

**Paris building a
more livable
and climate
resilient city
through
pedestrian
friendly
policies**

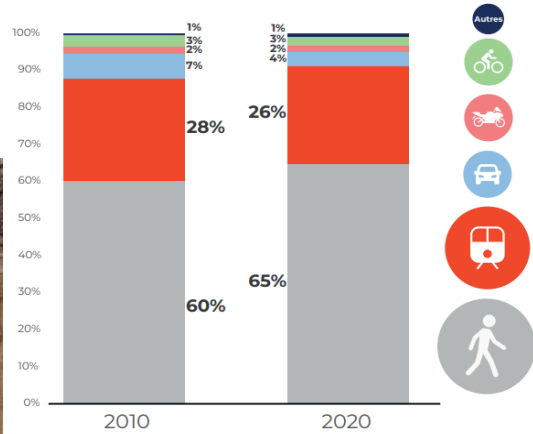
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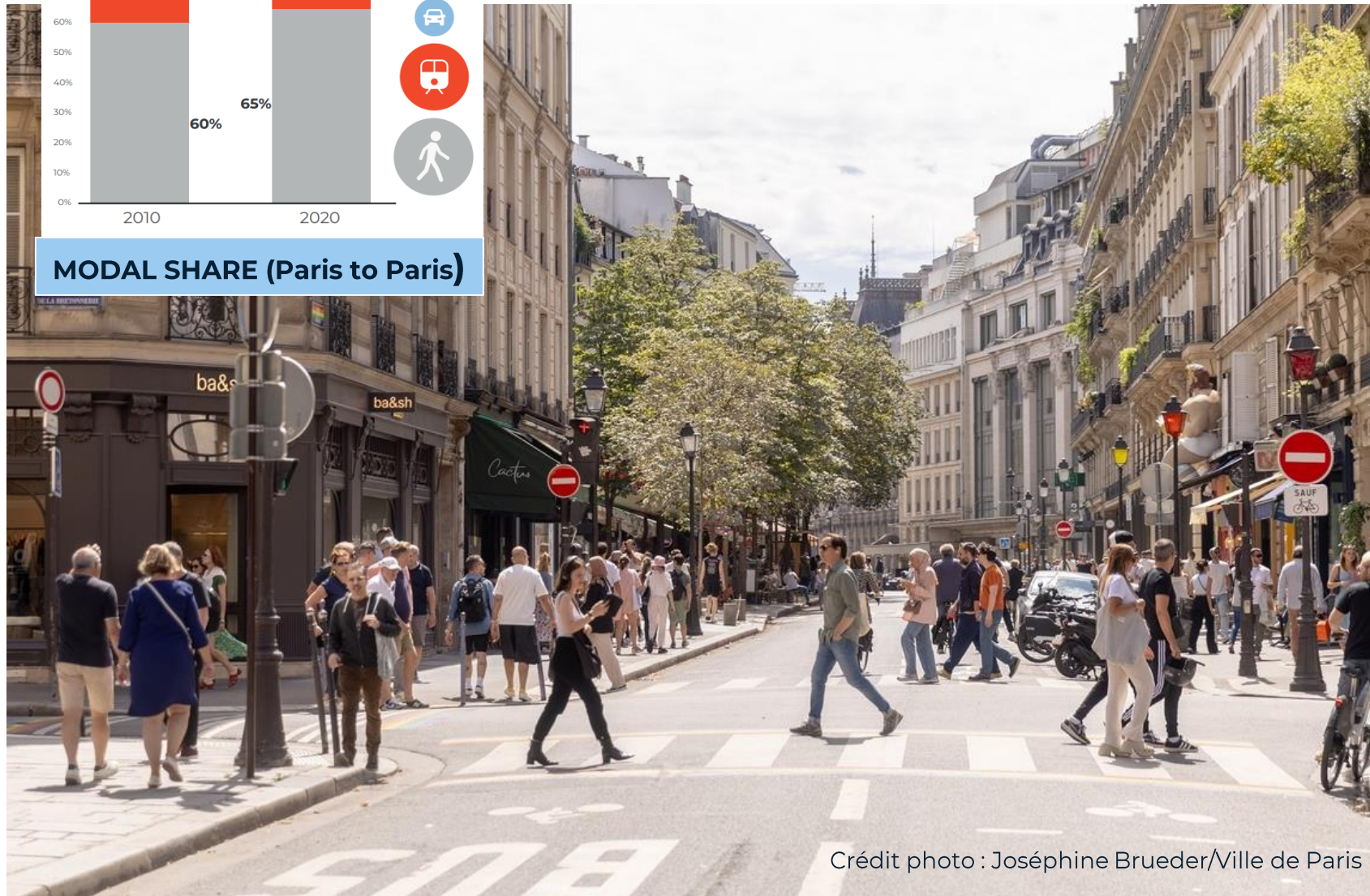
PARIS

A city where walking plays a central role in daily mobility

65% of journeys in inner Paris are made on foot



MODAL SHARE (Paris to Paris)



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- Walking is the **primary travel mode** in Paris, whatever the reason for the journeys, **except for home-work commuting**, where public transport remains the most prevalent mode
- walking is over-represented in **proximity journeys**: 75% of walking trips last less than 15 minutes
- **Women, young people** (6 to 14 year-olds) and **elderly people** (over 60 years old) **move more on foot** than others groups. They also use public transports more than others.
- **55% of Parisians see no reason not to walk***

Urban and environmental factors promoting walking in Paris

an exceptional density of population, activities and transports

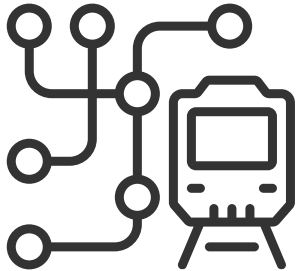
105 km²



2,2
millions

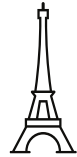
20 755 inhabitants /
km²

Hight density of **public transport**

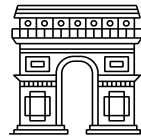


about
500 meters
between two
metro stations

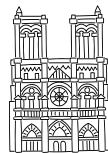
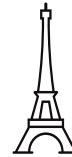
Amenities
at a walkable
distance



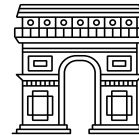
60 minutes



30 minutes



66 minutes



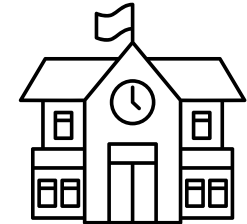
A dense commercial fabric

28 shops per
thousand inhabitants
([Apur](#))



631 public primary
schools

A **school** for every child
in a **walkable distance**
(5-7 minutes walk).



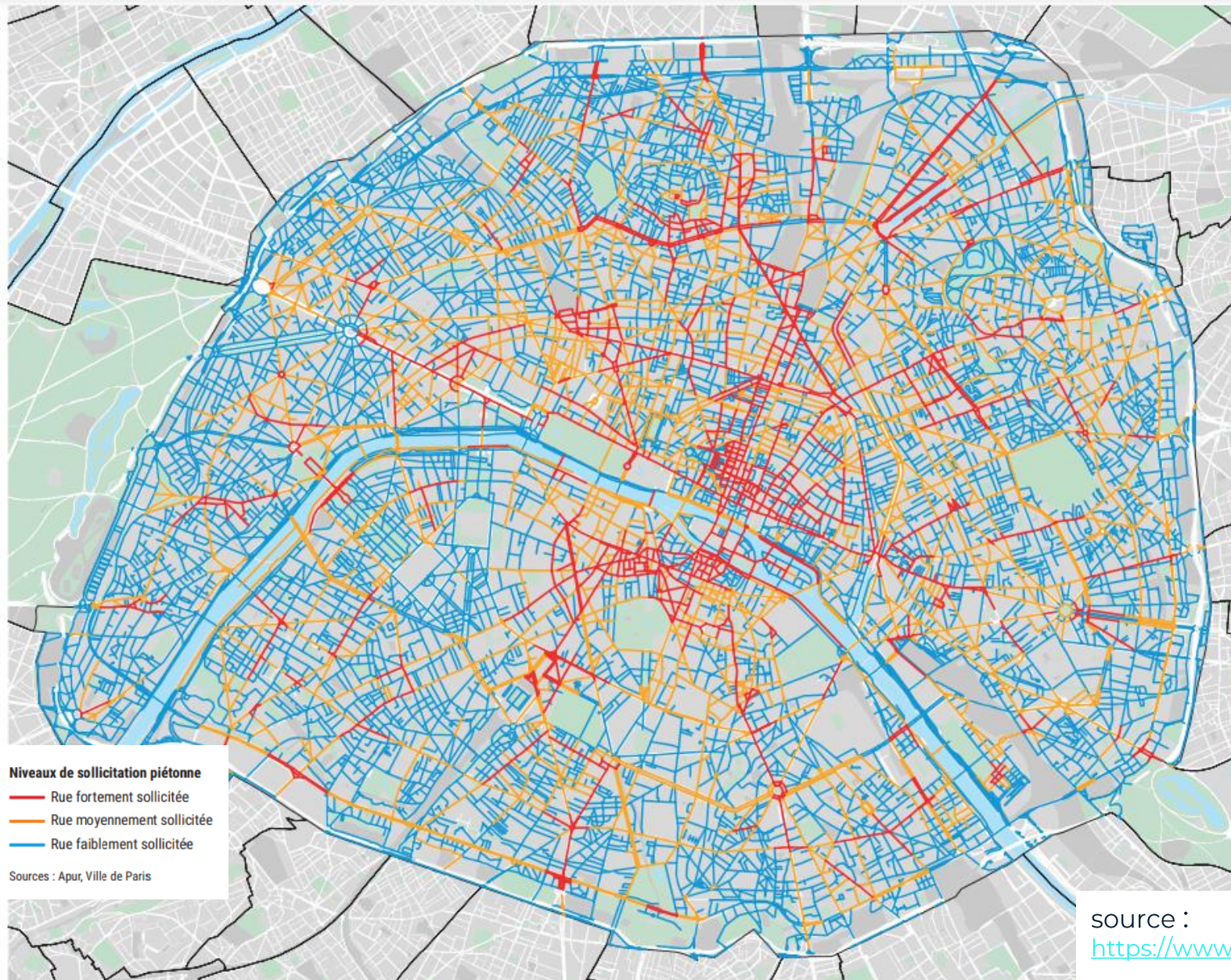
“15 minutes” walking city : already a reality in Paris



5 minutes walk to reach
a bakery, pharmacy or
bookstore



Intense pressure on public space and a structural lack of space



About **3,5 million people** using Parisian pavements every day

A very high pedestrian flow on parisian sidewalks, concentrated in the central Paris, close to railway stations, tourists attractions ad local shopping streets

What place for pedestrian?

Who walks the city?

What is the walking experience?

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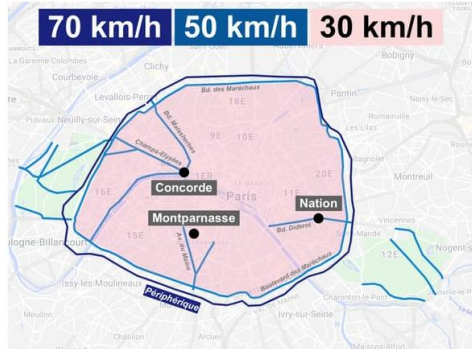
<https://www.apur.org/fr/geo-data/sollicitations-espace-public-parisien>

Pedestrian policy within a broader vision for the transformation of Paris

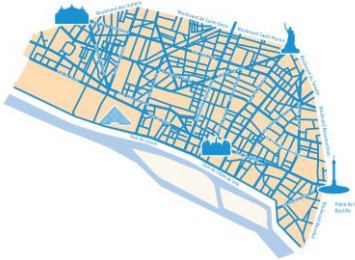


A mobility transition supporting traffic calming and active travel since years

Speed limitation



traffic restrictions (LTZ)



Parking reform

- 50%

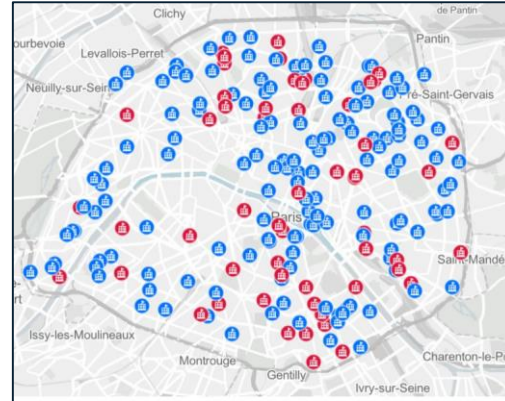


Reduce by half on-street parking provision

Higher parking rate for SUVs



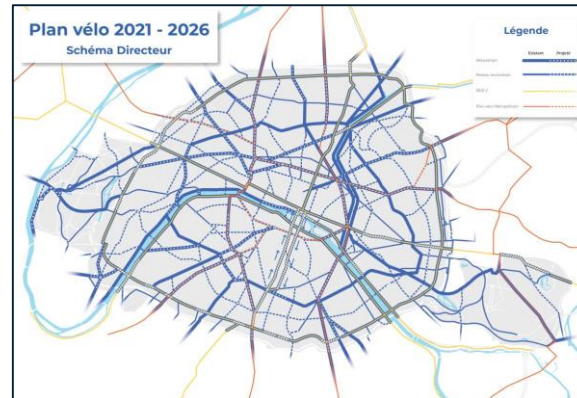
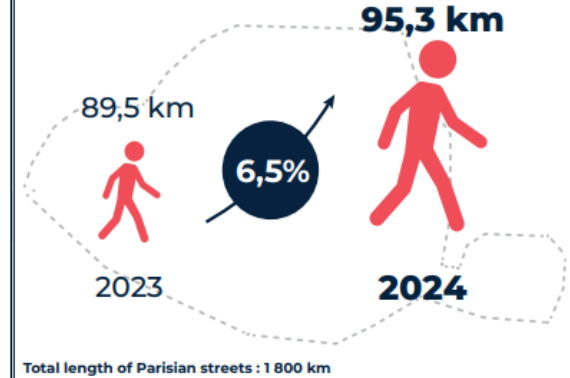
Ambitious pedestrian and cycling programs



Pedestrian zones

Unit : linear km

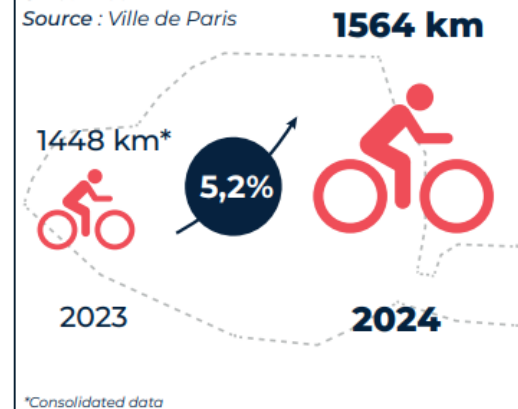
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Cycling infrastructure

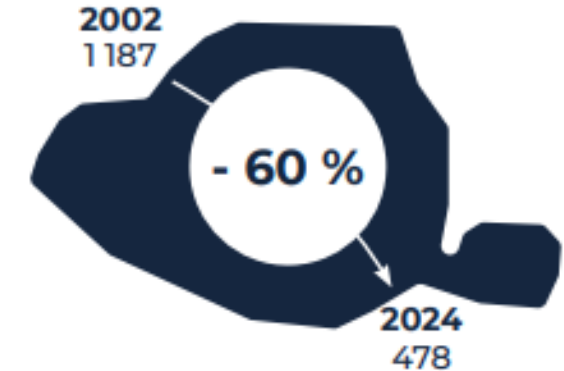
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Declining motor traffic volumes

Unité : véhicules.km/h

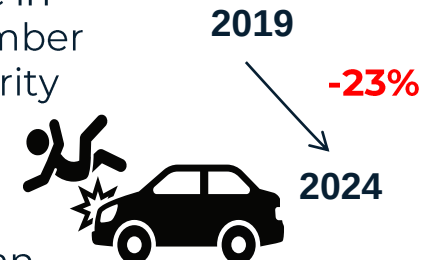


A very low car ownership rate:

66% of parisiens do not own a car



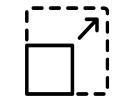
A decline in both number and severity of road crashes involving pedestrian



A pedestrian strategy to improve the experience of walking for everyone

Pedestrian Plan adopted in 2023 (currently being updated for the new municipal term)

+100 hectares of pedestrian spaces



creating an efficient, easy comprehensible pedestrian network



Enhance the role of walking in intermodal travels



CONTINUING TO **RECLAIM SPACE**, IMPROVE THE **PEDESTRIAN NETWORK** AND ASSERT **PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY**

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towards a **100% accessible city**



Reduce pedestrian vulnerability and tend to **zero pedestrian fatalities**

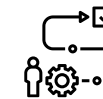
Greening public spaces, create cool footpaths



IMPROVING THE **HOSPITALITY** OF PUBLIC SPACE AND ADAPTING THEM TO **CLIMATE CHALLENGES**

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PROMOTE **A CULTURE OF WALKING**, ACCESSIBILITY AND SHARING OF PUBLIC SPACES



Inside our administration



Between citizens and public space users

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CONTINUE THE **SPACE RECOVERY**,
CONNECT THE **PEDESTRIAN NETWORK**,
AFFIRM **PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY**



Give more space to pedestrian uses



Improve walking by creating an efficient and legible pedestrian network



Strengthen the role of walking in intermodal travels

Removing on-street parking to widen sidewalks



BEFORE

Rue Emilio Castelar



**A pedestrian priority area in every district
to promote local activities and foster social life**



BEFORE

Rue Oberkampf



Guillaume Bontemps / Ville de Paris'

Reallocate space to pedestrian uses



BEFORE

Place de la Bastille :
from a round-about
to a pedestrian site



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RAISING STANDARDS OF QUALITY, SAFETY AND CONFORT OF PUBLIC SPACE FOR ALL



Affirm pedestrian priority, **calm motorized traffic** and reduce pedestrian accidents



Strive towards a **100% accessible city** / remove the obstacles to walking for vulnerable groups



Strengthen the **complementarity between cycling policy and pedestrian policy**

Consider the perspectives and needs of both children and older people



Rue de la Brèche aux loups :
the school street program



Rue Parrot :
wide sidewalks without obstacles



Remove barriers to accessibility and make the city fully inclusive



Using cycling infrastructure projects to enhance pedestrian safety



Reduce conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians



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IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF PEDESTRIAN SPACES, ADAPTING PUBLIC SPACES USES TO CLIMATE CHANGE



Improve the **climatic comfort of pedestrian spaces** and create **fresh pedestrian itineraries**



Increase the number of **comfortable and quiet places** to relax in public spaces

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Rue Charles Baudelaire



Greening streets to enhance urban cooling and climate resilience

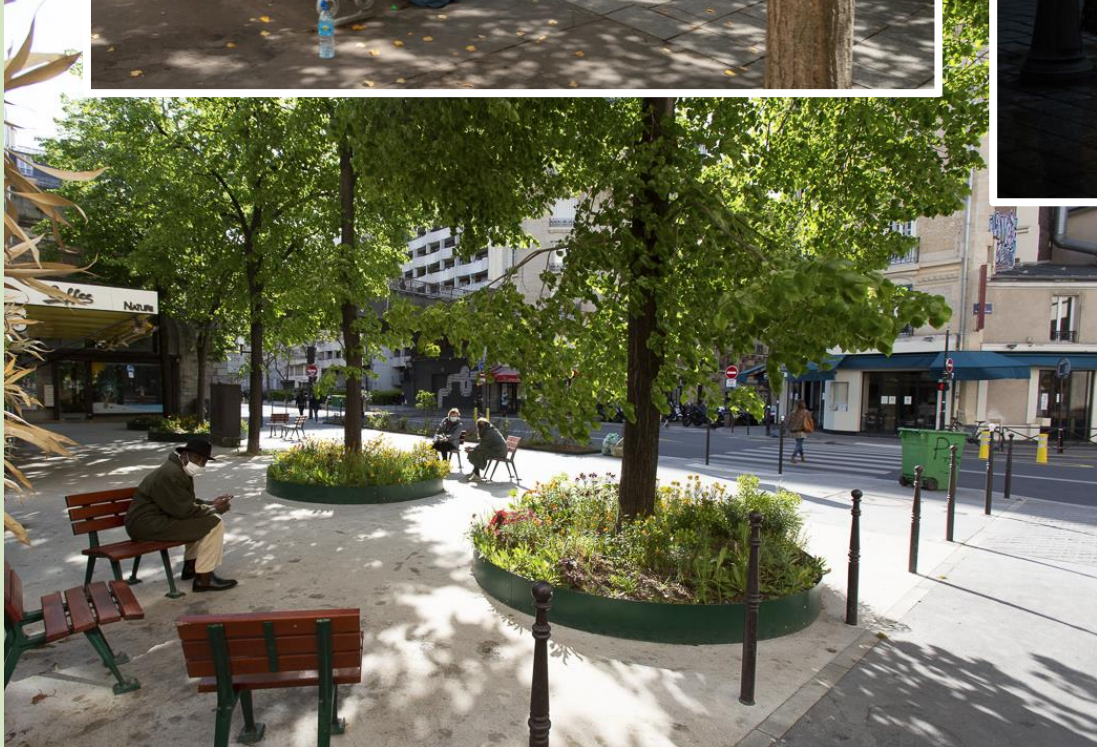


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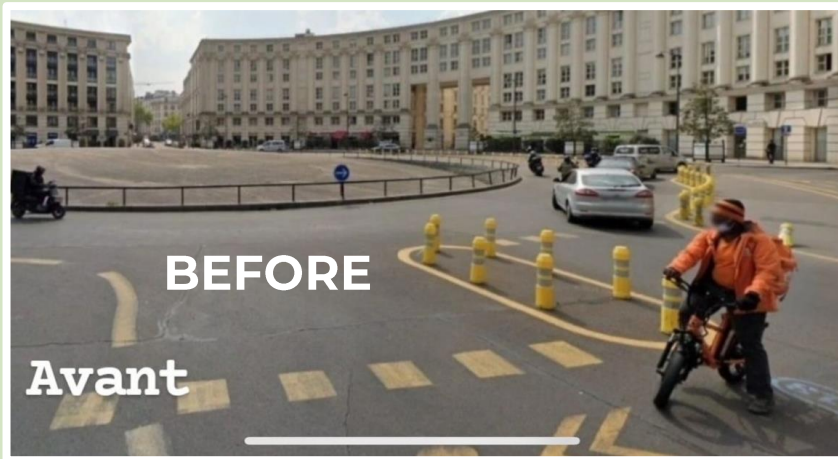


Offer places to rest and cool down in thermally comfortable environments





Implement large-scale greening of public space to help cool the city



Place de la Catlogne : the first urban forest in Paris



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**Reclaim the city's waterways for public uses
and enhance them as climate refuges**

AFTER



The Seine riverbanks park

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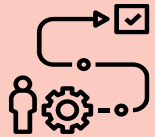
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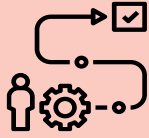
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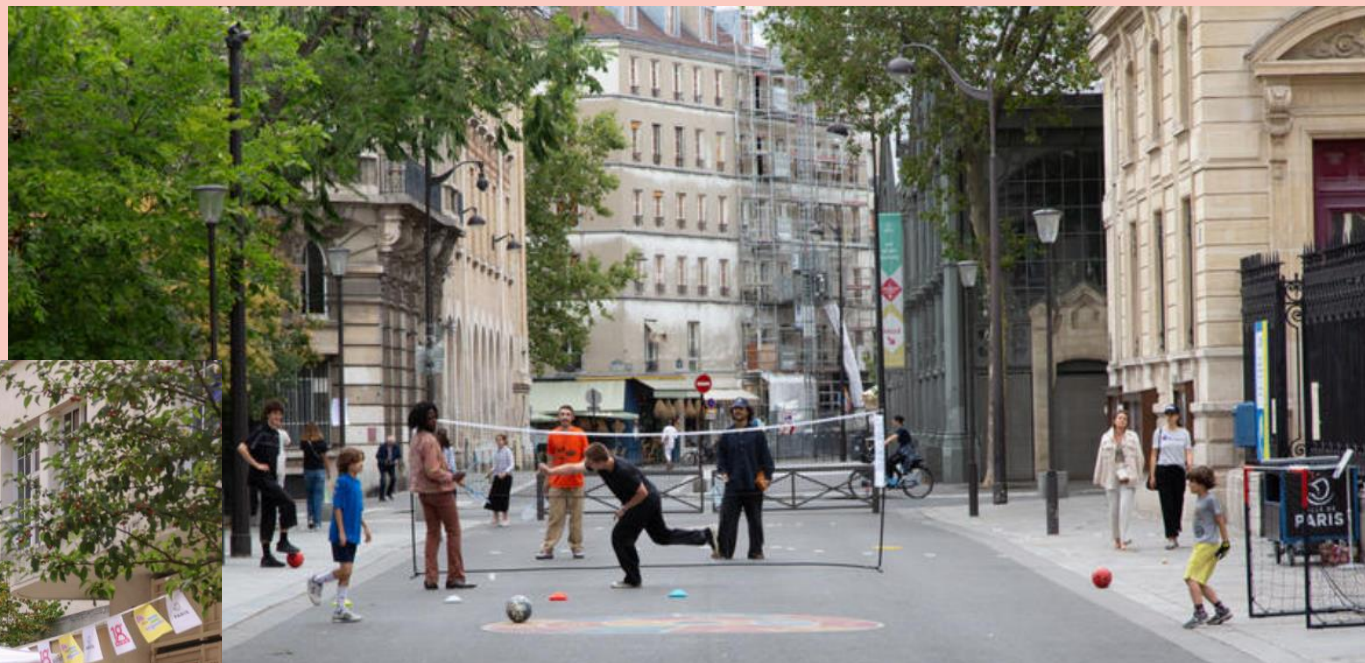


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An effective way to create new public space experiences for children and adults — sparking imagination and encouraging a future less reliant on cars





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !



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