



**THE GREAT AMERICAN
TRANSIT DISASTER**

A Century of Austerity, Auto-Centric Planning,
and White Flight

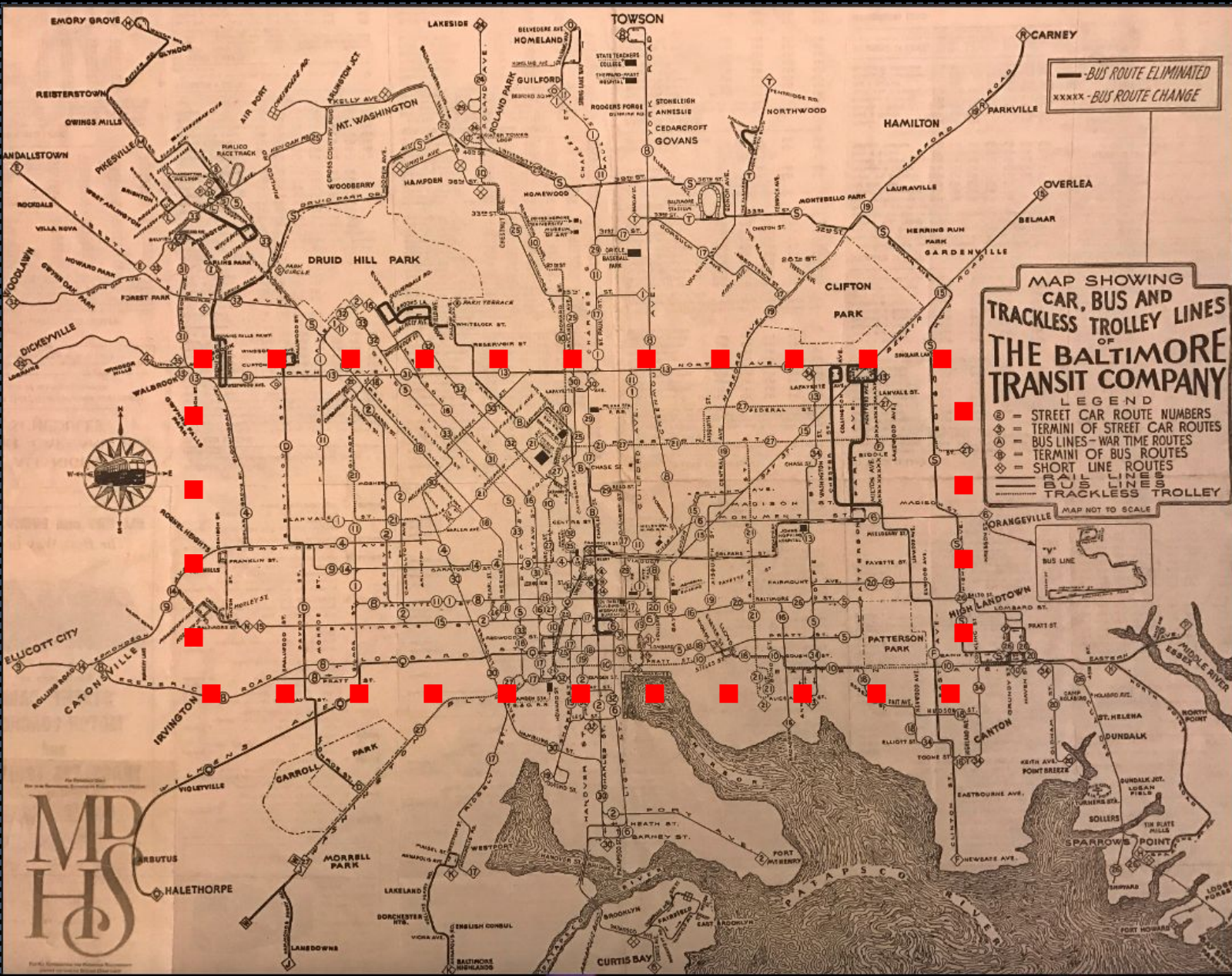
NICHOLAS DAGEN BLOOM

**Why is the United States
such an outlier in
mass transit quality?**

The social, political, institutional,
and economic context
of transit operations destroyed
American transit quality.

Private Unsubsidized Transit
Typical Transit System, pre-1970

BALTIMORE



Baltimore Transit Co. (Maryland) System Map 1945



<https://ghostsofbaltimore.org/2019/02/21/amazing-lost-baltimore-streetcars/>



Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, circa 1925. Maryland Historical Society



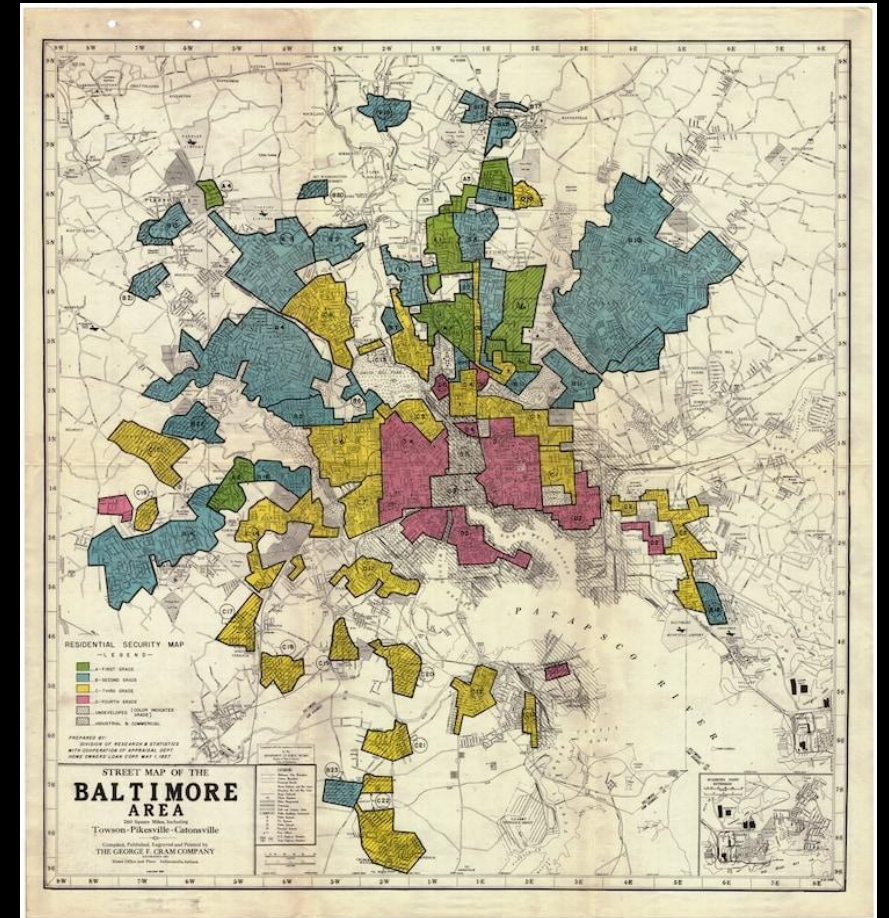
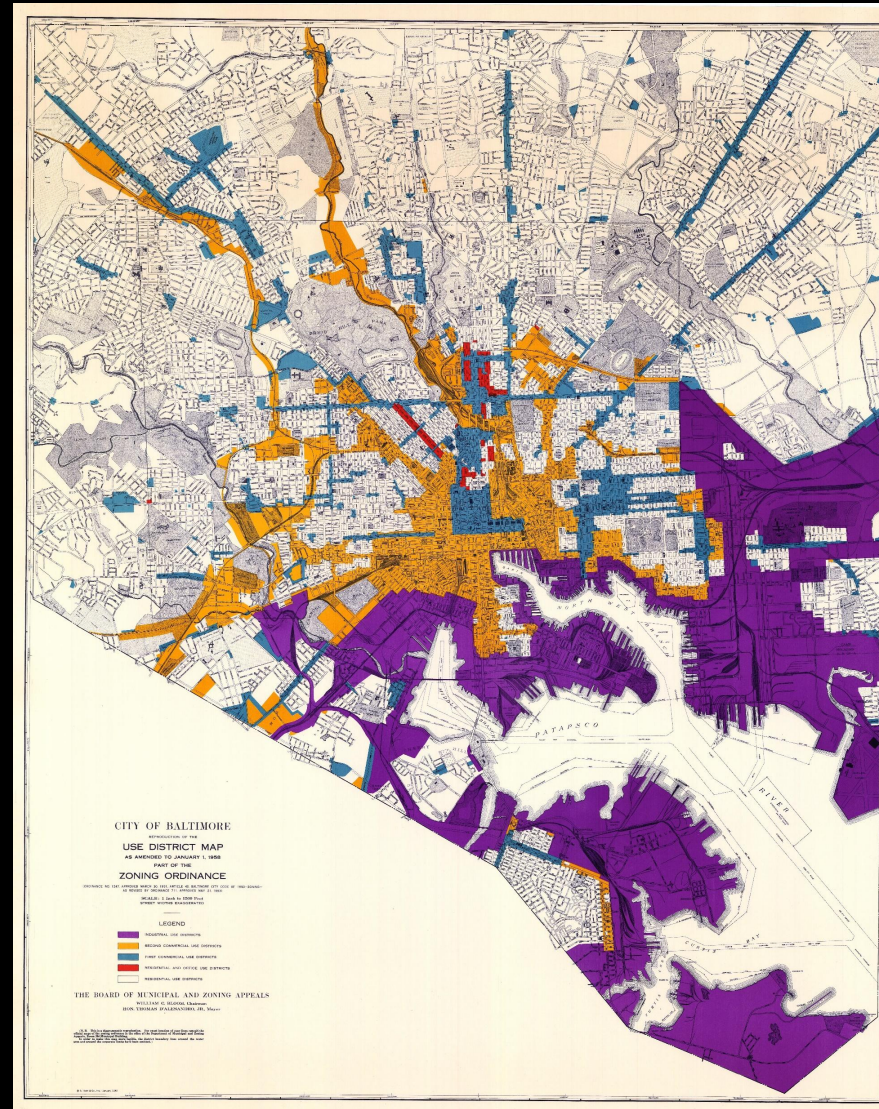
Roland Park, St. Albans Way at Upnor Road, 1925
IMAGE: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, SHERIDAN LIBRARIES,
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

THE 1920s AUTO BOOM

INTERWAR ANTI-TRANSIT PLANNING

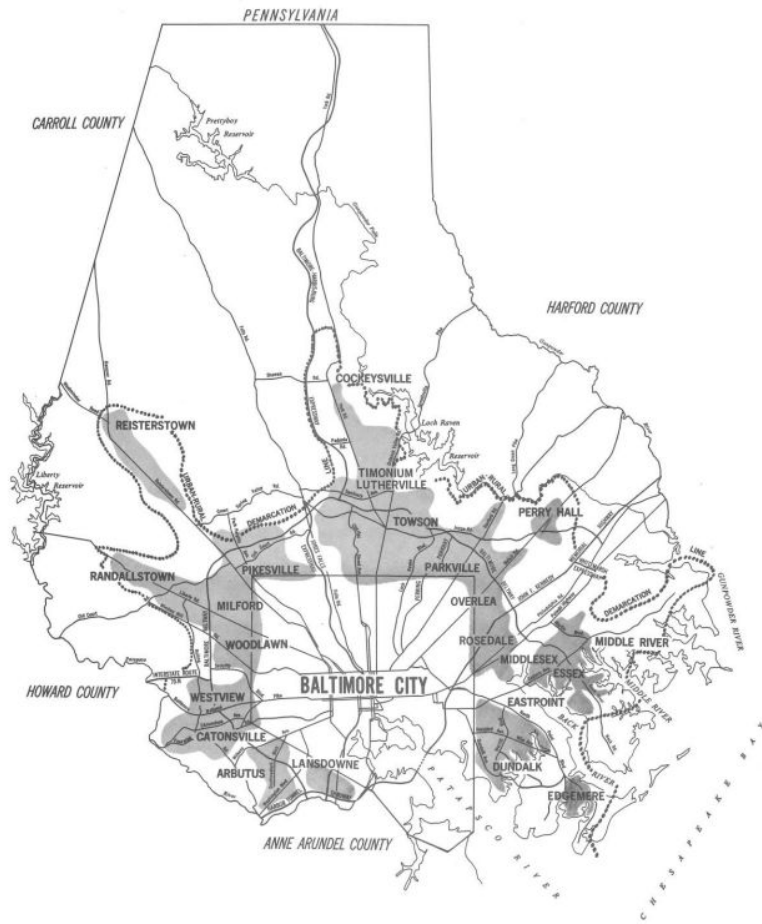
LOW DENSITY ZONING

REDLINING



SUBURBAN WHITE FLIGHT

CITY CAR OWNERSHIP RISES



URBAN COMMUNITIES IN BALTIMORE COUNTY

BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING
FEBRUARY 1968

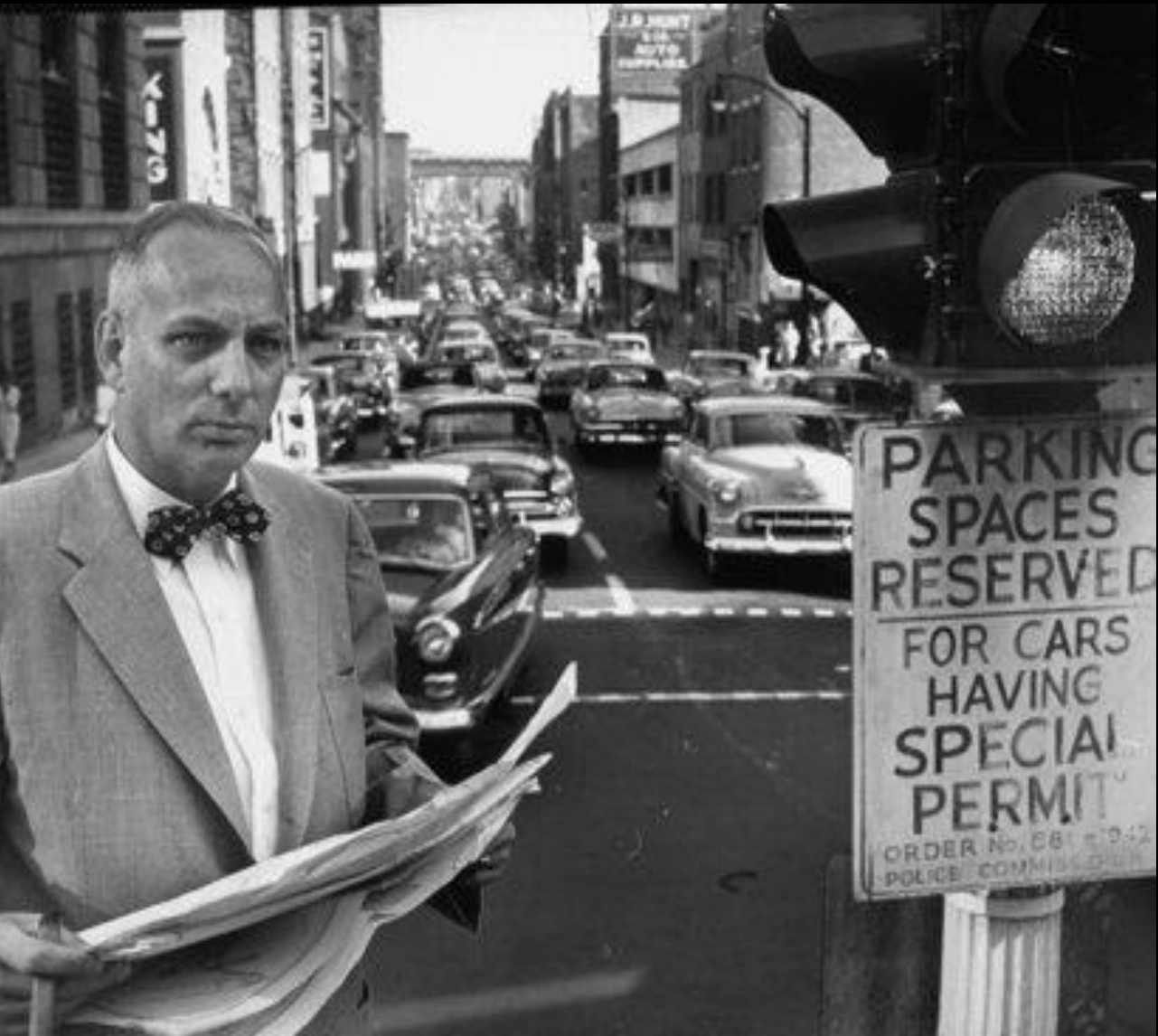
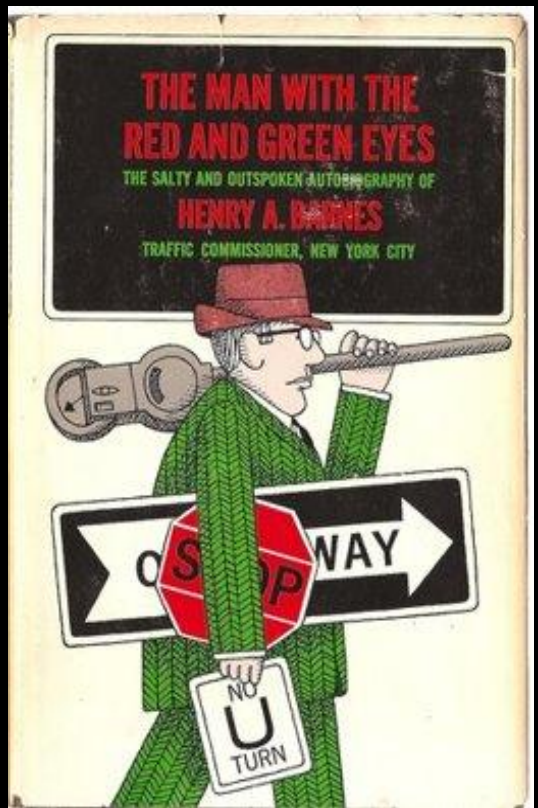
Map of "Urban Communities in Baltimore County," from *Planning in Baltimore County: An Information Booklet* (Office of Planning and Zoning, Towson, Maryland, 1968), p. 4.
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Westview Park development, aerial view of area west of Beltway, c. 1965. Photo by Morton Tadder.
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Anti-Transit Baltimore City Leaders

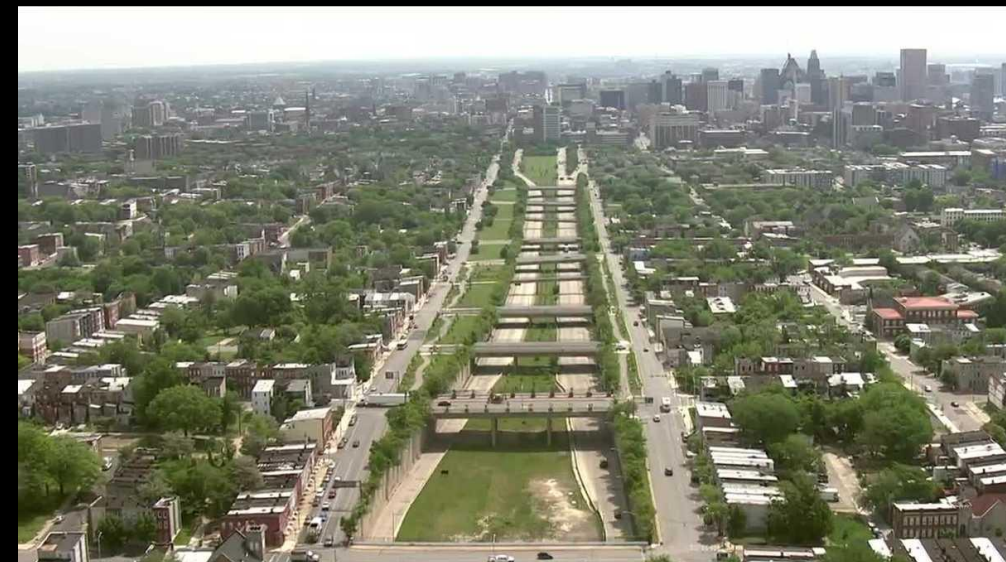
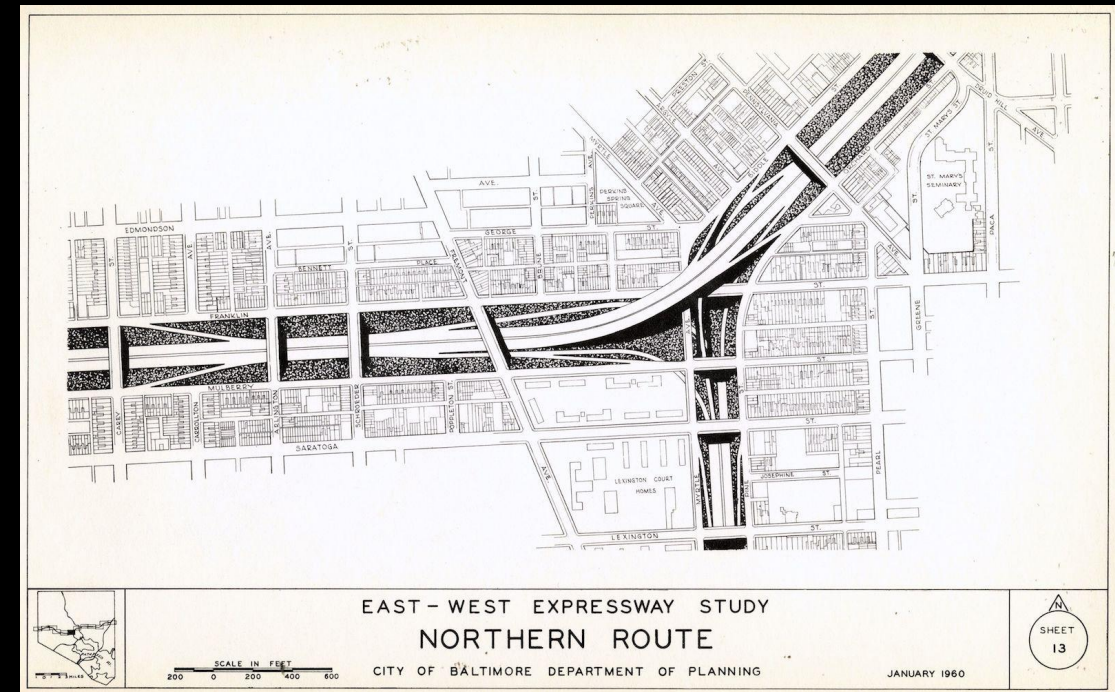
City-Supported Streetcar Replacement
Public Ownership Rejected Until 1970
No Public Subsidies
Park Taxes on Transit



AUTO-CENTRIC PLANNING: HIGHWAYS

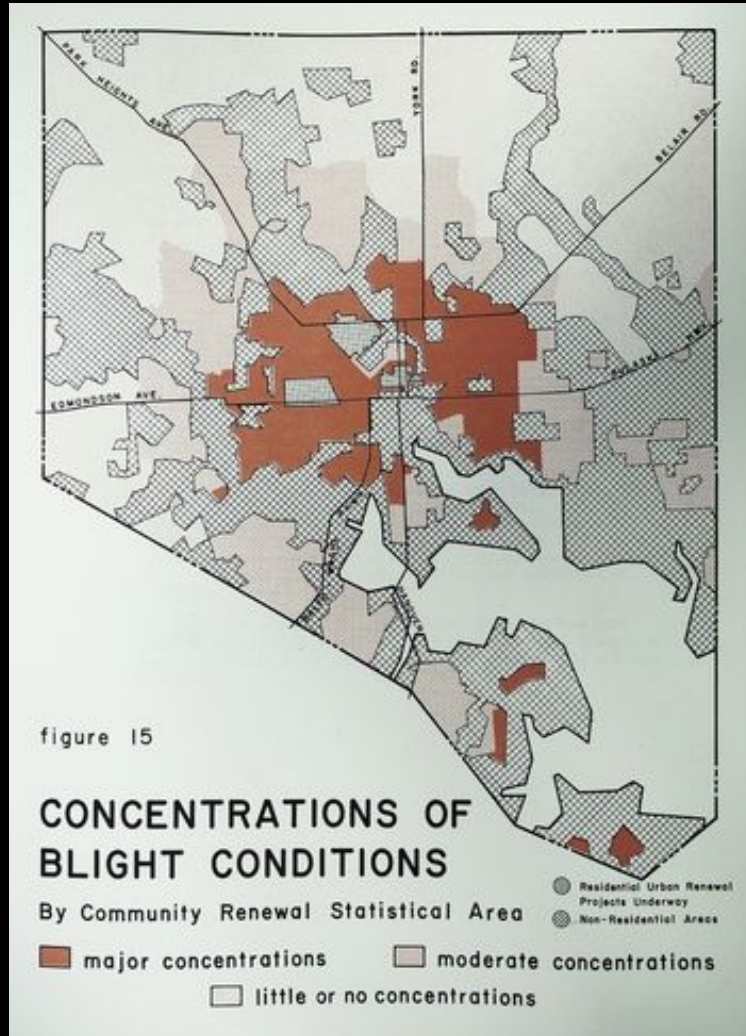


1961, Roads to the Future



<https://baltimoreheritage.org/programs/harlem-park/>

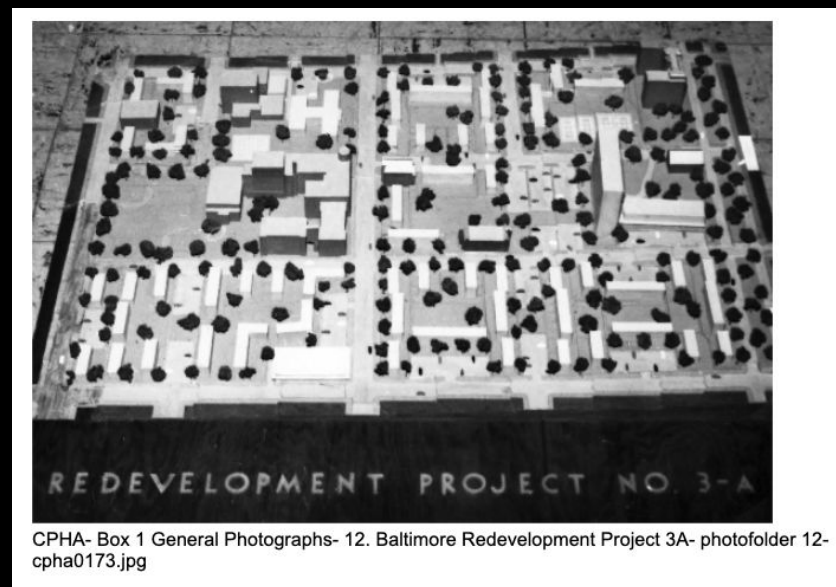
TRANSIT NEIGHBORHOOD DESTRUCTION: NEIGHBORHOOD URBAN RENEWAL = Density Reduction, Rider Disruption



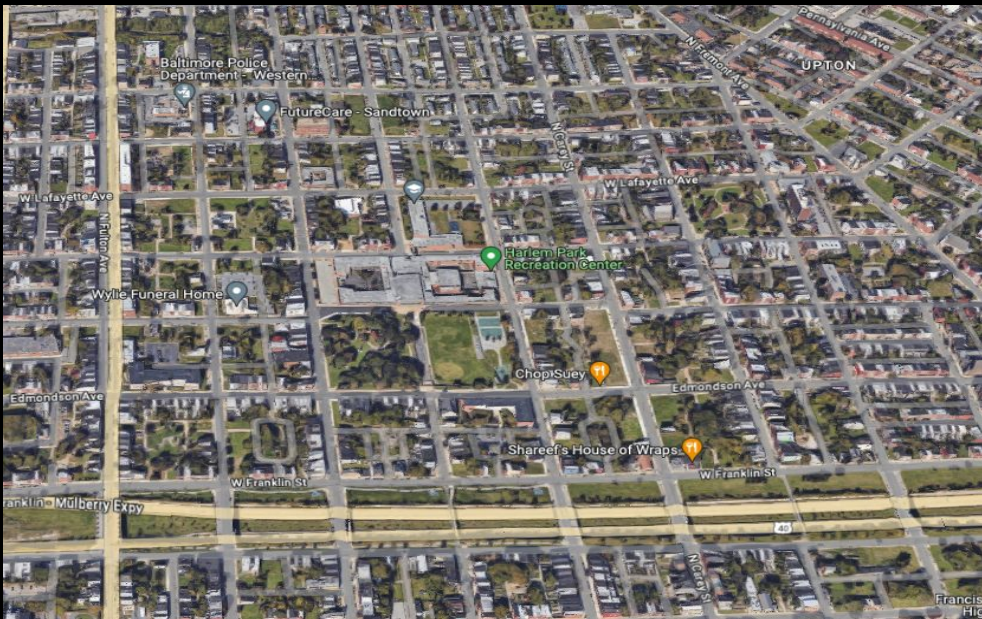
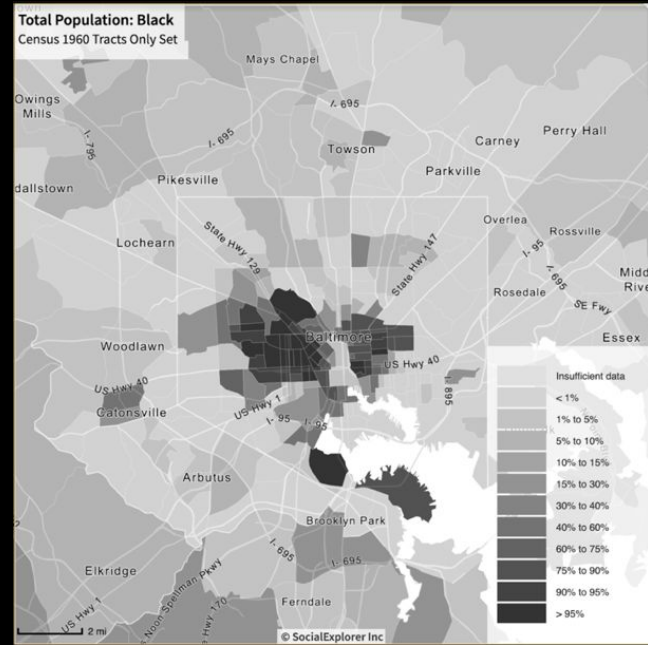
Published in 'Inventory of Residential Blight' in 1964 by BURHA, available from the Baltimore City Archives, call number RG48 S2 box 10.



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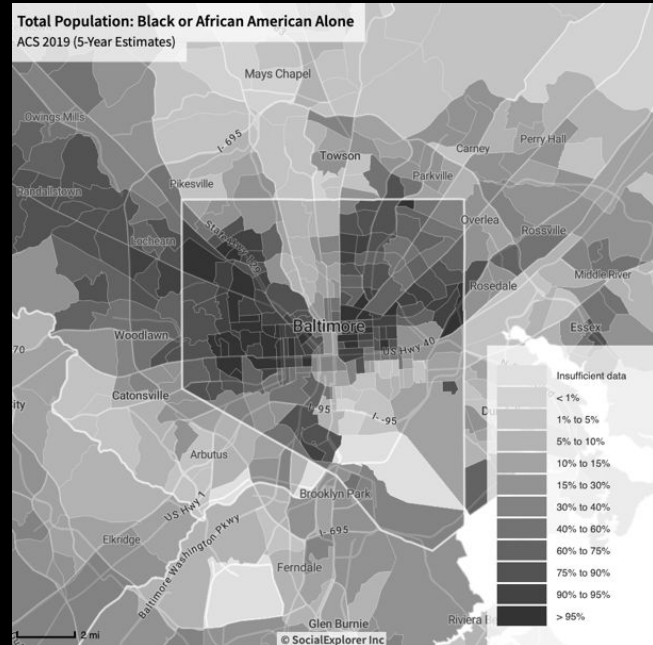


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WEST BALTIMORE

Google maps



Social Explorer

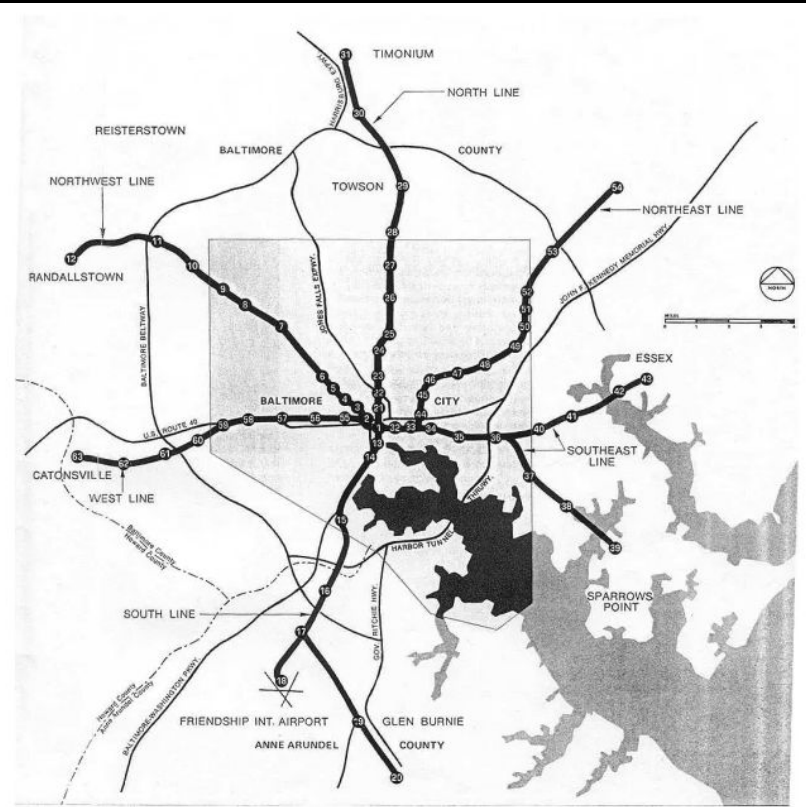
Unsubsidized Transit Company Collapse



Baltimore City Transit Company bus, 1964
Light Street and Redwood Street, Baltimore, Maryland
Maryland Historical Society

Private Transit Management
(National City Lines/Baltimore Transit
Company)
Streetcar Substitution

Rapid Fare Increases
Rapid Bus Service Reduction
Deferred Maintenance
Limited Expansion/Modernization



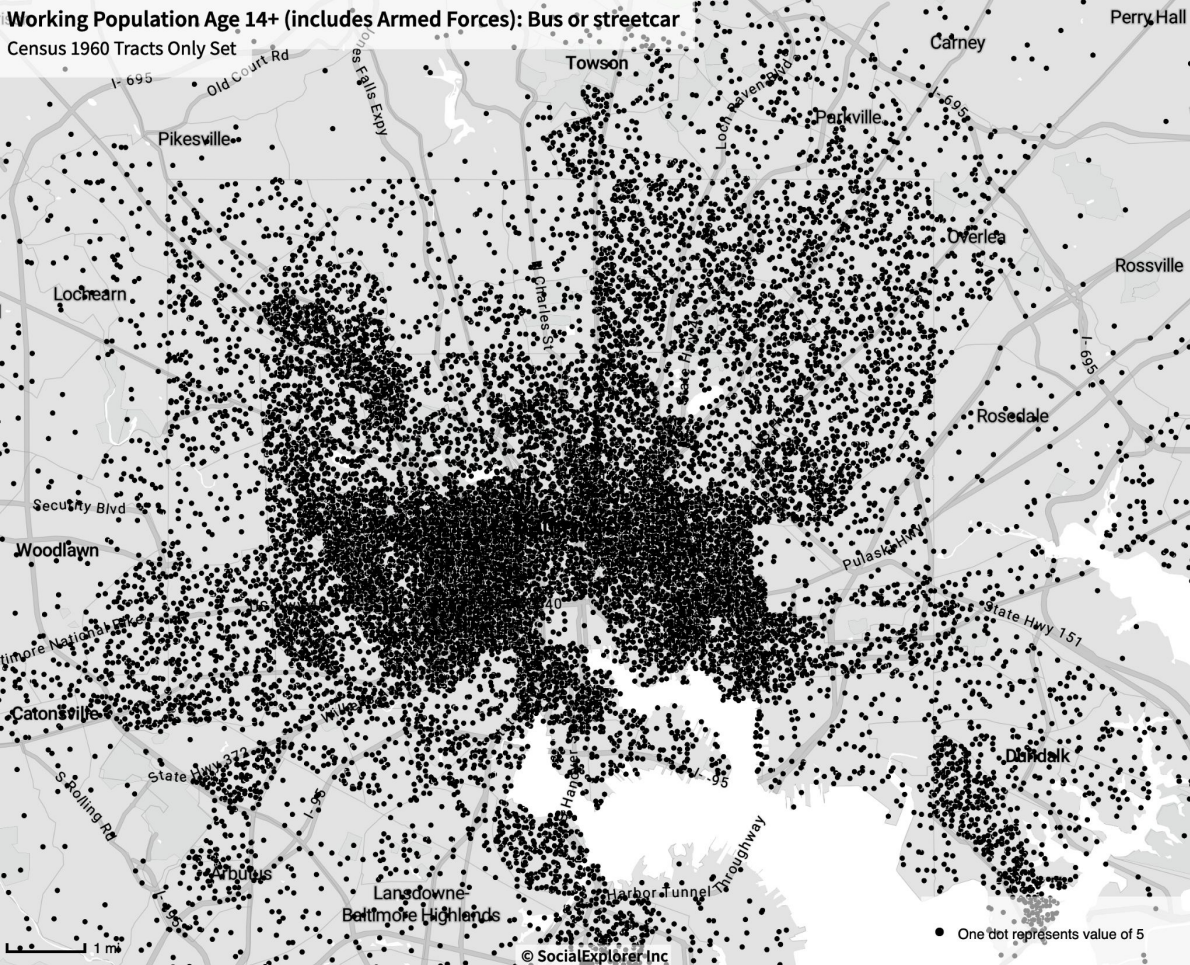
1. Baltimore Region rapid transit system routes and station locations.
 Map of the proposed Regional Rapid Transit System.

<http://www.roadstothefuture.com/BRRTS.html>

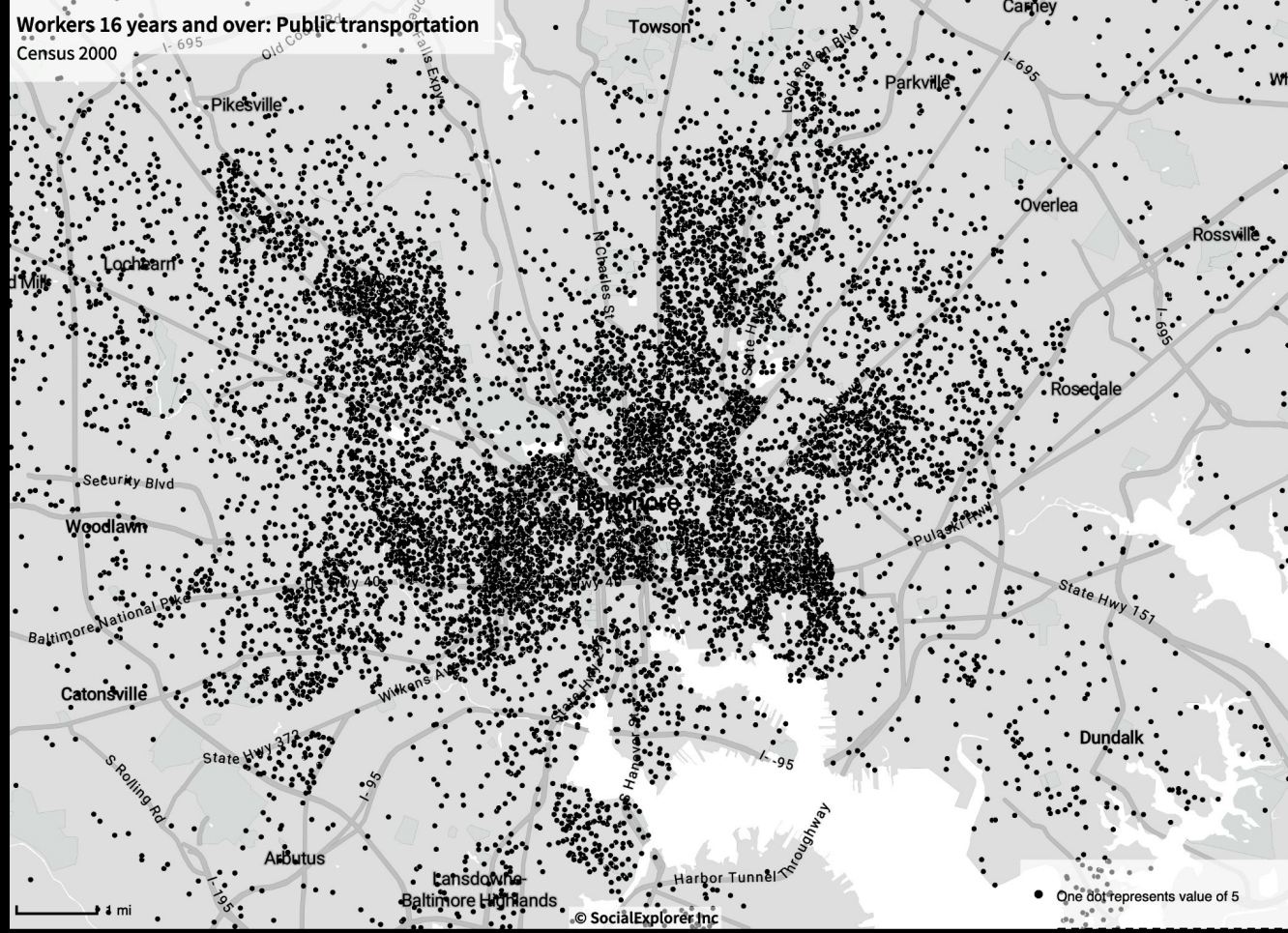


SUBURBAN PRIORITY PUBLIC TRANSIT, 1970- RAPID TRANSIT AND LIGHT RAIL

IMPACT: RIDERSHIP LOST



1960



2000

WINNER OF THE 2015 AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION
NEW YORK METRO CHAPTER JOURNALISM AWARD

POLITICS ACROSS THE HUDSON



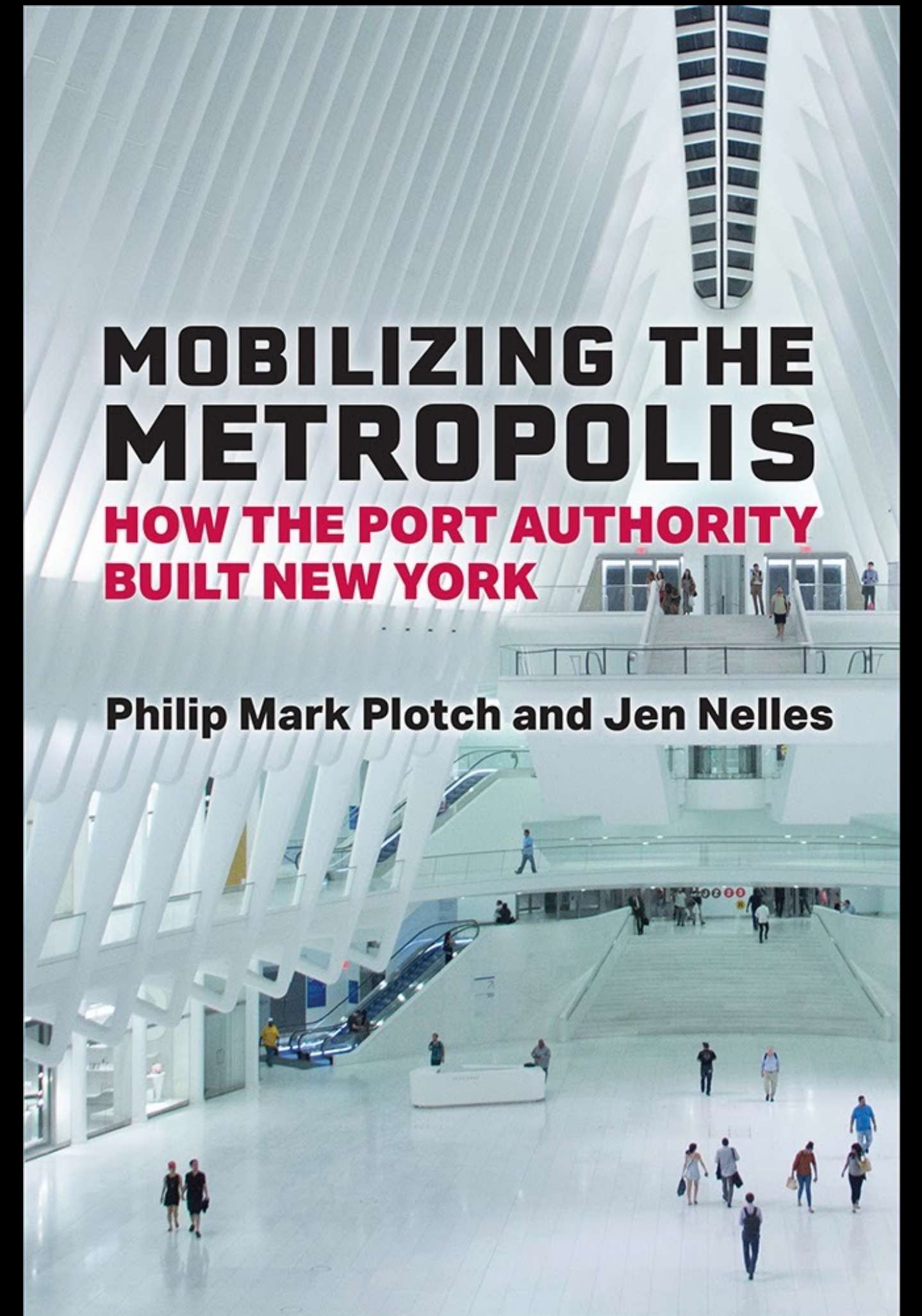
THE TAPPAN ZEE MEGAPROJECT
REVISED AND UPDATED

PHILIP MARK PLOTCH

Last Subway

The Long Wait
for the Next Train
in New York City

Philip Mark Plotch



MOBILIZING THE METROPOLIS

HOW THE PORT AUTHORITY
BUILT NEW YORK

Philip Mark Plotch and Jen Nelles

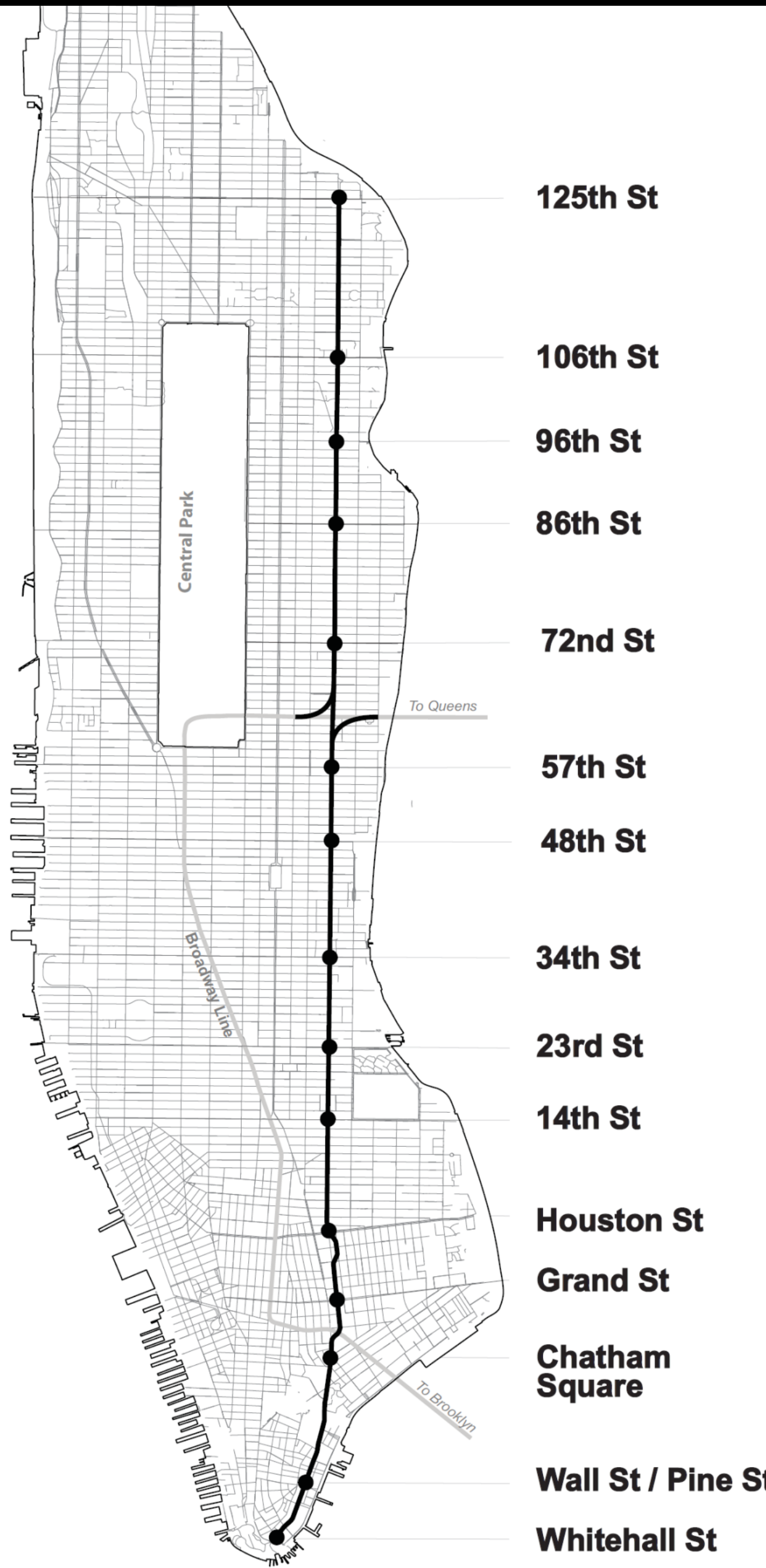


- 1920s
- 1930s
- 1940s
- 1950s
- 1960s
- 1970s
- 1980s
- 1990s
- 2000s
- 2010s
- 2020s
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The Charlie Brown of Subways

Rocketteller and Lindsay Break Ground for 2d Avenue Subway



Legacy and Lesson from the 1960s



Stars Aligned: 2002 Announcement

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Completion Dates</i>
1	2010
2	2014
3	2014
4	2020

Gov. Andrew Cuomo accelerated opening.

\$1.25 • NYDailyNews.com METRO FINAL Partly sunny, 33/22, Monday, December 19, 2016

DAILY NEWS

NEW YORK'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

LION TAMERS GIANTS NEAR PLAYOFFS: SPORTS

ZSA ZSA DEAD HOLLYWOOD LEGEND WAS 99: PAGE 3



Gov. Cuomo walks through a newly rebuilt Second Ave. subway station at 2nd St.

GOV'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

- Vows 2nd Ave. subway to open Jan. 1
- Gives Daily News exclusive tour **PAGES 4-6**
- Invites Blaz to join him for inaugural ride

PHOTO: JEFFREY M. HARRIS



**January 1,
2017**

Subway's Summer of Hell (2017)

NEW YORK POST Page Six
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2017 / Sunny, 87° / Weather: P. 26 • • • • \$1.00

FOR F'S SAKE, FIX THE SUBWAYS!
Heat's on Cuomo after another hellish day

Signal problems again ground the subway system to a halt yesterday, as New Yorkers begged for relief. **PLUS: 5 THINGS THAT NEED TO CHANGE, PAGES 4-7**



DAILY NEWS SPORTS FINAL Mostly sunny, 80/67, Wednesday, June 28, 2017
NEW YORK CITY TOWN NEWSPAPER

DON'T CARE PRES 'OK' AS HEALTH BILL FLOPS — PAGES 4-5
MET LOSS PITCHER DEAD AT 51 — SEE SPORTS

Terrified baby Yusef is cradled by an EMT Tuesday after harrowing A train derailed caused major damage to train and tracks in Harlem (above).

AGONY PAGES 6-8

- Train derails, dozens hurt in smoky chaos
- Mayor, gov no-shows after latest MTA fail

EXCLUSIVE Motorman tells News his story



Are Sexy Projects Worth It?



Antique equipment



Chipping lead paint



Prepared for
climate change?



Prepared for fire or
terrorist attack?