

# **15 Minute Cities**

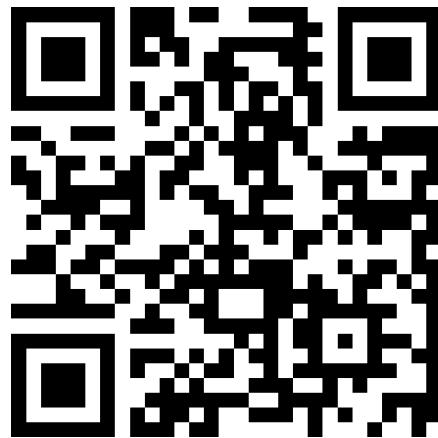
## Issues of Global Urbanization

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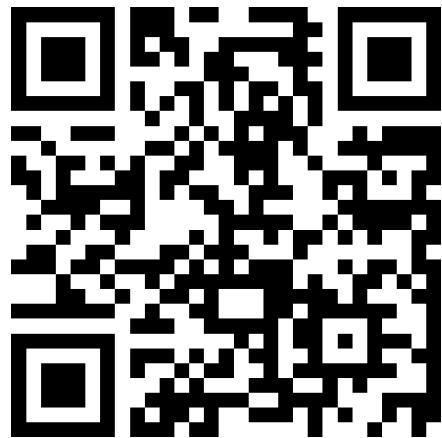
**Let's start with  
you**

Q1: How long is the walk to the grocery store  
(in Pittsburgh + home)?



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Q2: How long is the car ride to work/study (in Pittsburgh + home)?

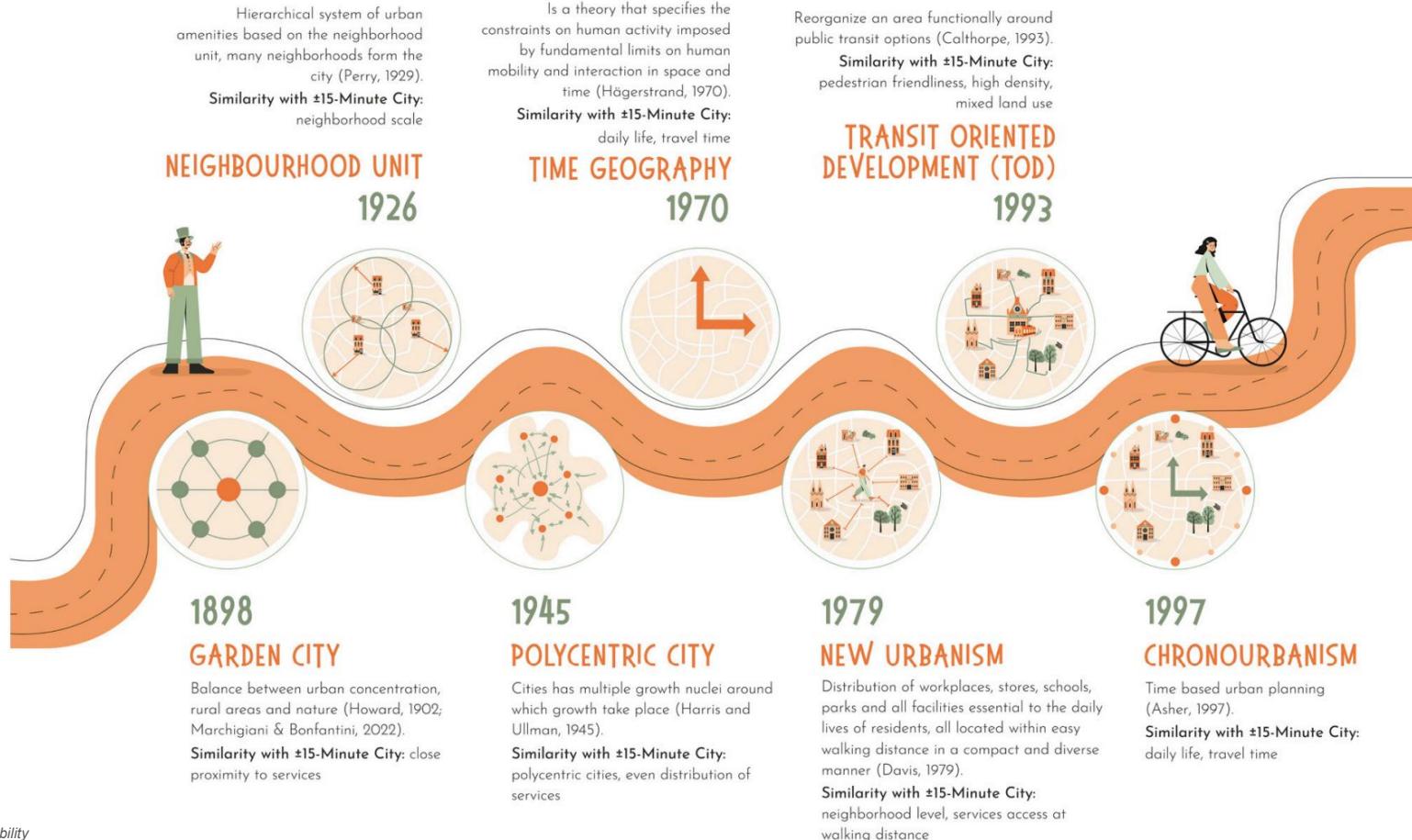


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Q3: What are some community activities you are motivated to participate in [think street fairs/.weekend markets/pop-up plays] - (in Pittsburgh + home)?

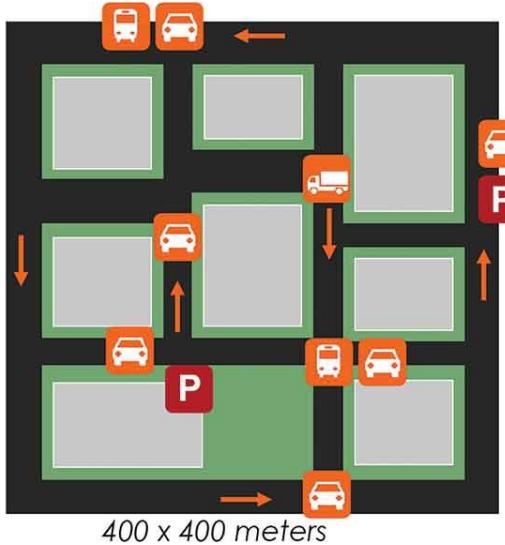


# PAVING THE WAY TO THE ±15-MINUTE CITY

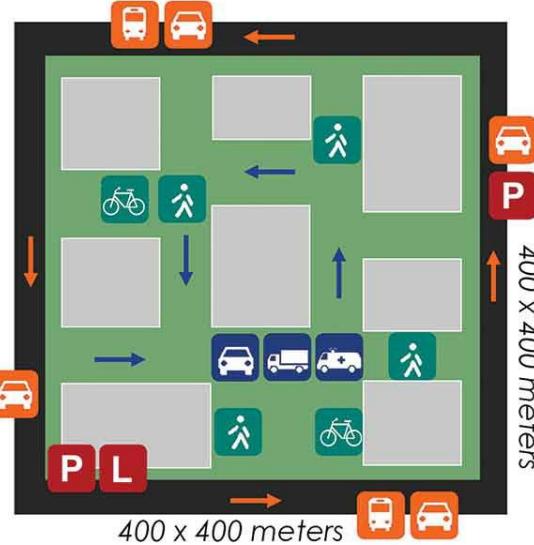


# **Supermanzanas Plan, BARCELONA**

## CURRENT MODEL



## SUPERMANZANA MODEL



Road for motorized transport



Road for pedestrians and other uses (single section)



Passing-through vehicles and public transport



Resident vehicles, loading and unloading, emergencies



Parking and logistic platform



Pedestrian and bicycle traffic



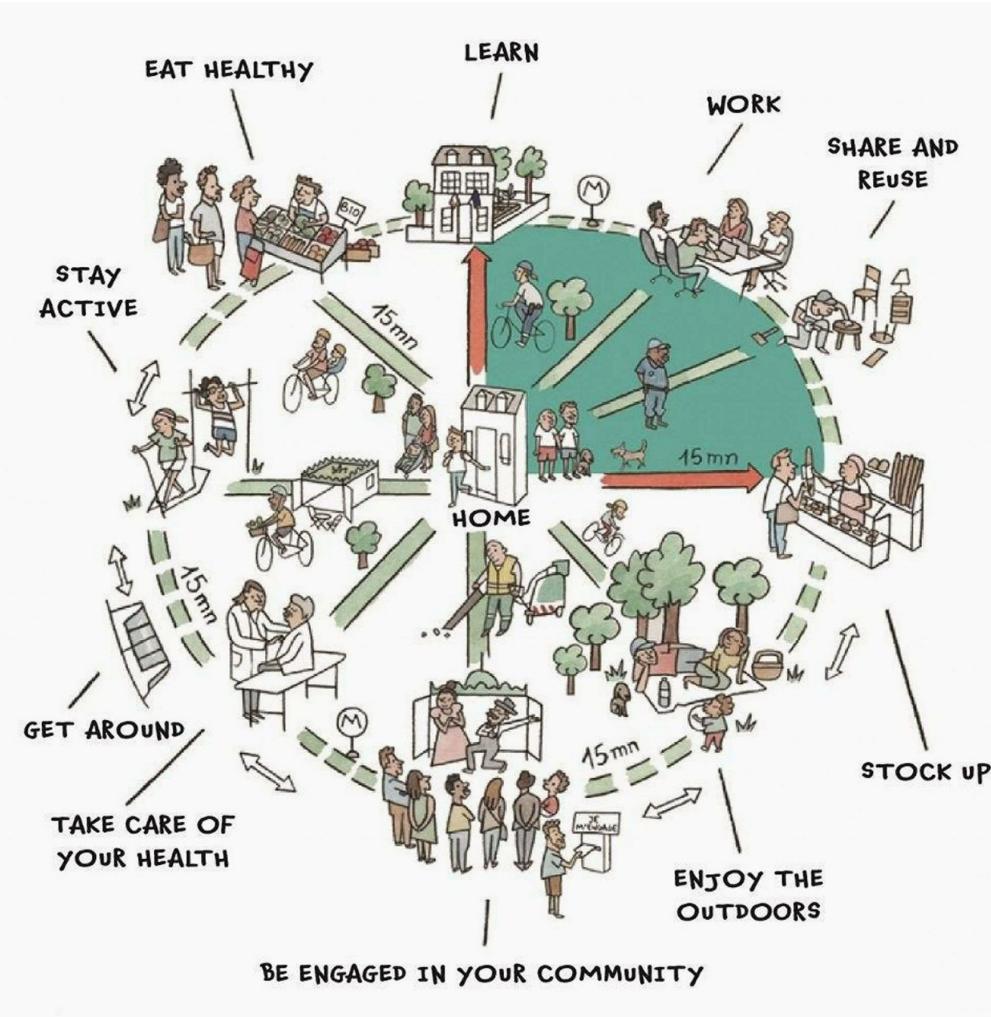
Main network



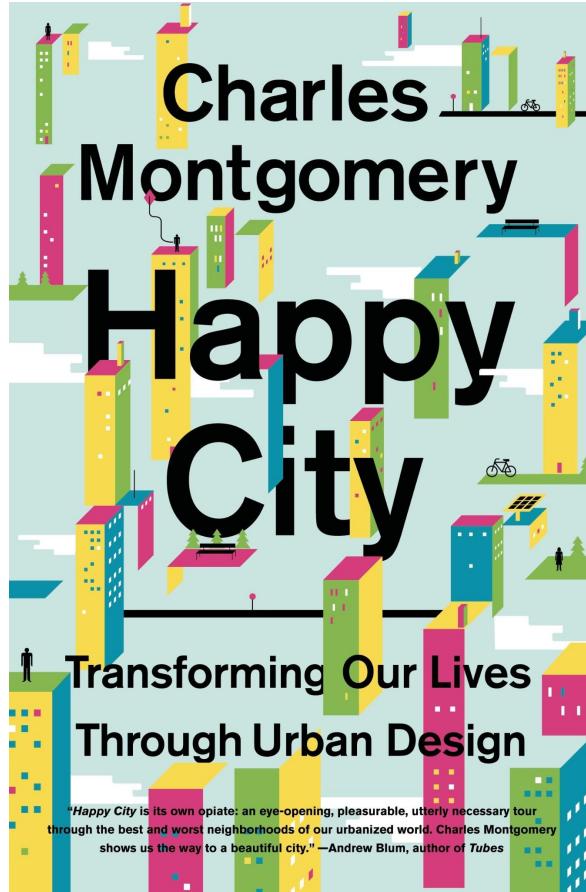
Inner streets

400 x 400 meters

**Paris,  
FRANCE**



**Can you think of any  
15 minute cities?**



*"Happy City is its own opiate: an eye-opening, pleasurable, utterly necessary tour through the best and worst neighborhoods of our urbanized world. Charles Montgomery shows us the way to a beautiful city."* —Andrew Blum, author of *Tubes*

# FREEDOM IN THE CITY

**FREEDOM TO**

# FREEDOM TO MOVE

**FREEDOM TO WALK**

**FREEDOM TO SHARE**

# FREEDOM OF SPEECH

**FREEDOM TO SET UP  
SHOP**

**INDIVIDUAL  
FREEDOM  
VS  
COLLECTIVE  
FREEDOM**

**FREEDOM OR...**

# **CONFINEMENT?**

**15 MINUTE  
PRISON CITIES?**



**RESTRICTING  
MOVEMENT?**

**IS IT A  
GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA?**



**HAS LED TO PUBLIC  
DISTRUST**

PROMOTES  
PREFERENTIAL  
TREATMENT

# Cards Against Urbanity

They now award LEED  
points for \_\_\_\_\_.

Affordable housing  
made completely from  
pallets

Greenwashing

A fistful of illegal  
campaign contributions

Pretending to care about  
Detroit

Empty bikeshare stations

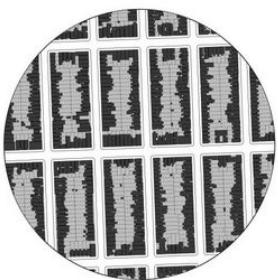
# NIMBY or Nim•by

(usu. 'nim bi)

*not in my backyard* (used to refer to persons  
of an institution they consider objectionable,  
[1980–85])

**Nim'by•ism**, *n.*

**TRAINS,  
TOWERS  
AND TREES -  
DENSITY**



Central Richmond



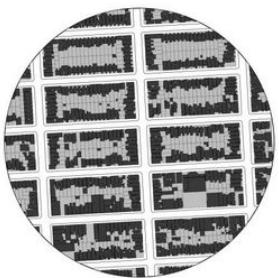
Marina



Russian Hill



Hayes Valley



Noe Valley



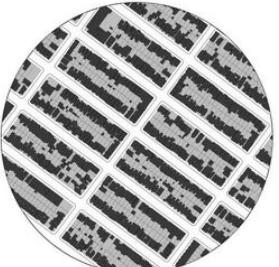
Monterey Heights



Mission Terrace



Bernal Heights South



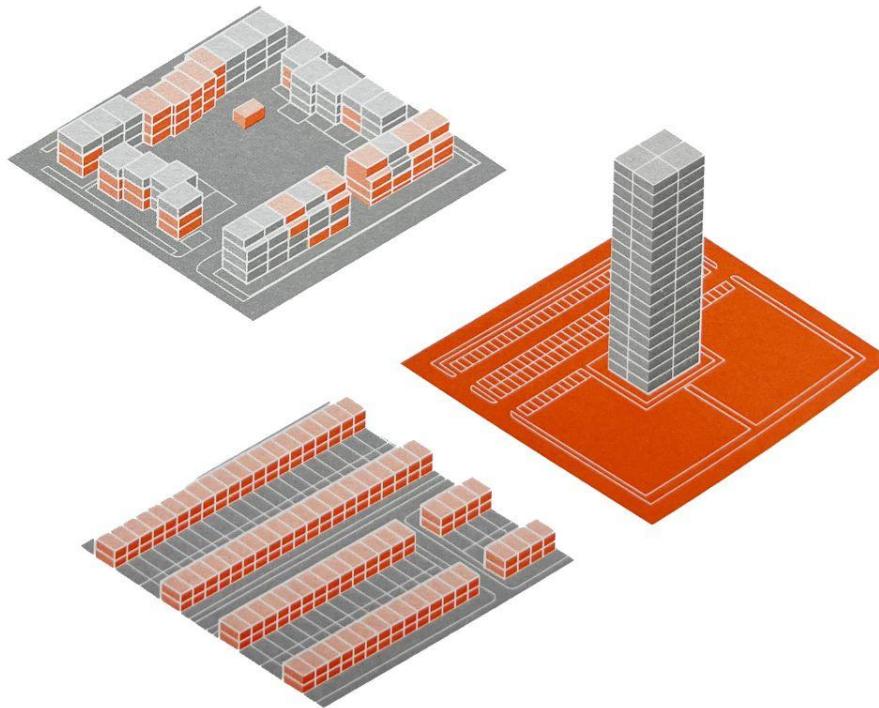
Bayview District

**“There is no logic that can be superimposed on the city; people make it, and it is to them, not buildings, that we must fit our plans.”**

Jane Jacobs

DENSITY  
SOLVES  
SOCIAL  
ISSUES

**DENSITY  
SOLVES  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
ISSUES**

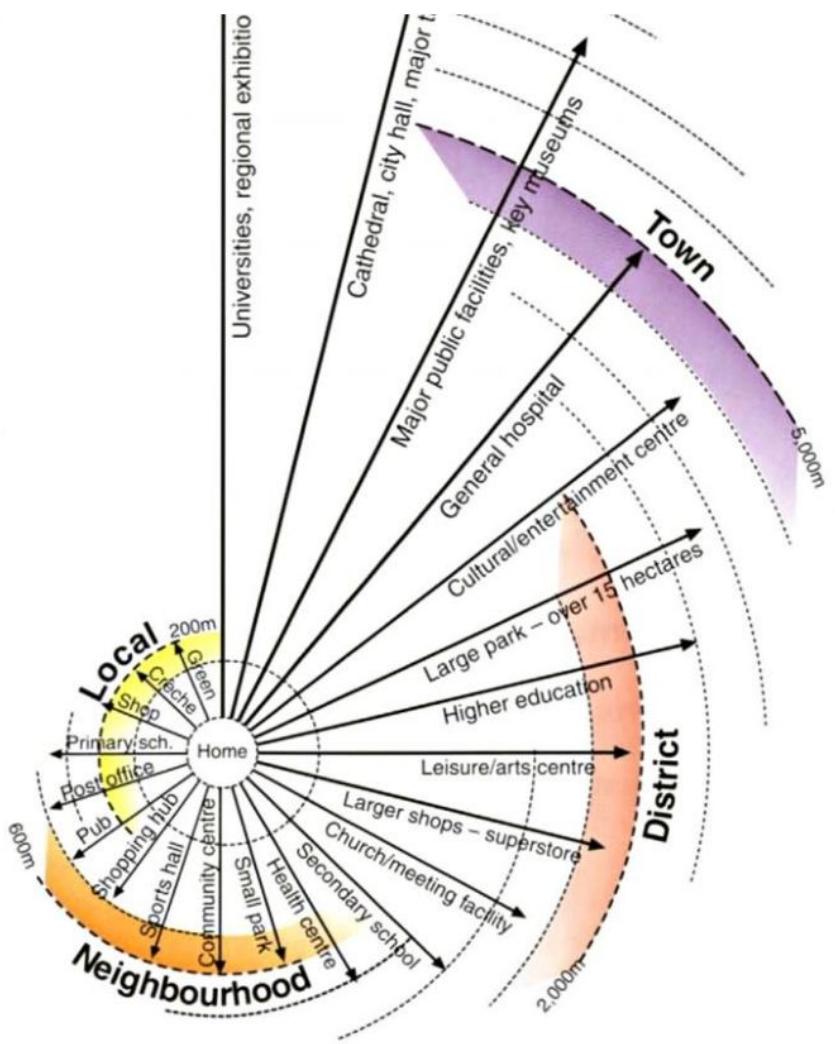


## 75 units - Three ways

*Source: A comparative study of the morphological characteristics of residential areas in San Francisco*

**DENSITY  
SOLVES  
ECONOMIC  
ISSUES**

**DENSITY  
SOLVES  
INFRASTRUCTURAL  
ISSUES**



**“We don’t want a plan based on land uses. We want a plan based on experiences.  
Who visits downtown to see land uses?”**

Mitchell Silver