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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

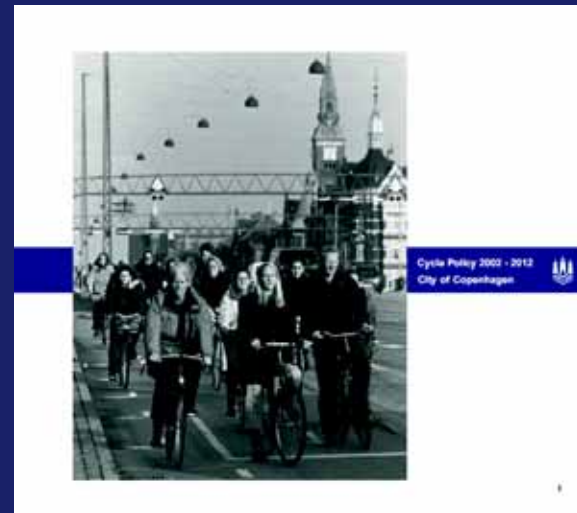
2.2 m wide cycle tracks in both sides of the major streets

Capacity problems on some cycle tracks



# A strong sector planning instrument

**Evaluation**



**Adjustment**

# 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

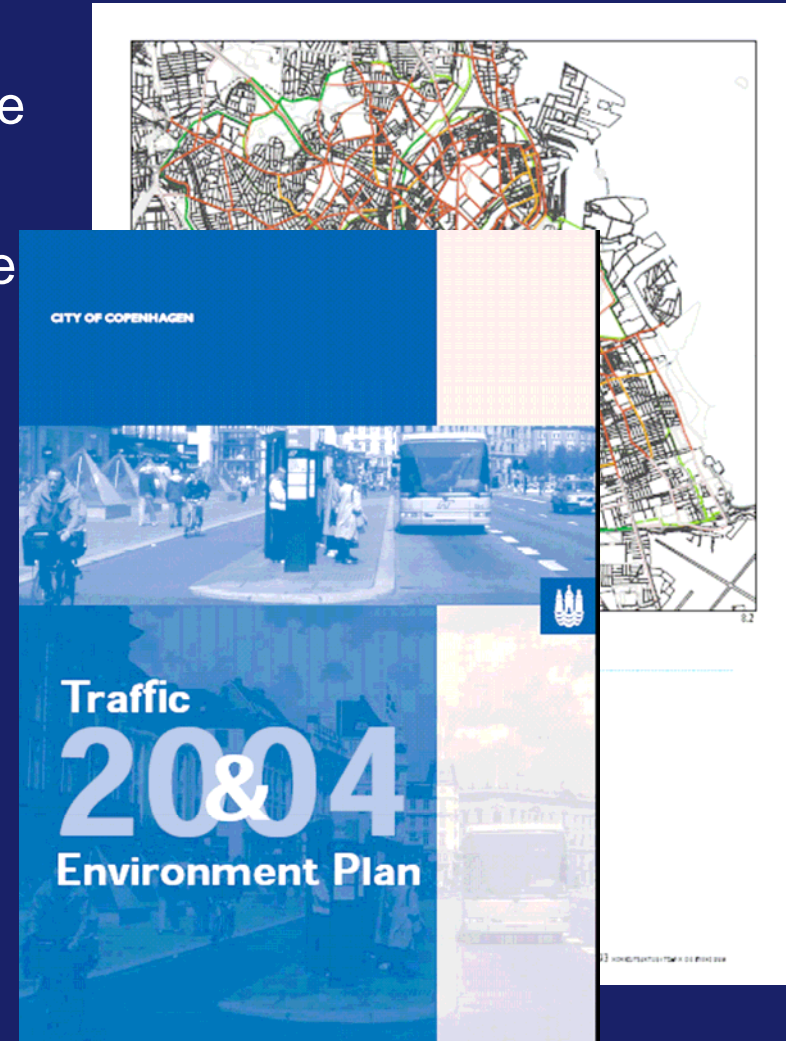
3 DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED

Lord Mayors Office

Roads & Parks Department

Environment Dep.

... but not Health Department

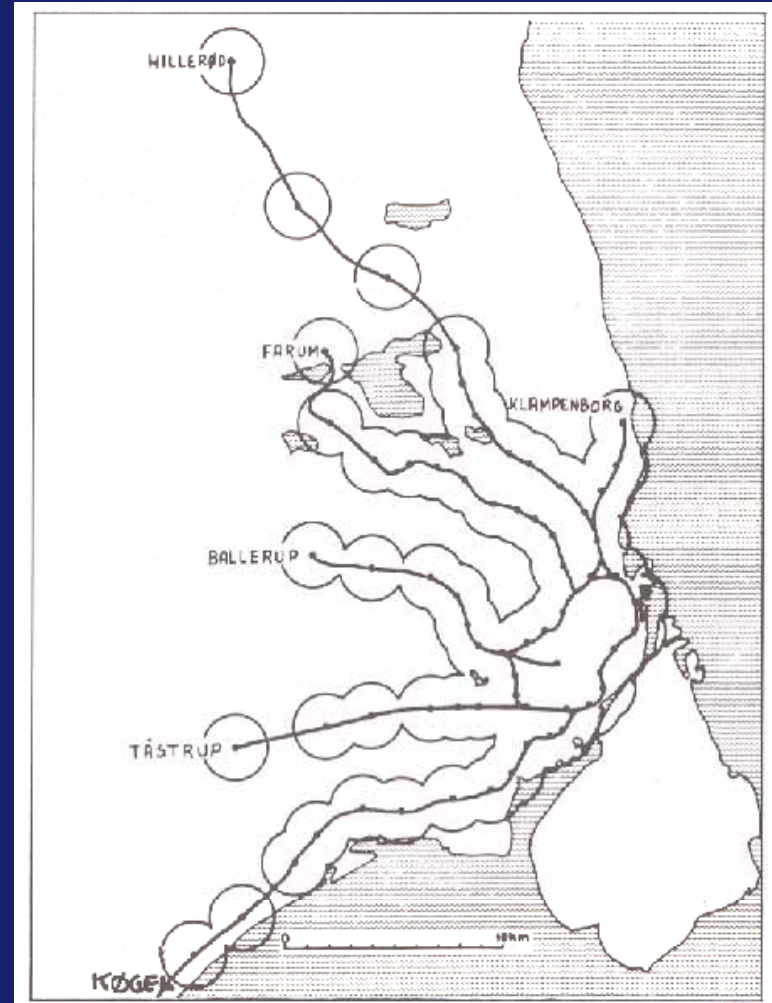


# Bicycles on local trains



(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

Bicycles allowed during weekends

On weekdays except rush hours

Joint conference with Danish parliament

Elevators at stations, new wages

Bicycles allowed onboard in one direction

A project in the Copenhagen's

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

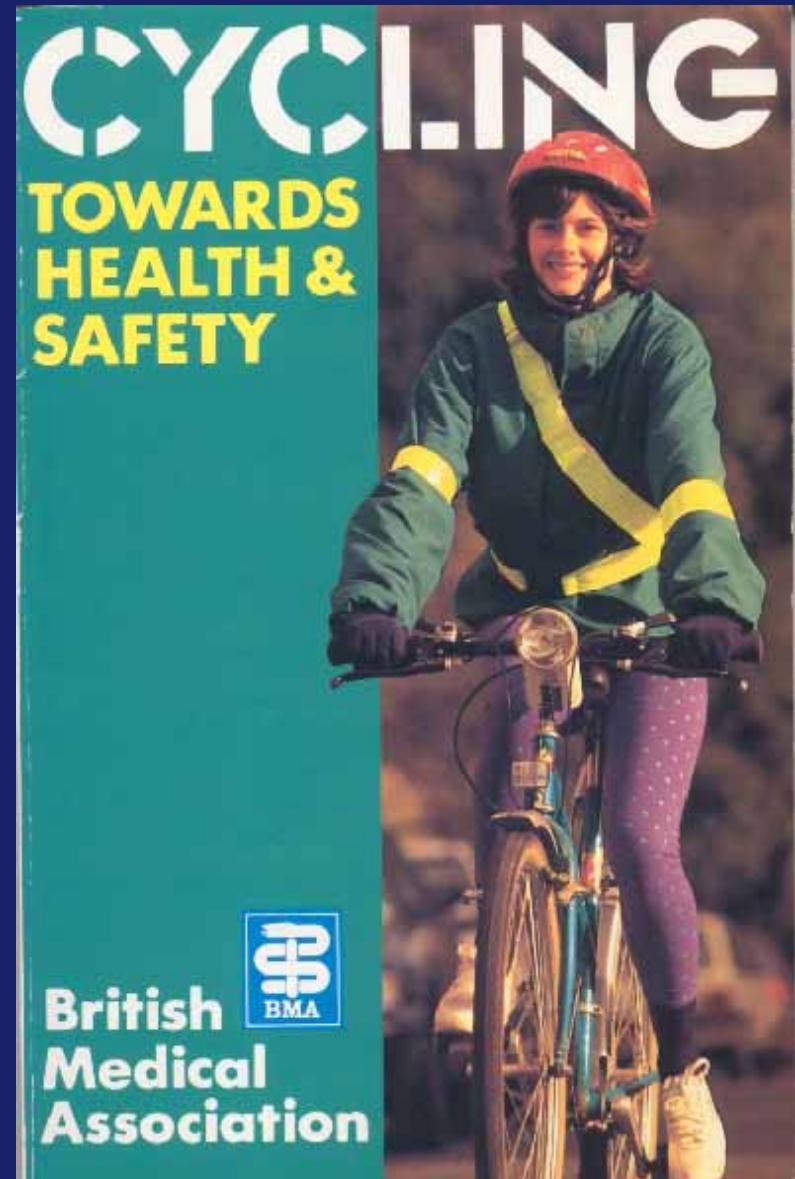
Inspired by British research

... 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



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[www.vejpark.kk.dk/Cityofcyclists](http://www.vejpark.kk.dk/Cityofcyclists)

EU-benchmarking

[www.transportbenchmarks.org](http://www.transportbenchmarks.org)



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