Stand by:

The future is coming...





Dan has learned to see the world through the lens of his camera, carefully picking subjects of interest to iliustrate his view of the world.

There is a saying among National Geographic photographers.

"National Geographic photographers stand on top of the garbage cans to photograph the flowers ... while Life magazine photographers stand in the flowers to photograph the garbage cans."



Palo Alto, California

"What is the first thing an infant wants to do and the last thing an older person wants to give up?"

Walking is the exercise that does not need a gym. It is the prescription without medicine, the weight control without diet, and the cosmetic that can't be found in a chemist. It is the tranquilizer without a pill, the therapy without a psychoanalyst, and the holiday that does not cost a penny. What's more, it does not pollute, consumes few natural resources and is highly efficient. Walking is convenient, it needs no special equipment, is self-regulating and inferently safe.



A wellability pion must set a stage for all other motion of transportation to work, including transit. If people exampt walk then transit runnelss ineffective.







"How can you know what to try with traffic until "Automobiles are often conveniently tagged as the villains responsible for the ills of cities and the disappointments and futilities of city planning. But the destructive effects of automobiles are much less a cause than a symptom of our incompetence at city building.

The simple needs of automobiles are more easily understood and satisfied than the complex needs of cities, and a growing number of planners and designers have come to believe that if they can only solve the problems of traffic, they will thereby have solved the major problems of cities.

Cities have much more intricate economic and social concerns than automobile traffic. How can you know what to try with traffic until you know how the city itself works, and what else it needs to do with its streets? You can't." Jane Jacobs, Death and Life of Great American Cities , 1961





Not Walkable



Walkable























If it weren't for the damn pedestrian there would be no traffic problem in Los Angeles...

... circa 1972, Los Angeles Traffic Engineer

Compact villages and a strong civilian presence is the only solution to our traffic problems...

... circa 1995, San Diego Traffic Engineer



Tennessee Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida



People once fled cities ... for their health ...

Today people are returning to cities ...

... for their health

Portland, Oregon









People are Happiest when there are many others around.

Víctoría, Brítísh Columbía



So what makes societies happy?

Feelings of well-being are determined as much by status and social connectedness as by income. Richer people are happier than poor people, but societies with wider income gaps are less happy on the whole. People who interact more with friends, family and neidhbours are happier than those who don't



"There are a few things we can agree on about happiness," he says. "You need to fulfill your potential as a human being. You need to walk. You need to be with other people. Most of all, you need to not feel inferior. When you talk about these things, designing a city can be a very powerful means to generate happiness."











Last year car buyers ranked fuel economy 17th on their list of priorities, just below cup holders and the car's stereo system, according to a survey by CNW Research, a respected automotive market analysis firm. Newsweek, April 08



Sustainable Transportation

Sustainable Transportation is about meeting present transportation needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs."

The concept of sustainable transportation is a reaction to things that have gone radically and visibly wrong with current transportation and land use policy, practice and performance over the last half of the twentieth century. In particular unsustainable transportation consumes more energy and creates pollution and declining service levels despite increasing investments.

It delivers poor service for specific social and economic groups. It reduces happiness. It raises the cost of personal transportation to 20% of a family budget and takes time away from family time and ties. Indirectly, it increases health care to 15-20%

Why we cannot build our way out of traffic



Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) around the U.S. have increased by 70 percent over the last 20 years, compared with a two percent increase in new highway construction. The U.S. General Accounting Office predicts that road congestion in the U.S. will triple in 15 years even if capacity is increased by 20 percent.

Traffic is growing about five times faster than the growth in population.

(Data compiled for a report to the U.S. Department of Transportation in 2006 written by Stephen Polzin, (transportation researcher at the University of South Florida in Tampa.)





'There is No There There"











Five keys to Success of Walking

Security Convenience Efficiency Comfort Welcome



Ten Steps To Walkability

Compact, lively town center

Low speed streets, distributed volumes

Fine grained streets, many trails, transit links

Neighborhood schools and parks, within one quarter mile or one eighth mile



Public places with inviting features: benches, restrooms, shade, water and art

Convenient, safe and efficient crossings



Celebrated public space and public life, parades, markets, festivals, awards

Land use and transportation partnerships

Affordable, inspiring, well maintained streets and homes.





Seattle starts a new pedestrian or cycling project each six hours \ldots over 500 per year.

Seattle responds to citizen complaints within 48 hours. Always

A recent study in Seattle found that each quartile increase in residential density corresponded with a 23 per cent increase in the odds of walking for non-work travel. (King County ORTP, 2005).











Chico, CA Nord Avenue



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If Cities are to reduce autodependence a working alternative should include: Empty "placeless" space becomes lovable and loved.























Real Centers are Walkable



\$5-15/ sq ft

\$25-50/ sq ft

Real Centers center around the neighborhood/city/region's primary public and civic spaces

































South Beach, Florida

Ocean Drive













Clematis West Palm Beach, Florida

















In Memoriam Fire Chief, Ralph Burden 1915- 2000







