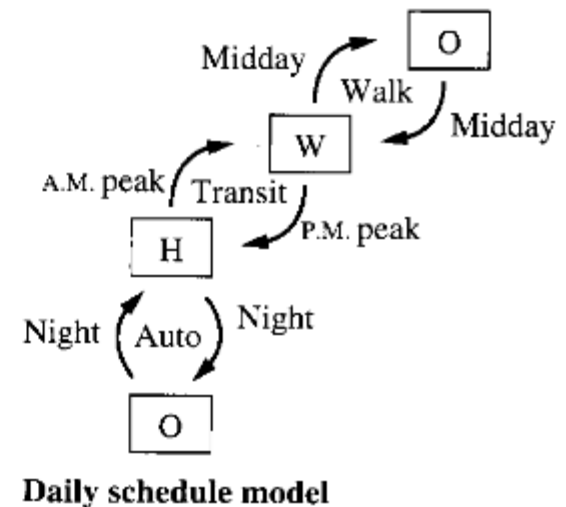
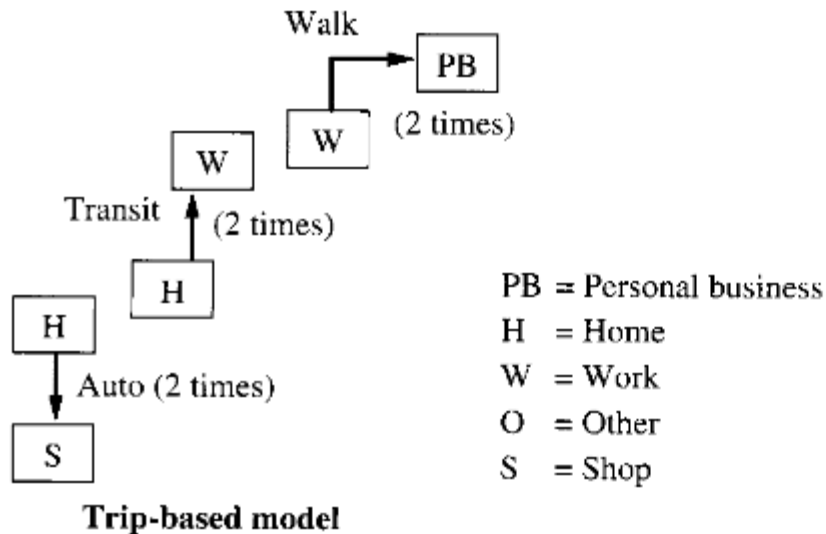
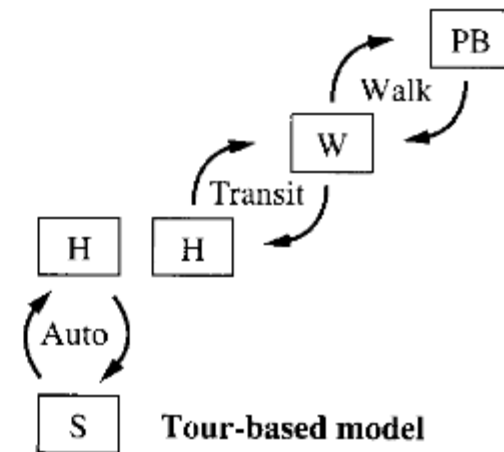
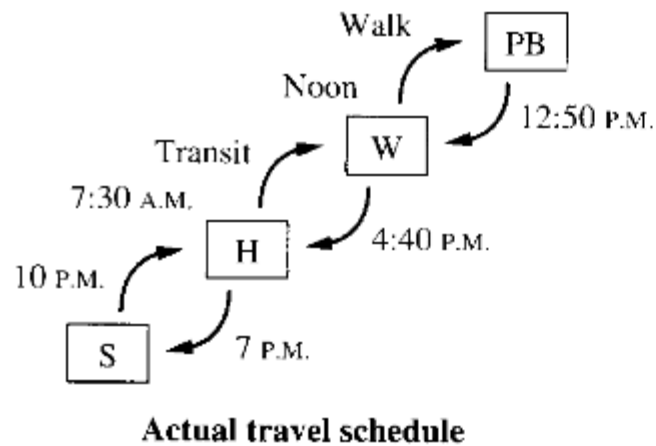
## ■ Trip Purpose

- ❑ Common trip types: *Work, Shopping, Social or recreational, Business, School trips*
- ❑ Home as base: home-based work, home-based shop, home-based school, home. based other, and non home based
- ❑ Trips affected by socio-economic char.
- ❑ Chain trips
- ❑ Urban goods movement trips

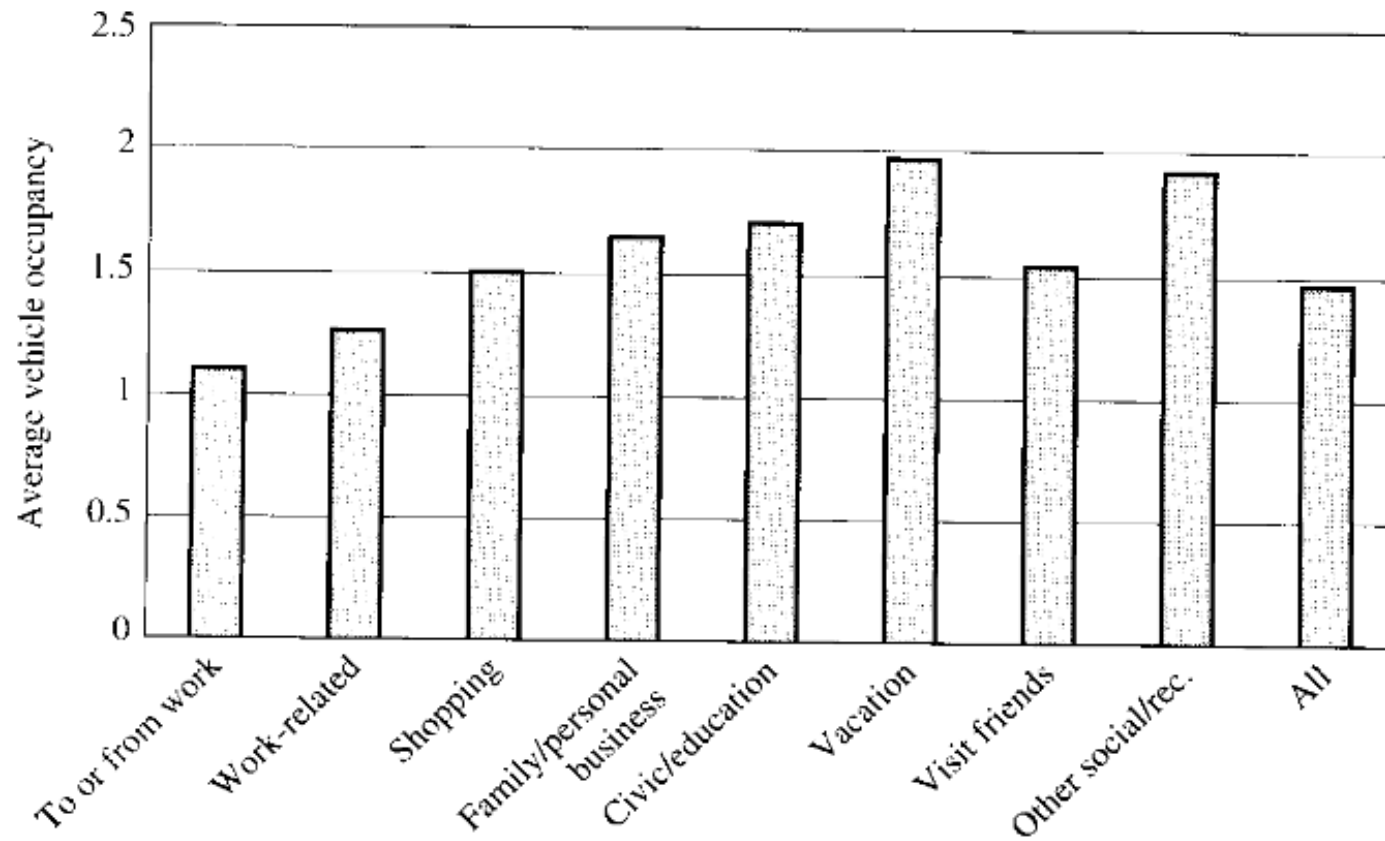
**Table 3.24** Trip purpose characteristics in San Francisco Bay Area

<b>Trip Purpose</b>	<b>Person Trips</b>	<b>Average Distance (miles)</b>	<b>Average Time (mins)</b>	<b>Total Distance (miles)</b>
Home-based work				
First income quartile	534,639	9.47	18.8	5,063,031
Second income quartile	1,124,801	11.43	21.3	12,856,475
Third income quartile	1,620,069	12.91	23.2	20,915,091
Fourth income quartile	1,284,902	13.31	23.9	17,102,046
Total home-based work	4,564,411	12.25	22.4	55,936,643
Home-based shop/other	4,259,935	5.73	11.8	24,409,428
Home-based social/recreation	1,910,361	7.39	13.7	14,117,568
Home-based school				
Home-based grade school	842,871	3.2	8.1	2,697,187
Home-based high school	345,542	4.41	10.0	1,523,840
Home-based college	438,063	8.81	17.9	3,859,335
Total home-based school	1,626,476	4.97	11.2	8,083,586
Nonhome based	4,716,990	6.11	12.8	28,820,809
Total trips, all purposes	17,078,173	7.69	15.1	131,368,034





**Figure 3.11** Three approaches for modeling trips



**Figure 3.15** Average vehicle occupancy by trip purpose, 1990

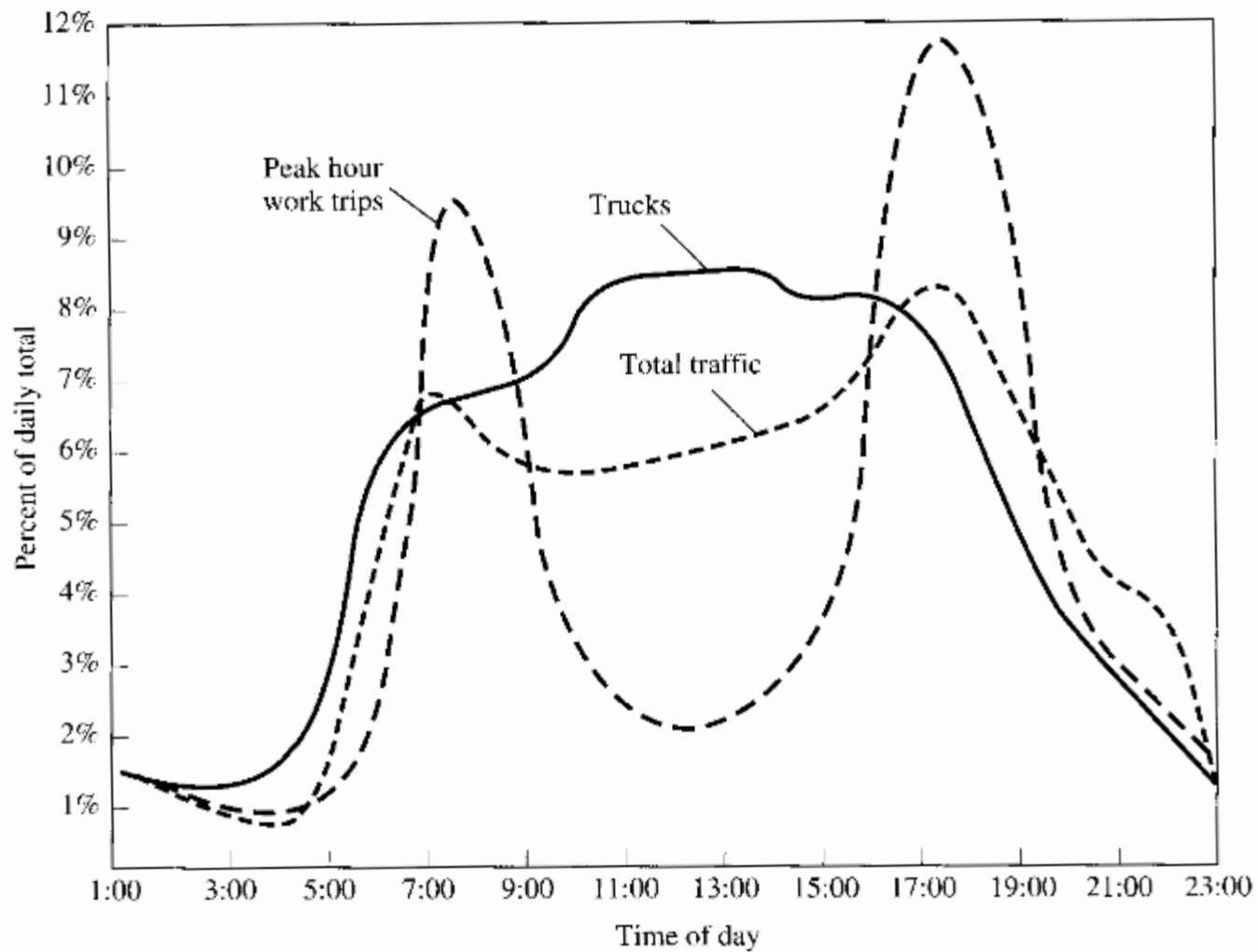
# Characteristics of Urban Travel

## ■ Temporal Distribution of Trips

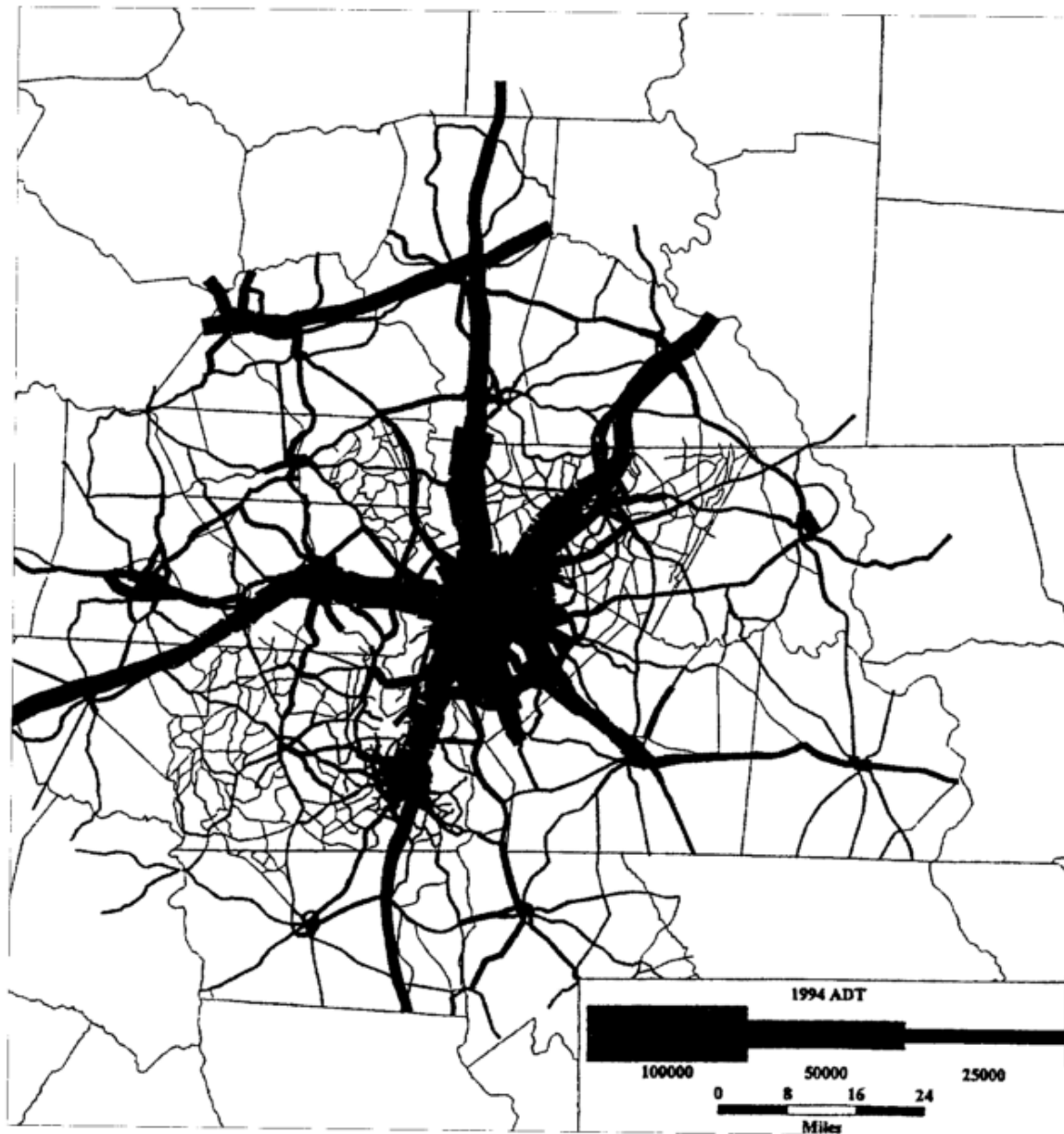
- Peaking charact.
- AM vs. PM
- Urban goods movement trips temporal dist.
- Congestion related issues

## ■ Spatial Distribution of Trips

- Trips origins-destinations (O-D matrix)
- Traffic analysis zones
- Trips are directly related to land-use pattern
- Trans Networks: Road vs. transit networks



**Figure 3.16** Typical distribution of trips during the weekday



**Figure 3.17** Vehicle flows in Charlotte, North Carolina, 1994

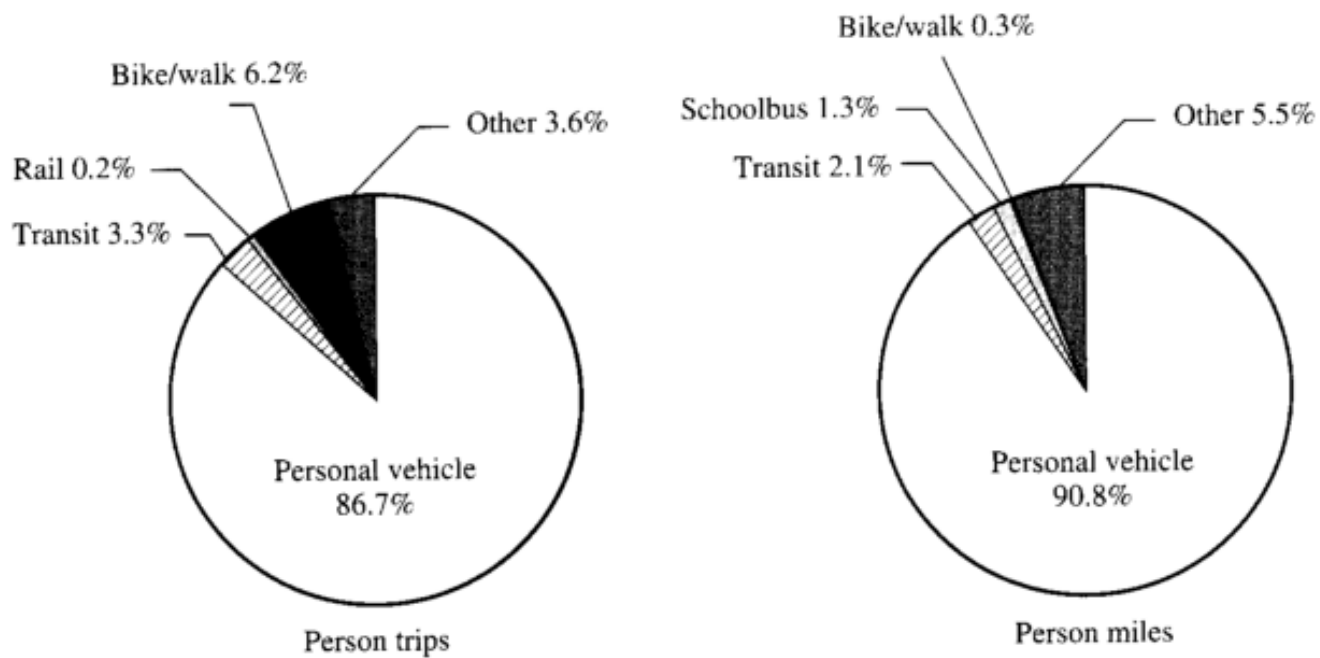
# Characteristics of Urban Travel

## ■ Modal Distribution of Trips

- Trips are made by diff. modes: walking, bicycle, auto, shared taxi/taxi, bus, others
- Mode split varies with trip purpose, trip time, trip fare, socio-economic char., etc.
- Public policies deal with modal changes

## ■ Trans. Safety

- Trip makers need to arrive safely
- Decreasing trends in fatality rates ??
- Mode related, time of day, facility, etc.



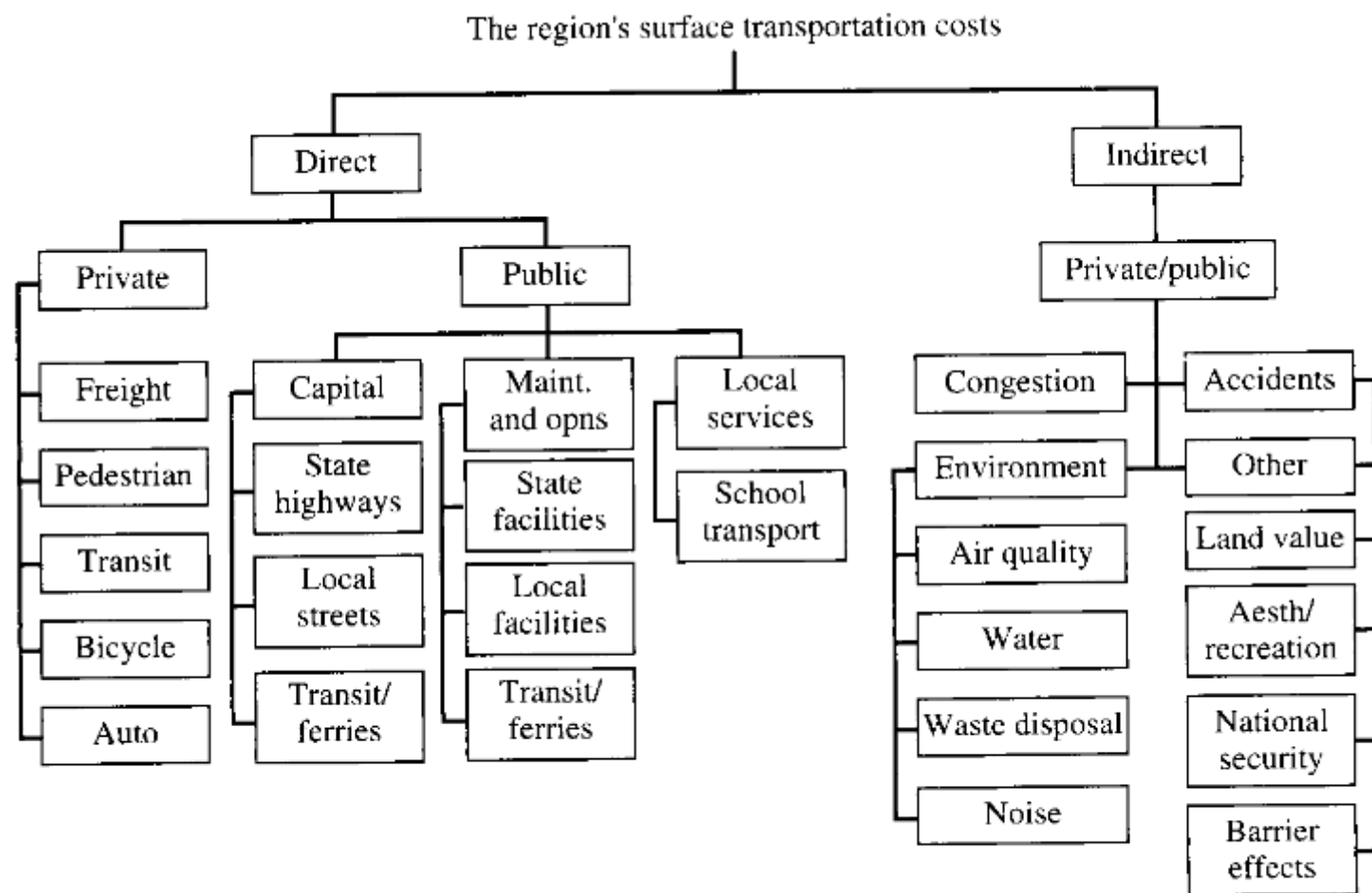
**Figure 3.18** Person trips and person miles by mode



# Characteristics of Urban Travel

## ■ Travel Cost

- Cost incurred when a trip is made
- Defined by diff. users, stakeholders, system providers
- Direct cost (out of pocket expend.)
- Indirect cost (congestion, accident, pollution, etc.)



**Figure 3.21** Transportation cost accounting in Seattle