

Contested Streets

The following film clip, from the amazing documentary *Contested Streets*, outlines how Copenhagen took on the challenge of introducing multi-modal transit options into their downtown. It's particularly interesting to see entire streets that were once filled with parked cars being transformed into pedestrian only markets. Also, take note of how the people and business community initially were skeptical about the new planning, stating things like "It will never work...we're Danes, not Italians...we have no history or tradition for walking". I highly recommend ordering a full copy for viewing the entire film. The outtakes and extras, including interviews with urban planners from around the world, are worth the price alone. OCTA hopes to implement several of the ideas adopted by the planner interviewed, Jan Gehl, who is responsible for many of the successful changes occurring in revitalized urban cities around the world.

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