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Cycling in integrated policy-making
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Cycle traffic is growing in Copenhagen

Cycle traffic has doubled within 10 years

One third cycle to work

2.2 m wide cycle tracks in both sides of the major streets

Capacity problems on some cycle tracks
A strong sector planning instrument
Policy making

Cycle policy for the first time in 2002

TRANSPORT QUALITY: security, safety, travelling speed, health, experiencing the city and its life, comfort

Why are Copenhageners cycling?
Cycling is efficient
Cycling is healthy
(Cycling is environmentally friendly)

IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE A SECTOR PLAN
3 examples of integration

1. Cycling mainstreamed and integrated in physical planning

2. Better combination of cycling and public transport

3. Focus on health aspects of cycling
Cycle Planning mainstreamed and integrated in physical planning

Cycling infrastructure incorporated in the City Plan

Cycling is an important focus area in the Traffic and Environment Plan for Copenhagen

3 DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED

Lord Mayors Office

Roads & Parks Department

Environment Dep.

… but not Health Department
Bicycles on local trains

(Only) half of the **cyclists** were satisfied with the feasibility of combining cycling and public transport

Now used by 5,300 cyclists per day
Bicycles on local trains 1980 - 2006

Cyclist Federation actions
State railway company white paper – and protests
Bicycles allowed during weekends
On weekdays except rush hours
Joint conference with Danish partners
Elevators at stations, new wagons with flex room on some lines
Bicycles allowed onboard in one direction during rush hours
A project in the Copenhagen’s Traffic Environment week
Trial period with no restrictions (except one central station)
Permanent permission to bring bicycles
Bicycles on local trains - attitudes

WHO WERE ACTIVE IN THE CHANGE?
The Danish Cyclist Federation (actions)
The S-train company (conference, elevators, flex rooms in trains)
The City of Copenhagen (Traffic and Environment week)

The perception has changed from a problem to ... catering for the customers.

EU-BENCHMARKING PROJECT:
Traffic planners do not talk with Public transport officers
Focus on health aspects of cycling

Inspired by British research

... and a Norwegian study

Now backed up by Danish study (and by health authorities)

HEALTH AND CYCLING IN DK
Traffic accidents 50 lives
Health benefits 600 lives
Gained 550 lives
Focus on health aspects of cycling

Supported by National Government in 1995
(Ministry of the Environment)

City of Copenhagen
Roads & Parks Department
Health Department

The campaign only ran once
Roads & Parks Cph.  
www.vejpark.kk.dk/Cityofcyclists

EU-benchmarking
www.transportbenchmarks.org