Designing missions

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We are taking 21st century challenges, evaluating them with 20th century ideas, and responding with 19th century tools. Madeleine Albright, Former US Secretary of State, 2013



Air conditioning is about channeling vector flows of bad air somewhere else. Now, on a planet scale, "somewhere else" is just the same place, you're just moving some kind of pollution around within a system, you're not really doing anything. And what you're actually doing, of course, is wasting energy.

Timothy Morton, Rice University



























Targets –





Funding agency





THE MOON AND THE GHETTO An Essay on Public Policy Analysis RICHARD R. NELSON

The risk of not doing something?







Demonstrators



Workshop aiding Vinnova's strategy development for health and life science, featuring external collaborators and stakeholders, October 2020.



Workshop for emerging Swedish government mission around physical activity, September 2020.







Vinnova teams reviewing and analysing the systems canvases from the first three Actors Workshops for Healthy Sustainable Mobility mission.





An open morning for various Vinnova teams to review all the systems canvases from the Actors Workshops.

Desktop analysis Insights from strategies and roadmaps

1 / National/municipal 'airgap'

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2 / Research and innovation in 'silos'

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3 / Bias away from implementation



A key insight: we have all the technology we need, more or less. We just have to deliver. This means the innovation is in adapting regulation, policy change, developing business models, better understanding behavioural change, and working technology into its social, cultural and political context.

Healthy Sustainable Mobility

					Lagom mobilitet	Geofencing infrastructures and street/kerb management	Packet-switched logistics networks	Real-time traffic control systems	Procurement guidelines for S-M-L-XL municipal vehicles	Real-time privacy- preserving sensing infrastructures
Chargepoint and hub design and delivery	Public and private electric vehicles as distributed battery	Circular battery storage programmes	Procurement of electric buses and other municipal vehicles	Incentive schemes for electric car transition	Mobility grid	Develop legislation for bans on fossil- fuel vehicles by 2030				
Coherent logistics networks by rail, sea, and air	Very low emissions aviation	International fast and slow rail services	Efficient and electric shipping, ferries, boats	Long-haul electric truck infrastructures	Macromobility	Routing, load management & localisation	Taxation and levies to enable carbon pricing of aviation	Social movement campaigns to reduce aviation		
Community-scale autonomous shuttles	Micro-mobility hubs via green extended parklet model	Safe and sustainable scooters	Infrastructure for 5x increase in cycling	Policy and legislation for electric car- sharing	Micromobility	Geofencing policies, infrastructures, and campaigns for safe speeds	Campaigns and infrastructures for walkable green environments			
					Integrated teams	Integrated plans for healthy, fossil-free rural mobility	Integrated plans for New Garden City suburbs	Integrated plans for car- and large vehicle-free inner- city	Integrated planning, service design, user research , and co- design capability	Municipal and regional data science capability
			Step-down consolidation centre networks	Shared emission- free, healthy and social last-km delivery services	Retail logistics	Legislation and incentives for load management	Localised on- demand fabrication centres and policies	Design for diverse and productive high- streets and centres	Appropriate taxation for e-commerce	
<u> </u>					Healthy Sustainable Food					
	School kitchen design and procure	Circular approaches to school food waste	School food supply chain	School law change to enable food as education	School food	Training school cooks and redesigning meal culture	Student, staff and community forum			
		Core research and development into new foods	New farm design for new foods	Regulation and policy for new foods	New Food	New foods in school food programme	Marketing and media campaigns for understanding of new foods	New retail concepts for new foods		
Learning, research and education for farming	New approaches to land ownership rights	Family-owned, diverse and distributed farming	New approaches to risk-sharing and profitability	Robotics, IoT, and machine learning on the farm	Healthy, resilient farming	Community- supported agriculture models	Campaigns for Swedish restorative, clean and zero- carbon agriculture	Connecting farmer to retail in new ways		
			Traceability	Animal welfare	Traceable trusted produce	Communicable data- driven labelling systems for accurate provenance/carbon	New retail concepts enabled by zero- carbon, clean, healthy logistics			
					Modern Swedish	Swedish restorative, clean and zero- carbon agriculture	Swedish food eco- tourism	Communicable data- driven labelling systems for accurate provenance	Social dining rituals, campaigns and infrastructures	New Swedish circular, ecological, and educational retail concepts
	Circular logistics services	Phosphorus capture and re- use	Traceability and data for waste	Biofuels and energy from food systems	Circular zero-waste systems	Clear labelling for circular use models	New packaging concepts	Retail as circular hub		
Circular logistics services	Land-use regulation	Traceability data services	Reusing big box retail	Local logistics via active transport	Peri-urban and urban farming	Public spaces and streets as food production	Incentive schemes for local food			
	Farm as carbon capture and storage	Methane capture	Land ownership as ecosystem services	Biodiversity and land-use	Ecosystem services					











Street that every street in Sweden is healthy, sustainable and vibrant by 2030.



Design workshop System in the room



Micromobility startup Car-sharing company Energy company Environment department, municipality Alesign agency





A street in Stockholm Mobility workshop, May 2019

Story

Early morning, around 05:30. The mist shrouds the street's lush trees and bushes, yet some early rays of sunlight pick out some ripe red apples amidst the leaves. Exiting stage right, a fox trots around the corner, heading for the park. A couple of cleaning robots quietly hoover up some broken glass from near the bike lane, as a small autonomous delivery truck slides into the street.

The delivery truck pauses in front of the clothes store on the corner, hydraulic arms carefully placing a large capsule into the shared delivery box. It then sidles up the street to place a waste capsule in the delivery box's place, the low gentle whirr of its electric engines barely perceptible over the swish of its damp tyres.

Slowly, the street wakes up. By 07:45 Jonas guides his nine year-old daughter Zoe towards the shared bus that will take her to school in a nearby district. Zoe doesn't really want to go with the bus, having recently learned

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Notes on latent questions in the story

An early indication that this could be a lush green environment, with food grown in the street.

The interplay between the fox and the robots suggests new relationships with non-human nature.

Infrastructure for clearing elements like broken glass suggests a prioritisation of small wheels, whether bikes or wheelchairs or equivalent.

Physical stores remain in this vision, integrated with e-commerce logistics rather than replaced by it. What's the group's view on this?

Combined infrastructures of logistics and waste in one service. Who regulates for that, and coordinates it?

A new importance for environmental aspects, such as noise. Yet tyres produce other environmental issues, such as microplastics. How might they be resolved?

Physical schools still exist, with a recognisable daily pattern. Will they?

Story continued

Centralstation to catch the trai glancing up at the clock by the realises that she won't make it pauses to fasten her Hövding a and grabs a scooter from the d She glides away up the st curving pear tree-lined paths. scooting past unripe fruit, and strawberry bushes planted nex in the dock, she realises how h some quick travel-time calcula to a brief halt at Akim's coffee corner.

Alia darts in to grab kane bryggkaffe, hitting pause on th scooter pings the dock its new dock pings the city. Eating her bulle, Alia sits outside Akim's place. The stre here are in fact covered with g absence of most cars, and all la





The System in the Room



The Room in the System

Participative design







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Increase in residential greenery leading to increase in birthweight

Increase in birdsong leading to improved recuperation from sickness

Reduction in motor vehicle use and decrease in microplastics in seas and oceans

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Increase in local biodiversity, leading to increased air quality, decreased noise

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Increase in air quality leading to increase in mental health ---

Decrease in road

traffic noise and

mental health

increase in birdsong

leading to increase in

increase in sustained connection to nature leading to associated benefits to happiness, health, and pro-nature behaviour

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Increase in biodiverse perennial meadows increasing residents' perceptions of site quality in urban green space

Decrease in child deaths due to decreased car use near schools

*Increase in active travel and decrease in motor vehicles

13 15

Increase in local biodiversity leading to decrease in urban heat island effect

Increase in nearby green spaces leading to increase in walking maintenance Δ

Increase in active travel leading to increase in mental and physical health and wellbeing

Decrease in urban heat island effect early deaths

Environment

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Increase in community gardening leading to increase in mental and leading to decrease in physical health and Increase wellbeing

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environmental outcomes via shared electric mobility infrastructure

Decrease in domestic violence due to nearby natural landscapes

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Health and

wellbeing

Maintenance

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Decre stormwater-related maintenance costs through increased green infrastructure

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Decrease in maintenance costs through shared management

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Lively, activated streetscapes and facades lead to increase in positive affect and lively, attentive nervous

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Increase in sustainable timber street furniture, versus concrete, leading to increase in carbon sink and decrease in carbon dioxide

Decrease in road traffic

vehicles and decrease

accidents with

in traffic speed

reduction in motor

Property

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Increase in property value (if desired) due to walkable environments

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Increase in mental and physical wellbeing leading to reduction in healthcare costs

Increase in retail and office rental value an occupancy levels via green, walkable environment, without increase in housing rent

Increase in active travel and walkability, and reduction in cars, leading to increase in retail spend

Commerce

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Carbon reduction and increased environmenta outcomes via coordinated e-commerce delivery

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Sustainable shared and equitable infrastructure for micromobility technologies

for private cars leads to overall reduction in traffic and housing costs, and increased economic return 🛸

through reduced congestion

boost children's immune systems

Reduction in car use and decrease in brain cancer

Increase in active travel leading to improved immunosurveillance against pathogens

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Increase in publiclyaccessible neighborhood nature increases sense of community

Increase in active travel Greener play areas leading to improved immunosurveillance against pathogens

Increase in urban trees leading to decrease in building air conditioning and

increase in work

productivity

Increase in residential green space and access to /nature beneficial for intellectual and behavioral development of children living in urban areas

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Increase in trees and natural landscape leading to decrease in crime and reduced fear

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wellbeing

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Increase in childrens' play and sociability in play streets

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Improvement in community participation and municipal governance via public prototyping of civic tech platforms

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Community participation improves perceptions of

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Increase in social

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Increase in childrens' social mobility in walkable neighbourhoods

Social fabric

Physical activity

Learning



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This suggests a systemic approach to evaluating and mapping value creation, with huge implications for governance







We now have an innovation platform which allows the system to discover and demonstrate numerous innovations from different angles. It is scalable, and can now be run as a core platform for Vinnova and the wider system.



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01-12-21 | WORLD CHANGING IDEAS

How to transform your street into a **1-minute city**

Sweden is testing designs to help activate individual blocks, in what it calls "1-minute city" designs.







World Europe US Americas Asia Australia Middle East Africa Inequality More

This is Europe Environment

How Sweden is taking back parking space to improve urban living

An experiment with the 'one-minute city' gives priority to pedestrians and cyclists



An architect's rendition of a new pop-up public space on Tjärhovsgatan in Stockholm, part of a Swedish government project called Street Moves. Photograph: ArkDes

Richard Orange

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t was a couple of parking spaces a few days ago. But now the area outside Malin Henriksson Talcoth's gourmet sausage shop in Gothenburg has a bench, a picnic table and racks for cycles and econtars. It also has poople talking opting and opiowing themselves





Prototyping Follow-on research

As part of the evaluation of the first prototypes in Stockholm, ArkDes commissioned Novus, a research company, to conduct in-street surveys providing qualitative feedback from residents and users of the streets.

73% Positive

+400% Activity

Overall feedback of the prototype core idea

How do you see the idea of placing mobility hubs, similar to the one you can see in front of you, on different streets in the city?



If you are positive, what is it that you like?



* Very low base!

If you are negative, what is it that you don't like?



Hälsingegatan

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The key result from the survey is that **73% of the respondents thought that the prototype interventions were positive** (either very positive or quite positive). Only around 10% were negative about the prototypes (approximately 3% very negative.)

Given that parking space was being removed, it is highly unusual to receive such positive results. The interventions were communicated as temporary measures—on purpose, as per the half-step tactic but the positive sentiment is clearly very strong. With change in mind, this is hugely useful, perhaps indicating the value of a participative approach led with some design intent, therefore that care and engagement is reciprocated. There are some variations across the streets (see overleaf.)

Associated research by Spacescape indicated that there was a **400% increase in activity on the street**, and from a more diverse population, in terms of age. It's worth noting that the surveys took place in October, which is already quite cold in Stockholm.

Tjärhovsgatan

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Note: Those who live on or around Tjärhovsgatan and Parmmätargatan, and walk through them most weekdays, are the most positive.

Parmmätargatan

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Margin of error for 100 interviews: In case of outcome 20/80: +/- 7.8% In case of outcome 50/50: +/- 9.8%

Place layers	In the Street mission
Skills, capabilities, and cultures	Physical, digital, and social interventions in streets in St and Umeå, within a wider network of nine municipalities Cities.
System layers	In the Street mission
Skills, capabilities, and cultures	Urban design/architecture; IoT, data science; user expe micromobility, transport, and logistics; place-based gov participative democracy; microeconomics; health and v
Standards and guidelines	Interoperable mobility standards, street furniture design and safety guidelines for micromobility, civic IoT privacy design guidelines and best practice, accessibility stand
Data, code, and services	Micromobility data standards; Real-time kerbside mana systems; 'digital twins'; Internet of Things kits; environr
Financing	New value models, with 'total value budgeting' based of health and wellbeing savings, environmental benefits, n benefits; place-based system demonstrator innovation
Policy	Parking space policy; street planning policy; local real e participative design and planning policy; smart city poli culture policy; licensing policies
Law	Parking space law, traffic speed limits, vehicle definition regional governance and financing law

	Place-based collaborato
ockholm, Helsingborg, coordinated by Viable	ArkDes, Stockholms stad; Helsi planning and health department
	System collaborators
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n guidelines, health y guidelines, street ards	Municipal traffic departments in Region; Voi; Volvo M; Lundberg
gement nental sensor	Stockholms stad; Helsingborg s Volvo M; Ericsson One; Vinnova
n public naintenance funding	Stockholms stad; Helsingborg s Climate-KIC
state policy; cy; arts and	ArkDes; Rådet för hållbara städe RISE; Stockholm Region
ns, municipal and	Transportstyrelsen (national reg







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••••	Stockholms stad; Helsingborg stad; Umeå stad; Stockholm Region; SKR; Voi; Volvo M; Ericsson One; Vinnova; RISE
••••	Stockholms stad; Helsingborg stad; Umeå stad; Vinnova; Stockholm Region; Climate-KIC
•••••	ArkDes; Rådet för hållbara städer; Boverket; Climate-KIC; Viable Cities; Vinnova; RISE; Stockholm Region
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Transportstyrelsen (national regulatory authority)

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Adaptive strategy

Linear, waterfall, predictive, fund-and-forget

Planning and policymaking

Delivery

2 Parallel, iterative, adaptive, engaged learning

Planning and policymaking

Delivery





Snowball dynamic

Local political

Prototypes in one place

Rich small data, local learning and value

Regional political

Prototypes in multiple places

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Shared learning and value, early evidence

→ Applied force
→ System friction
→ Mission gravity





Place-based innovation keeps systems complex, places tech in context, builds local capability, enables deep participation, makes things tangible, enables iteration and scaling, builds meaningful governance



- Explicitly directional mission-led approach
- Build participation from stage minus one
- Place-based innovation unlocks systems
- Identify and redeploy existing embedded value
- Technology in context of people and place
- Integrate private, public and third sectors
- Deploy prototypes for understanding and discourse
- Continuous stewardship and engagement
- Use platform strategy to scale
- Innovation agency as 'the cement between the bricks'

- Strategic design
- Participation and co-design
- Systems thinking and acting
- Relational capabilities
- Agile management of risk, budget, resources



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