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Amsterdam

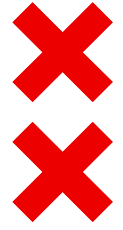
Weesperstraat "knip"

*Temporary closure of high capacity road
Weesperstraat in Amsterdam*

April 10, 2024 Madrid, IMPACTS Conference



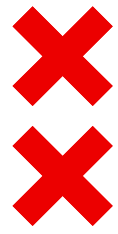
History



- Jan 2023: City Council adopted “Amsterdam Autoluw”.
- Measure 12 temporary closure Weesperstraat to gather data about the effects



✘ Execution



- Modelling
- 6 weeks June – July 2023
6.00 – 23.00
- Exemption from public transport and emergency services
- Gathering data on traffic flows, air quality, noise, traffic safety and liveability aspects



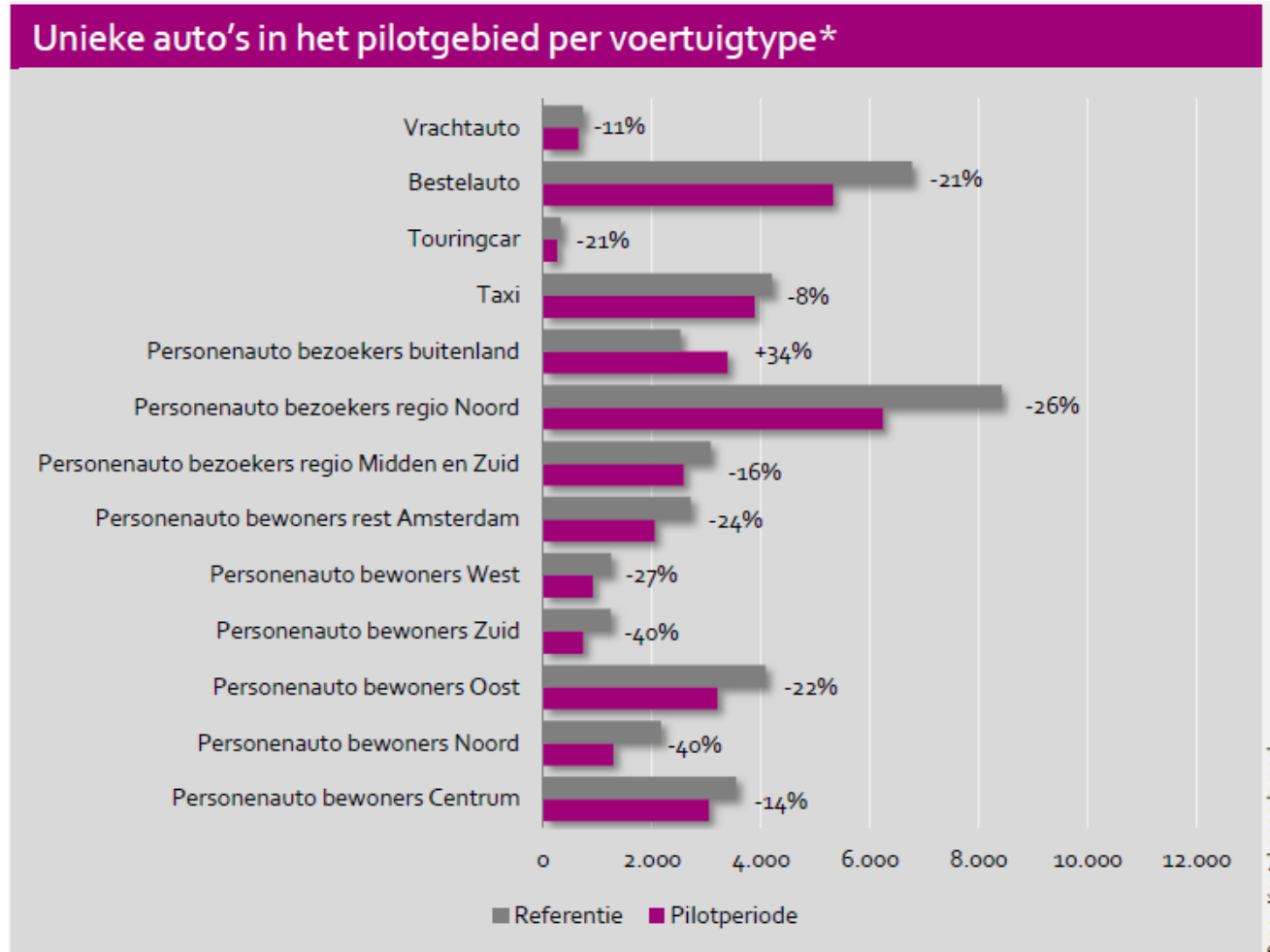
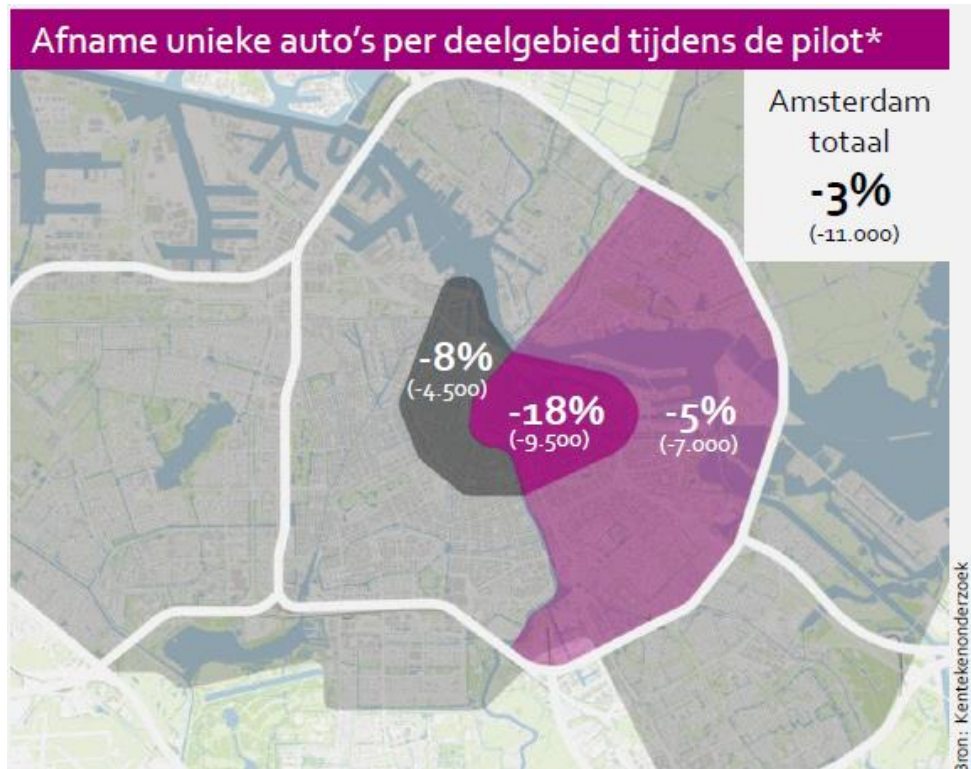
✖ ✖ ✖ Developments during test

- Waterbed effect and extra congestion (decreasing during pilot)
- Fierce resistance and political debate
- During the pilot, exemptions for additional public transport, school transport, GGD, midwives and general practitioners urgently.



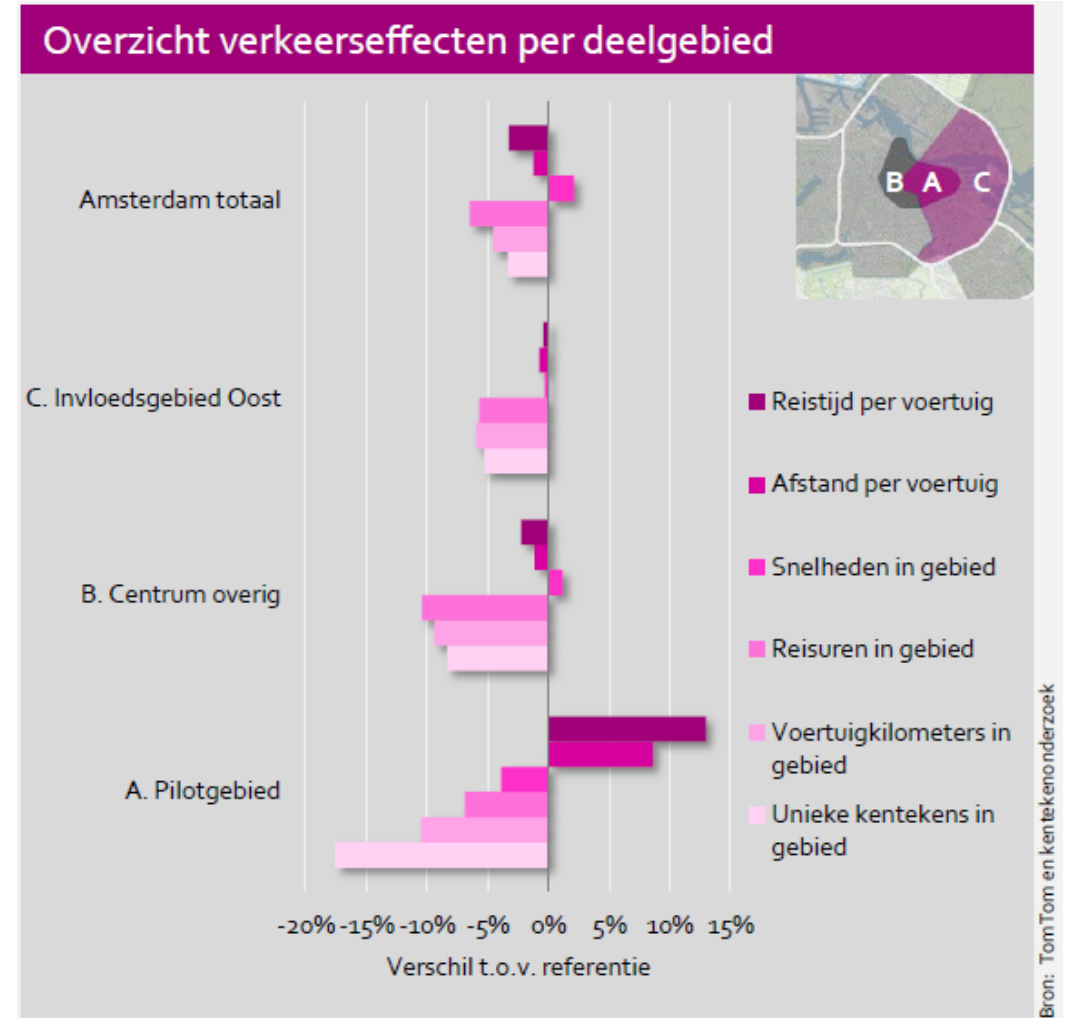
XXX Results

- Reduction of amount of cars



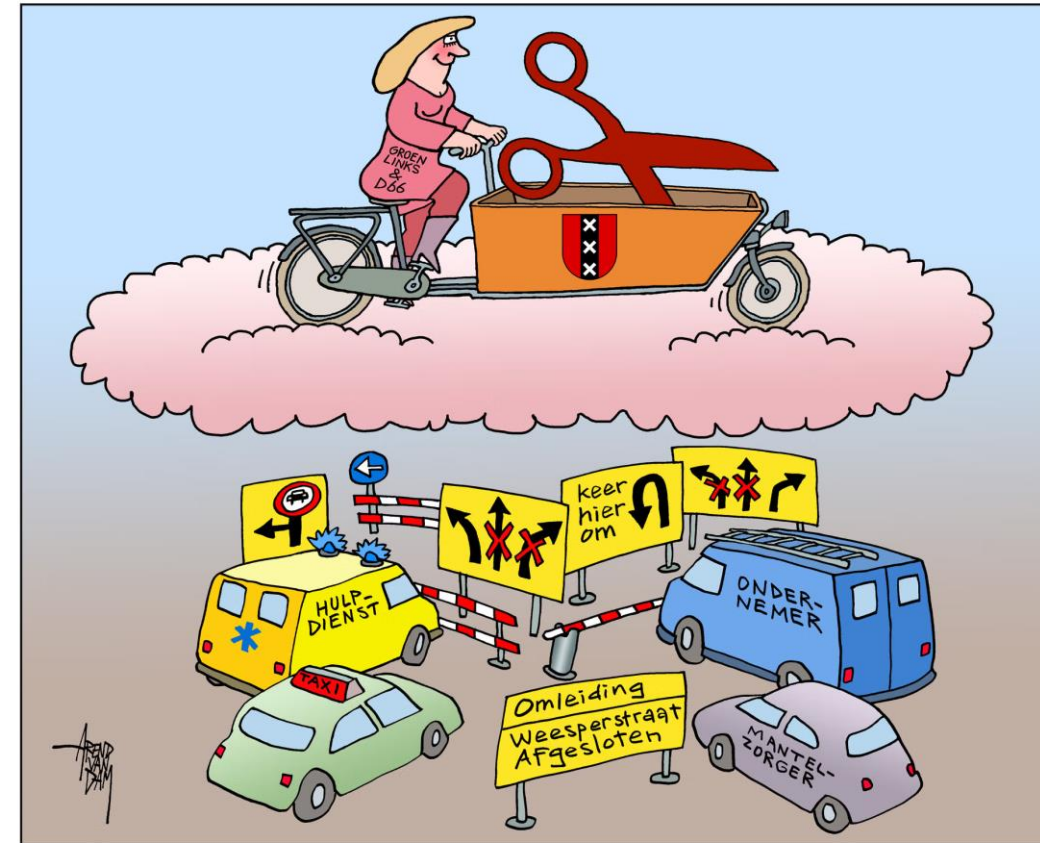
XXX Results

- Waterbed: traffic flows, air quality, noise, liveability
- Deviation: much more time and distance rush hour
- Not more passengers public transport or cyclists
- Less parked cars in city centre + not more cars at P+R



XXX Results

- Emergency services: longer rides, stress
- Taxi's: longer rides, higher bills for clients, complaints
- Logistic sector: longer rides, late delivery
- Waste collection: longer rides, stressed workmen
- Hotels and bars: less clients
- Shops city centre: no difference in amount of clients



experimentele "knip" in Amsterdamse verkeersader

XXX Results

- Residents in pilot area
 - happy: less noise, better air-quality, able to speak to each other
- Residents in surrounding area (deviation)
 - stressed: helpless, noise, aggressive, stench, inaccessible



XXX What happened further

- Press
- Political
 - City Council
 - National Parliament

Next steps?

- "Filter"
- Radical / Incremental?





Earlier measures



- “Fietsstraten”
- Closure of other streets and areas