



Rail changes the city

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Strasbourg LRT: Lessons learnt



Interesting history

1884 –Horse rail company

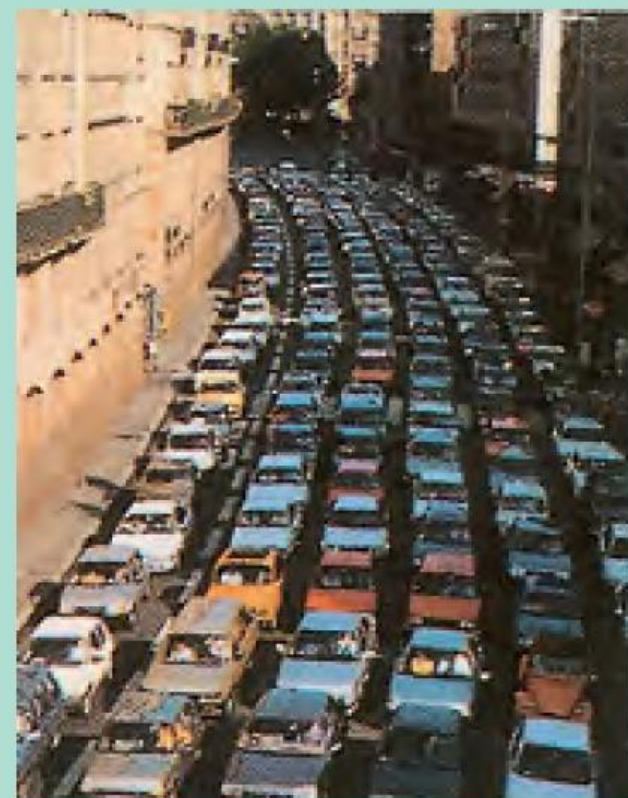
1930 –The decline of
tramways system began

1960 –The retirement

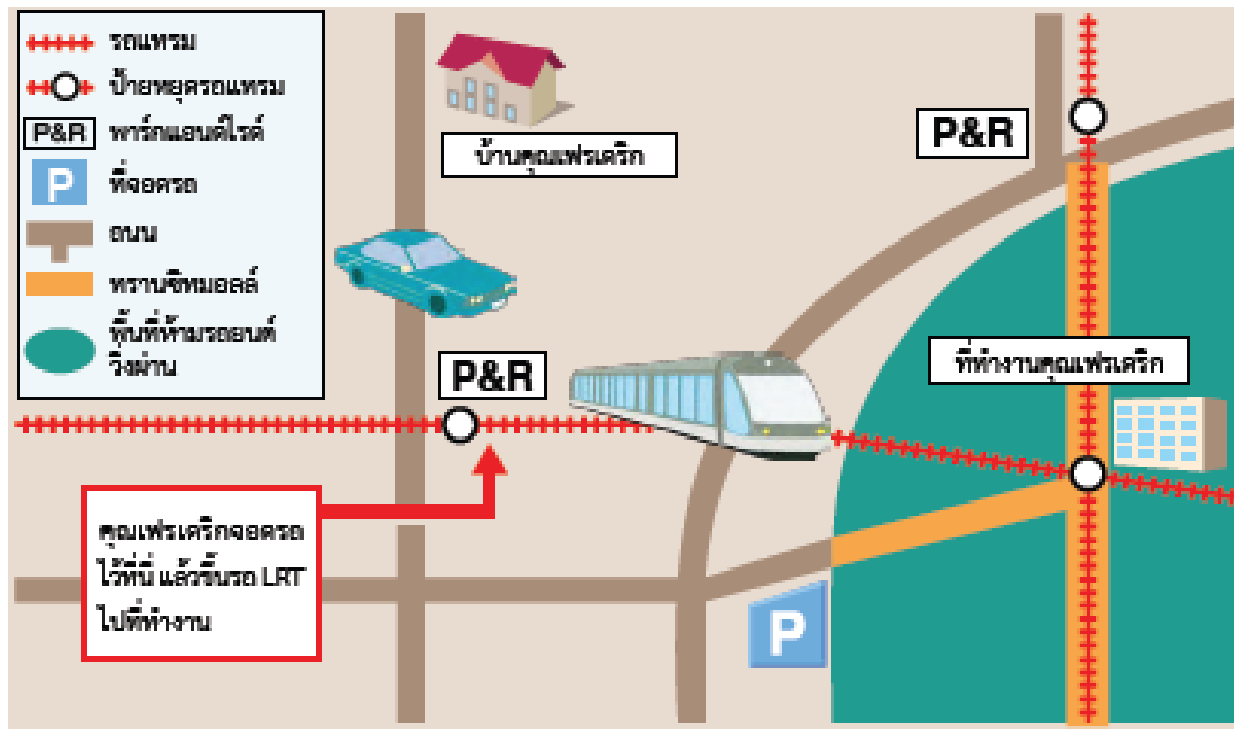
1994 –The tram was
reintroduced as part of the
redevelopment of the city



Indeed, the rationale behind the tramway's reintroduction was the perceived negative effect of the automobile's omnipresence in the city (pollution, congestion, disorderly parking).



The network's construction was accompanied by town planning operation with intention of promoting city centre access by tram.





- Access of the city centre was closed off to cars in 1992.



Reorganization of traffic and parking

- Park&ride facilities were also built near suburban stations in order to encourage motorists to use the tram.





Shopkeepers in the city centre were in favour of the system underground.

- Meanwhile, the opposition campaigning for the tramway emphasized its **cost-effective** relative to the metro (VAL system).
- 1 km of VAL track cost as much to build as 4 km of tramway



- In pedestrianized city centre, the tram shares space with pedestrians and bicycles.





- Tram & bus have their timetable coordinated to ensure transfer are always possible even in the late evening.

- Several different tickets available to satisfy different needs.

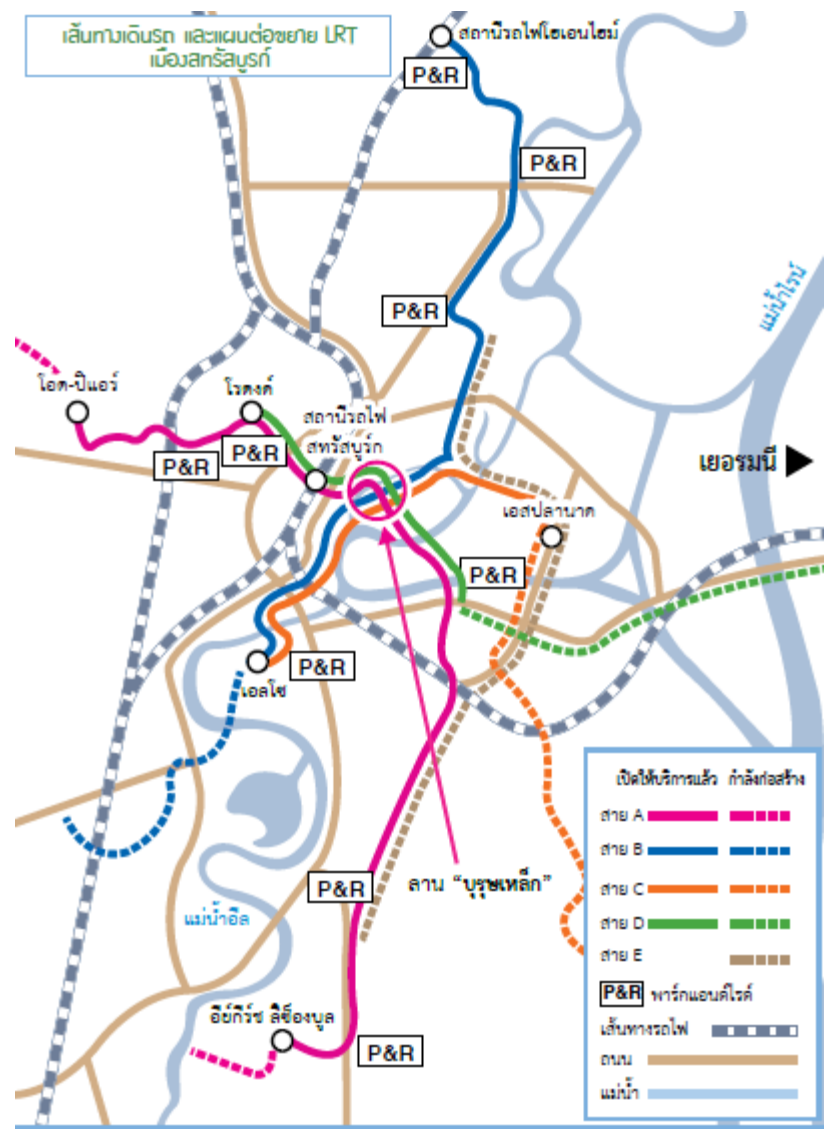






- In the suburbs, the tram shares the road with automobile, but trams are not subjected to the rules of the road.
- have priority over other traffic at all junctions.





Speed: 60 kph –suburban
20 kph –downtown







- 7 years old girl travel alone.

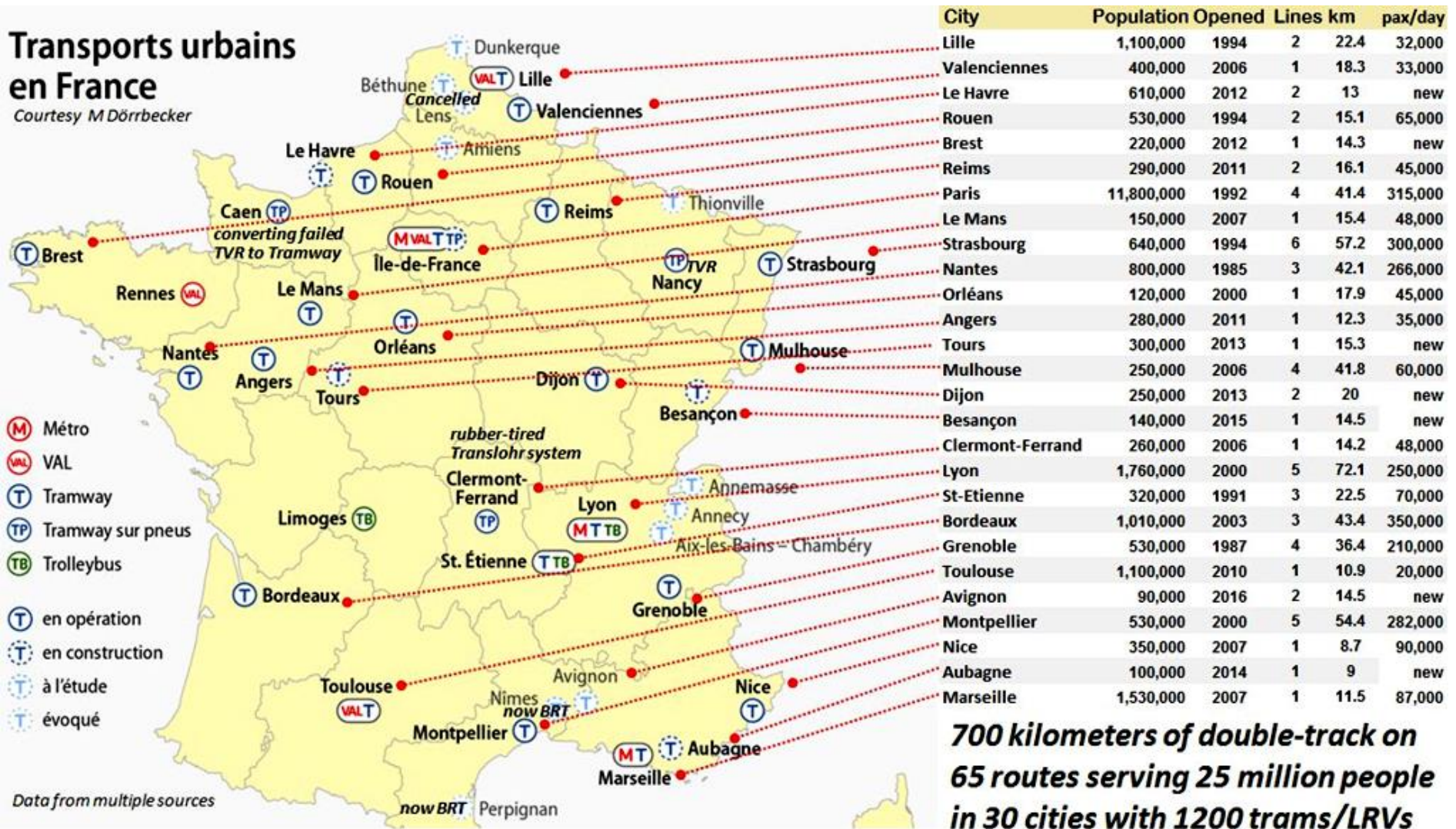


Costs

- 23.5 million euro per km
- More expensive than average
- The different is due to the significant urban renewal projects undertake in Strasbourg as part of the tramway's construction.
- → is heavily subsidized by local authorities.

Transports urbains en France

Courtesy M Dörrbecker



Twelve tramway cities have a population below 250,000, two below 100,000.

Table 6.1 Technical, operational, and system characteristics of rail transit modes^a

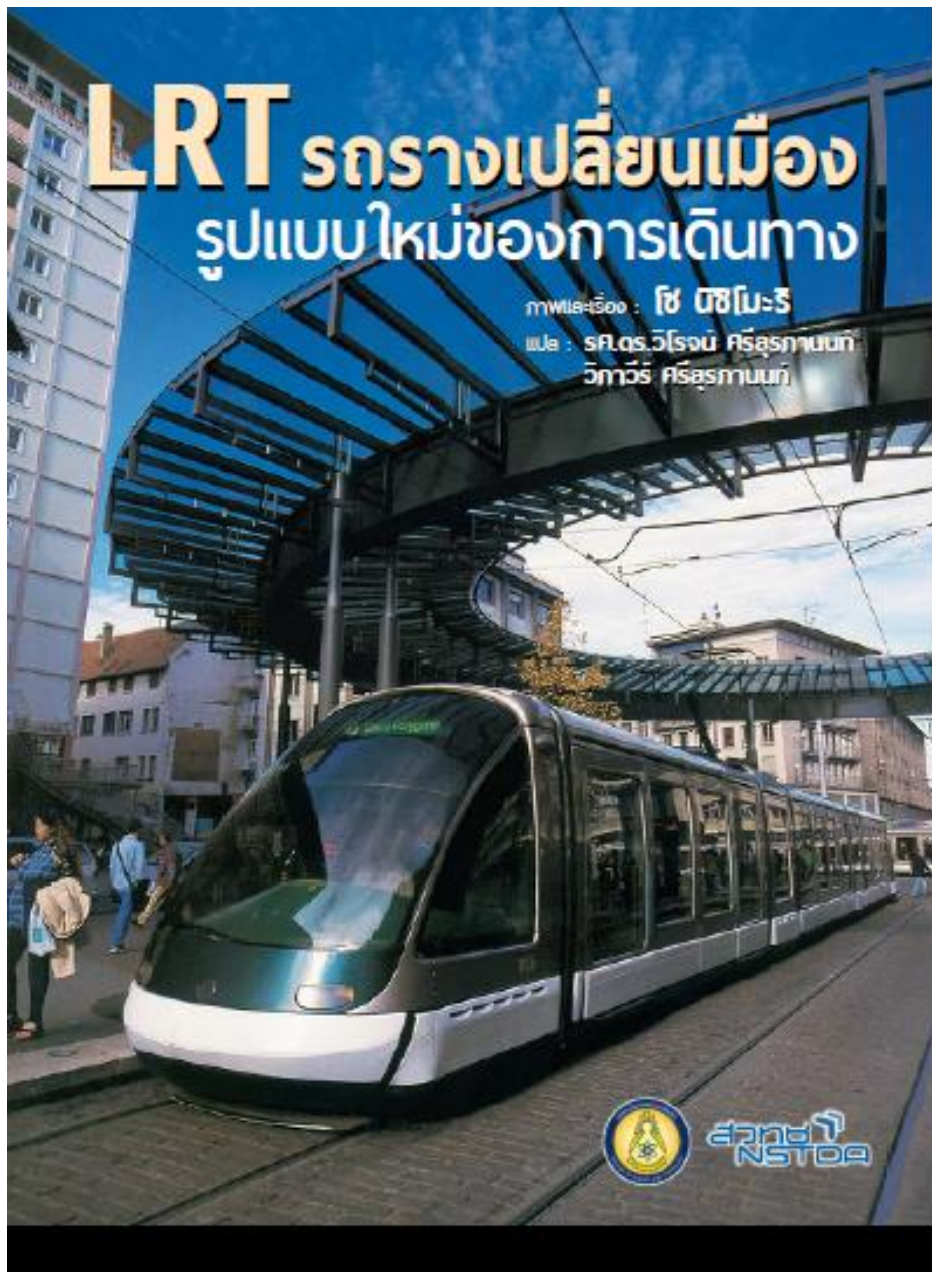
	<i>Streetcar/Tramway</i>	<i>Light Rail Transit</i>	<i>Rapid Transit</i>	<i>Regional Rail</i>
Vehicle/train characteristics				
Minimum operational unit	1	1 (4 to 10 axles)	1–3	1–3
Maximum train consist	3	2–4 (6 to 8 axles)	4–10	4–10
Vehicle length (m)	14–35	14–54	15–23	20–26
Floor height	Low/high	Low/high	High	High/low
Vehicle capacity (seats per vehicle)	22–40	25–80	32–84	80–175
Vehicle capacity (total spaces per vehicle)	100–250	110–350	140–280	140–210
Fixed facilities				
Exclusive ROW (% of length)	0–40	40–90	100	100
Vehicle control	Manual/visual	Manual/signal	Signal/ATC	Signal
Fare collection: self-service or:	On vehicle	On vehicle/at station	At station	At station/on vehicle
Power supply	Overhead	Overhead	Third rail/overhead	Overhead/third rail/diesel
Stations				
Platform height	Low	Low or high	High	High or low
Access control	None	None or full	Full	None or full
Operational characteristics				
Maximum speed (km/h)	60–70	60–120	80–120	80–130
Operating speed (km/h)	12–20	18–50	25–60	40–75
Maximum frequency				
Peak hour, joint section (TU/h)	60–120	40–90	20–40	10–30
Off-peak, single line (TU/h)	5–12	5–12	5–12	1–6
Capacity (prs/h)	4000–15,000	6000–20,000	10,000–60,000	8000–45,000
Reliability	Low-medium	High	Very high	Very high
System aspects				
Network and area coverage	Extensive, good coverage	Good CBD coverage, Branching common	Predominantly radial: good CBD coverage	Radial, limited CBD but good suburban coverage
Station spacing (m)	250–500	350–1600	500–2000	1200–7000
Average trip length	Short to medium	Medium to long	Medium to long	Long
Relationship to other modes in addition to walking	Can feed higher-capacity modes	P+R, K+R, Bus feeders	P+R, K+R, Bus & LRT feeders	Outlying: P+R, K+R, Bus

Characteristics	Type \ Mode	Tramway - Streetcar	Light Rail	LRRT	Rapid Transit	Regional Rail
Right-of-way separation	None	■				
	Some		■		■	■
	Grade crossing only	■				
	Full		■	■	■	■
Max no. of cars/train	1-3	■	■	■		■
	4-10		■	■	■	■
Station platform	Low	■	■			■
	High		■	■	■	■
Power pick-up	Overhead	■	■	■	■	■
	Third rail		■	■	■	■
	(Diesel)		■	■		■
Vehicle travel control	Driver/visual	■	■			
	Permissive signals		■	■	■	■
	Forced stop signals		■	■	■	■
	Automatic		■	■	■	■
Max. vehicle speed	≤ 70 km/h	■				
	71-100 km/h		■	■	■	■
	> 100 km/h		■	■	■	■

Figure 6.1 Basic characteristics of rail transit modes

Trams in Thailand

- 1888 began
- 1968 retired
- Will it come back somewhere in Thailand?



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