Traffic Calming in VIENNA City Center

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Vienna City Center History

 3 km^2

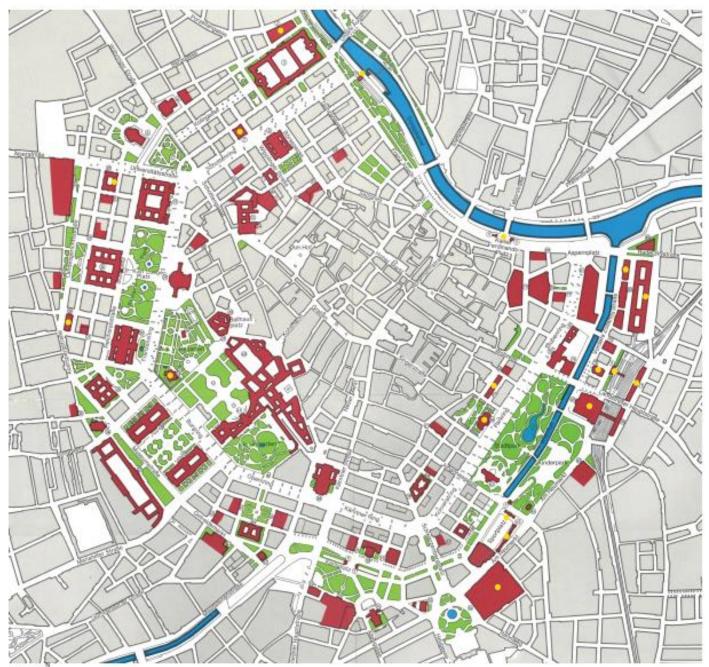
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medieval structure still existing

clear boundary Ringstrasse

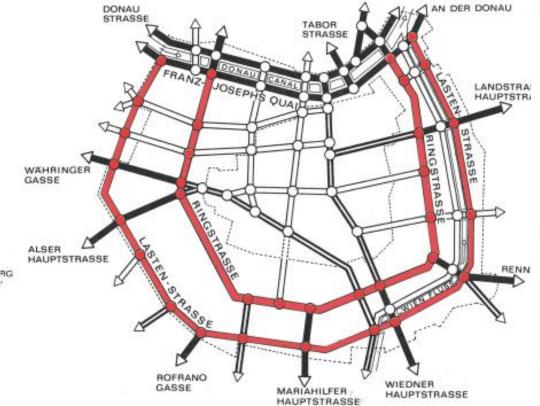
touristic and economic center of the Eleventuary and Galasticke

use nicht mehr above offentions



Vienna City Center

1900s - Street hierarchy

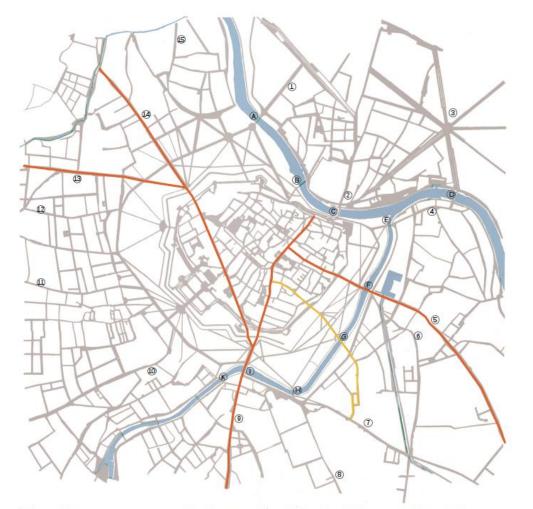


Main arterial streets begin outside the Ringstrasse



Stadt Wien

Vienna City Center 1960s - Car dominated area



Verkehrsflächen Gewässer

durchgängige radiale Hauptrelationen

sekundäre "Vernähung" mit lokaler Bedeutung
 1 Neue Gasse
 9 Alte Wiener Hauptstraße

 2 Taborstraße
 10 Mariahilfer-Hauptstraße

 3 Praterstern
 11 Alt-Lerchenfelder-Hauptstraße

 4 Weißgerber Hauptstraße
 12 Florianigasse

 5 Landstraße-Hauptstraße
 13 Alsergasse

 6 Ungargasse
 14 Währinger Gasse

 7 Rennweggasse
 15 Porzellangasse

9 Alte Wiener Hauptstraße A Augartenbrücke 10 Mariahilfer-Hauptstraße B Karls Kettensteg 11 Alt-Lerchenfelder-Hauptstraße C Ferdinandsbrücke 12 Florianigasse D Franzensbrücke 13 Alsergasse E Radetzkybrücke 14 Währinger Gasse F Stubentorbrücke 15 Porzellangasse H Mondscheinbrücke 1 Elisabethbrücke K Kettensteg



Vienna City Center 1970-1990 - Metro construction and pedestrian zones



Vienna City Center

1970-1990 - Metro construction and pedestrian zones

Pedestrian zones including

- Car-free historic places
- Underground car-parking
- On street parking space management





Vienna City Center Recent time

Since 2015:

Encounter zones

mixed traffic areas

planning process in cooperation with residents and businesses (wealthy) property owners pay for the redesign

Herrengasse 2016 Rotenturmstraße 2019 Neuer Markt 2023 Petersplatz 2023

Michaelerplatz 2024



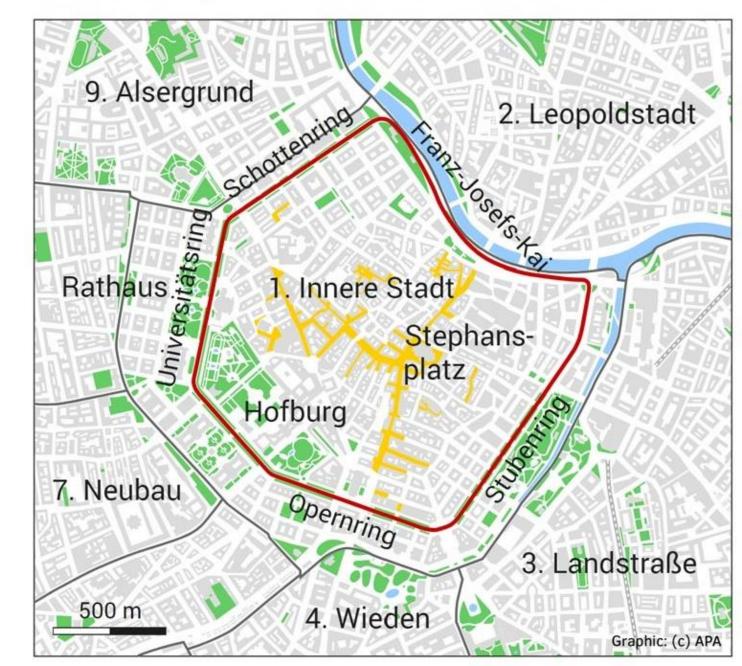




17.000 residents (1% of Vienna)

100.000 working places (11% of Vienna)

current pedestrian area or encounter zone

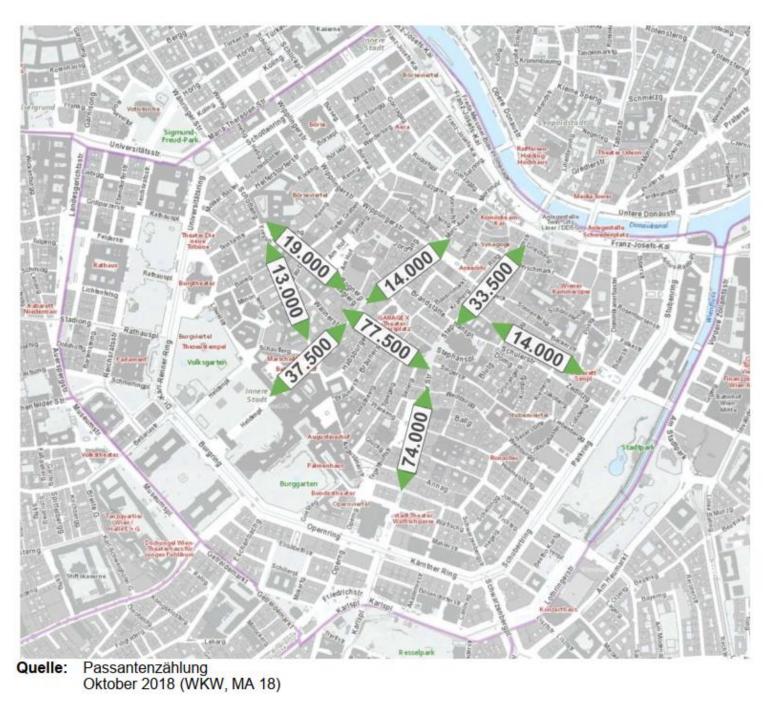




Highest pedestrian frequency

Attractive for shopping, business and tourism

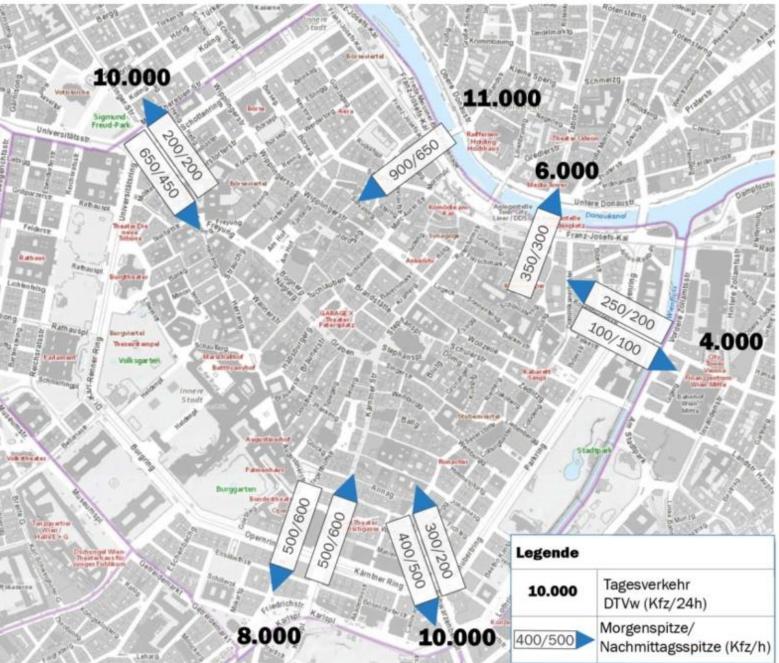
16 mio./year tourist bednights





50.000 cars in/out per day

7.000 on-street parking



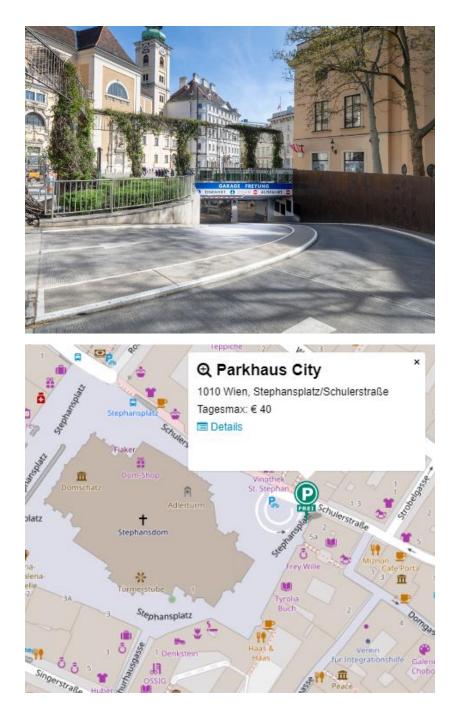


7.000 commercial underground parking





Quelle: www.parken.at (30.08.2019)



Traffic concept

2020

district mayor

with an agreement of all local politicial parties

started a process for a traffic concept

Local politicians are voted by residents only!

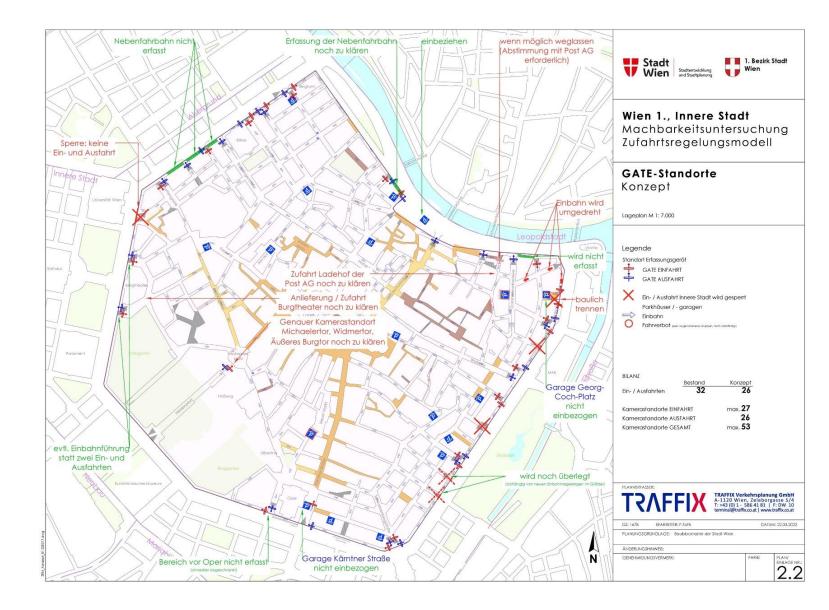




Traffic concept

camera-based access management (CCTV)

- reduction of car entries
- reduction of parking space
- more space for greenery





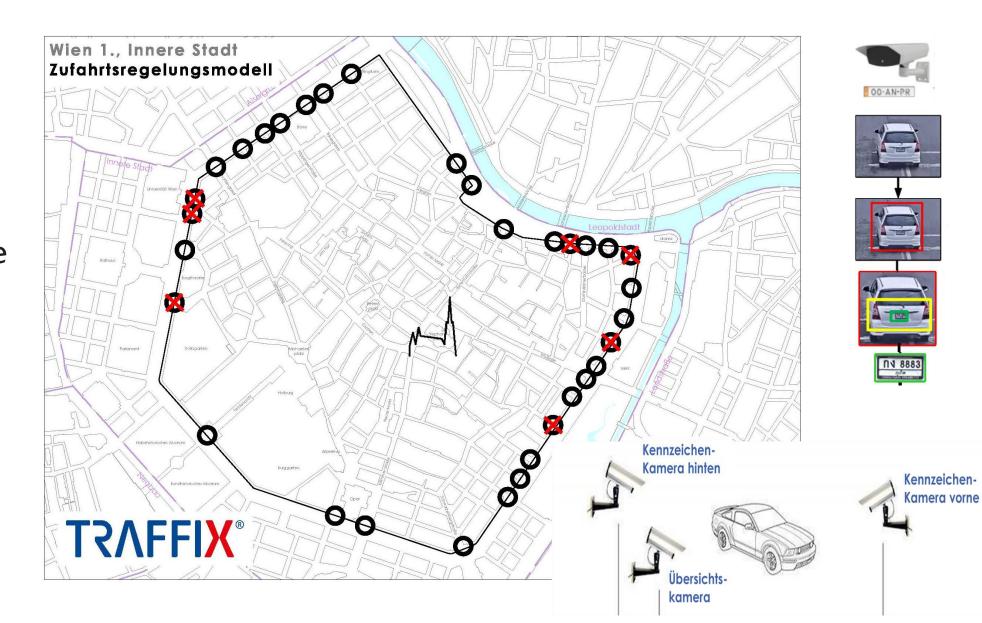
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CCTV:

Entry maximum 30 minutes

Reduction of five entry points

Exeptions for garages-entries, residents, deliveries, handicapped..



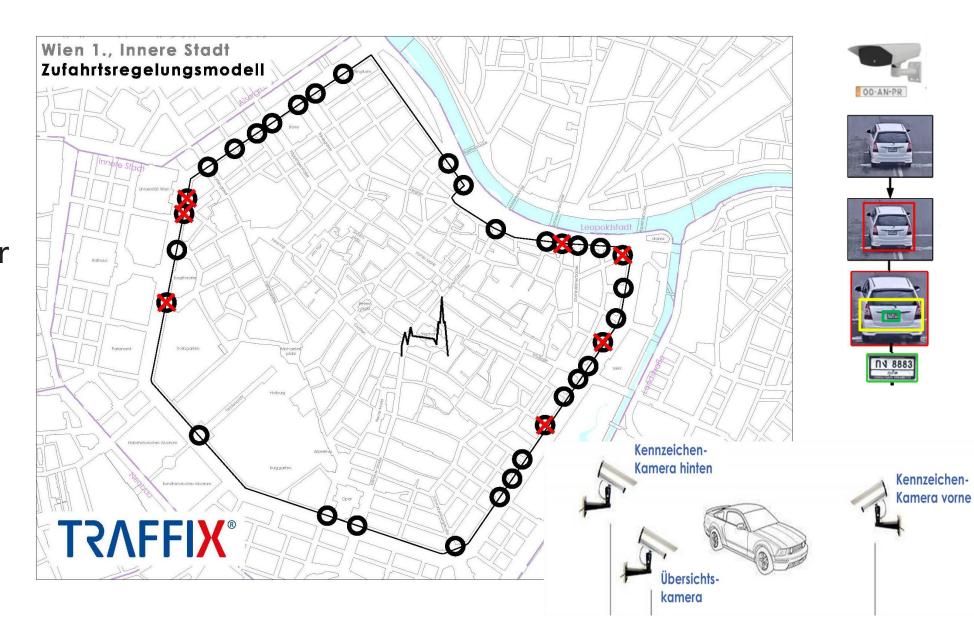


Traffic concept

CCTV costs:

15 mio. EUR investment

- 1,5 mio. EUR/year
- operational costs



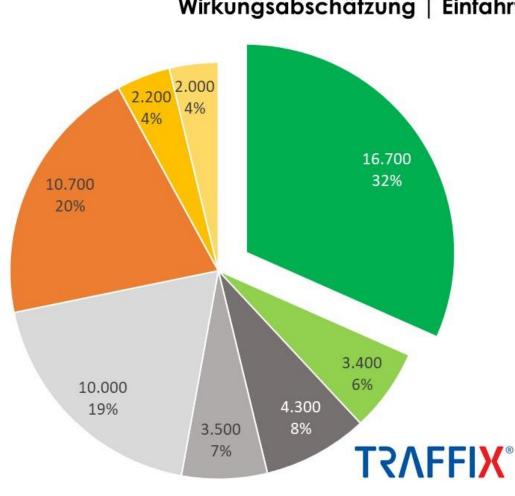


Traffic concept

Estimated effects:

Reduction of car entries: -15.000

35.000 entries are remaining



Wien 1., Innere Stadt: Zufahrtsregelungsmodell Wirkungsabschätzung | Einfahrten [Kfz/Werktag]



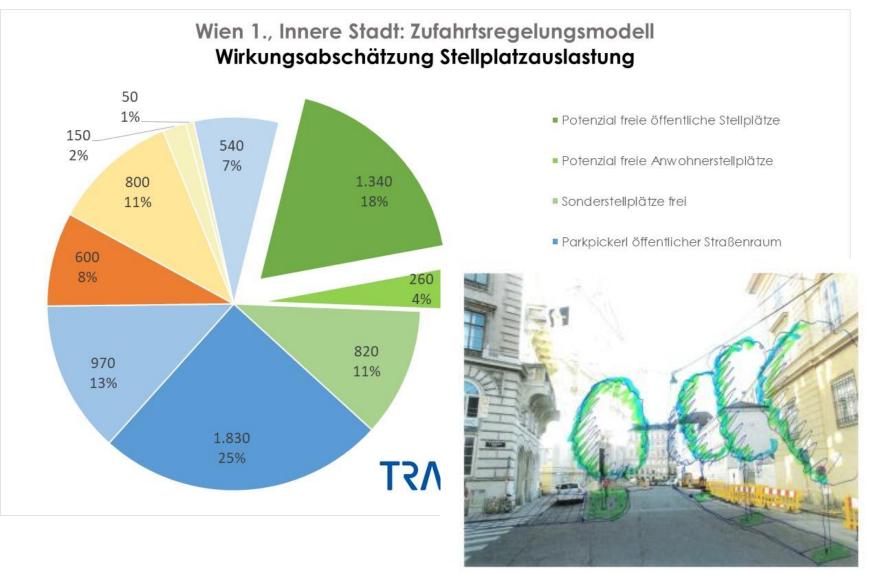


Traffic concept

Estimated effects:

1.500 parking space could be an be reused

5.500 parking spaces are remaining





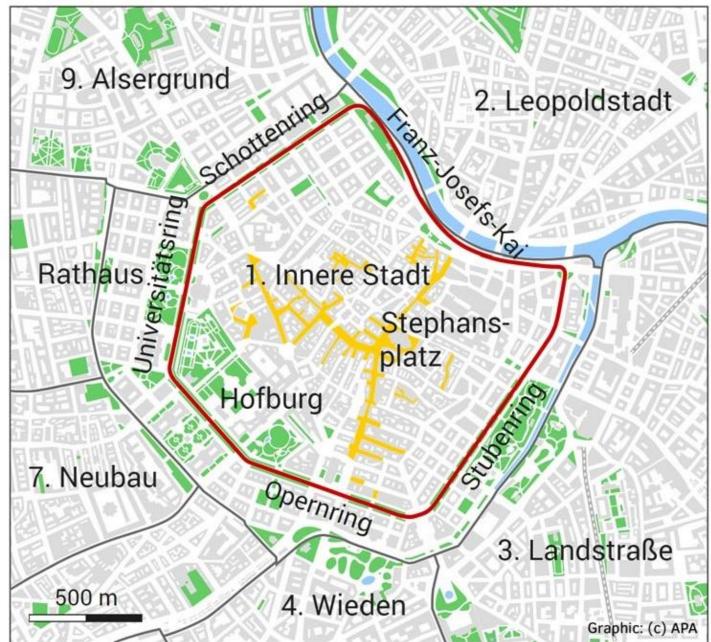
Vienna City Center Traffic concept

Political agreement

but

NO IMPLEMETATION

CCTV on street: waiting for new highway code – data protection issues



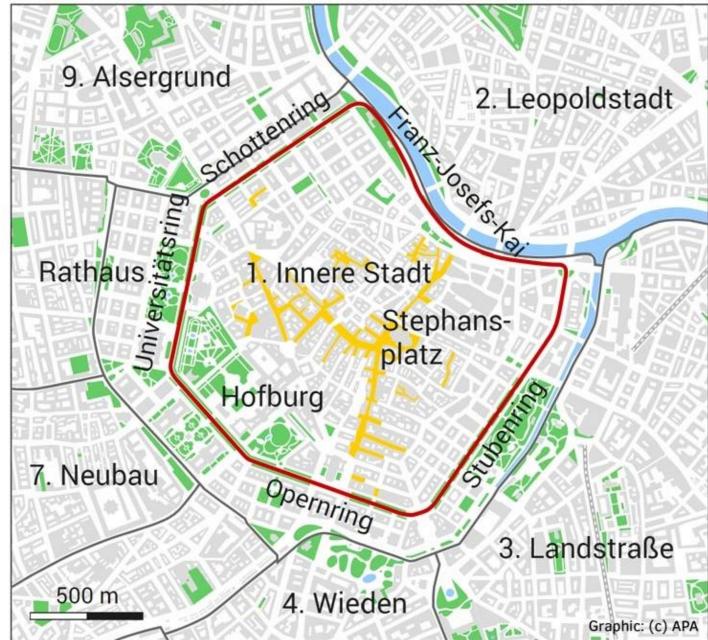


Vienna City Center Final questions

Is a vibrant city center possible with less than 35.000 car entries?

Is it possible to get rid of remaining 5.500 on street parking space?

...and maybe without CCTV?









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