Lessons from Scandinavia

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- Met with Troels Andersen and Ole Lund of TTS in Odense, Denmark on 5/26/08
- Odense has been designated as Denmark's "Cykel City"
- Troels and Ole shared innovative design features marketed by TTS.



Bicycle Column Traffic Counter



Urban Equipment / Cyclism Bicycle Column TTS has developed an intelligent column for use in an urban environment. The column counts the traffic of cyclist passing the column. It count the daily and the yearly traffic, and shows the number of cyclist passing the previous year. The data is saved in a PLC and can be used for statistic use. This is a good way to improve the experience of a bit wile trip. Single or doublesided Installation: Material: Electrical inst: 230V Color: Standard RAL color of customer choice Detectors are connected with the loops Foils Reflex foil - Class 3 Foundation: Steel foundation is incl. Text, logo and scale by customer choice Casted with concrete on sight (900mm) Datacollection: Cable is connected directly to PLC in column Delivery Assembled 3 psc 2-channels detectors Option: With anti graffiti paint With more detectors

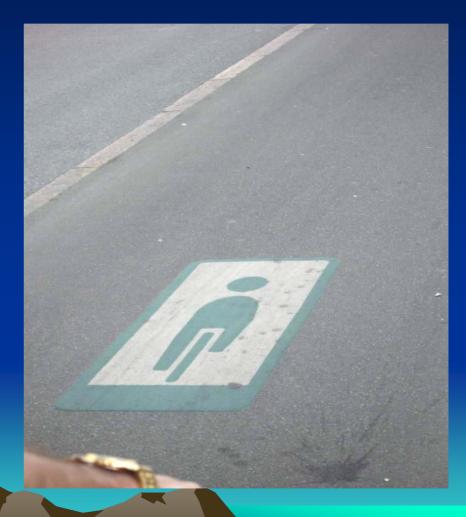
Green Wave



- Minimizes red light stops for bicyclists
- Limited to specific corridors and times of day
- Used in Copenhagen and Odense, Denmark
- Cyclists pedal at posted speed to catch green signals en route.
- Green and red light signaling posts en route

Green Wave Signs and Symbols





TTS Compressed Air Pump



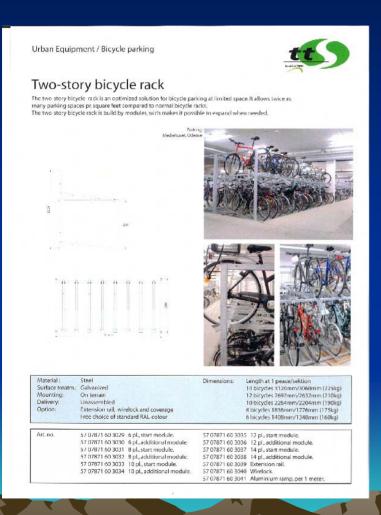


TTS Compressed Air Pump



 Ole Lund of TTS says placement of compressed air pump at bicycle parking garages tells cyclists' "We care about you"

Two-story bicycle rack



- For high demand bicycle parking locations
- Saves space
- Easy to lift front wheel of bike to top tier wheel rail

Two-story bicycle rack



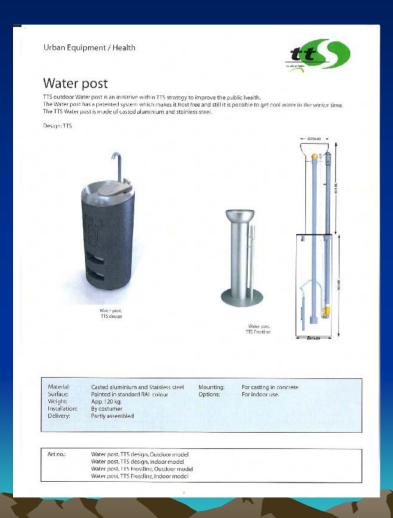
- Movable tire rail track grasps front bike tire
- Top level parking is easy for even petite bicyclists

TTS Bicycle Pavement Lock





TTS Year Round Outdoor Drinking Fountain



- Marketed as a public health strategy
- Patented frost-free system allows cool drinking water in winter time
- Waterline plumbing extends below soil frost line

Cyclists' Speed Display Sign



- Permanent Speed Display
- Marketed by TTS as making cyclists feel like part of the traffic flow
- Could be used on shared use paths (e.g. Capital Crescent Trail?)

See-Me RFID Technology





SEE-MI



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See-mi technology

See mi is a technology that facilitates communication between lorries, bicycles and traffic lights at dangerous junctions. By means of this communication, the driver at right turning lorry is made aware of the risk of cyclists on his right side. This gives the driver an additional possibility of avoiding dangerous situations. The see-mi technology works as follows: When a bicycle approaches a junction, a signal is transmitted from the bicycle to a receiver installed on the traffic lights of the junction.

This activates a specially designed light signal, which is positioned at the lorry driver's eye level. The signal informs him that there are cyclists on his right side or in front of the lorry and that he should pay extra attention.

The See-mi technology can be adopted to the particular coverage area. It is possible to cover the centire area along the right side of the lorry including any blind angles that the lorry driver might have. Additionally, it is possible to cover areas in front of the lorry where cyclists might hide out of the driver's field of vision. The See-mi technology that is to be placed on the bicycles is incorporated into the bicycle's compulsory reflector.







Bike Equipped See-Mi Reflectors





Good reflectors are not always enough

Normal, good-quality bicycle reflectors are designed to reflect light. See-mi reflectors also reflect light, but provide far greater additional protection for cyclists in dangerous areas such as at traffic lights.

A See-mi reflector looks just like a normal bicycle reflector that goes on the front of your bike. It is the same size and is fitted in the normal way. Apart from fitting it to the bike, users do not need to do anything to make the reflector active.

The extra protection is a result of the active See-mi reflector being linked to the See-mi system. When a bicycle approaches a traffic light equipped with the See-mi technology, the reflector will be activated. This starts a communication between the bicycle and sensors in the traffic light. Special cyclist signals in the traffic lights will then warn car drivers of bicycles on their right-hand side. The See-mi system uses RFID technology. The reflector contains insulf RFID components that enable it to communicate with RFID equipment installed in the traffic lights.

The reflector is battery-operated, but only uses the battery when it is activated near a traffic light. When used normally, the battery has a life span of up to four years. A small device will indicate when battery is low. Normal use is defined as approximately 10

km daily cycling during which the reflector is activated 20 times.



Sce-mi reflector



Reflector without See-mi





They have noticed us already

See-mi has had quite a bit of media coverage already. There is great interest in the problem of accidents caused by right turns. Both in Denmark and internationally, there is a strong interest in finding an innovative solution, and RFID technology is being discussed in connection with the big problem of right-turning lorries whose drivers cannot see eyclists on their right sides due to blind spots.

Newspapers and magazines:

Newspapers and ungadenes: Business, dk, 27 December 2007 Comon, 12 December 2007 Ingenisren, 12 December 2007 Djurslandsposten, 14 December 2007 Arhus Stiffstidende, 15 June 2006 Erhvervshludel, 21 June 2006 Erhvervshludel, 21 June 2006

TV

See-mi in Go' morgen Danmark, January 2008 Sco-mi in the TV2 news, December 2007

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The wide coverage has led to several presentations in Denmark and internationally, and the See-mi test has put Grena on the world map.

Dan Jorgens

Dan Jørgensen, a member of the European Parliament for the Danish Social Democrats, has followed the See-mi project with interest for a long time.

Dan Jørgensen states:

"I am happy and proud of the test in Grend and believe that this system can potentially save lives. It would be wonderful if we could help popularise a system that can save lives in traffic in all countries."

Read more on the internet

- · www.idzone.dk/see-mi.html
- www.curodrivers.dk
- http://www.treehugger.com/aut hors/index.php?author-april
- http://www.treehugger.com/file s/2007/12/rfid lights up.php
- http://www.psfk.com/2007/12/s
 ce-mi-helps-cyclists-staysafe.html
- http://www.psfk.com/author/ch ristine-huang/
- http://www.velorution.biz/?p=1 396
- http://www.rfidweblog.de/con tributors.php

Truck Mounted Bike Warning Sign



- Green sign on truck reads, "Bicyclists if you cannot see my mirrors I cannot see you."
- Warns bicyclists to stay out of driver's blind spots

I Bike Copenhagen





Why Bike CPH?



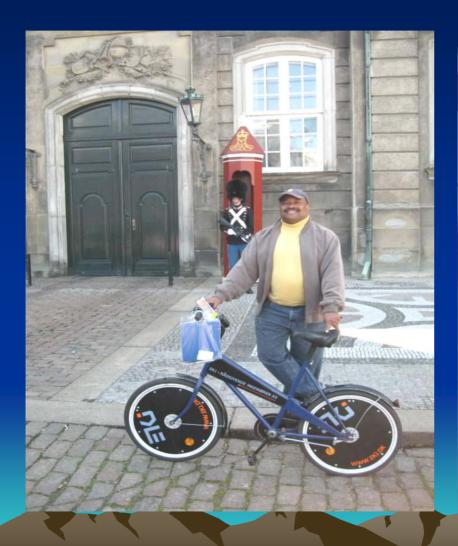
- Danish tax laws impose 200% sales tax on cars
- Fuel is the equivalent of \$9.00 plus per gallon
- City has great bicycling and public transit facilities
- CPH is very walkable

Copenhagen Public Use Bicycle





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CPH Public Use Bicycles





Bicycle Favoritism in CPH

- One-way street sign is for motorists only
- Bicyclists may travel in both directions



Family Friendly Bicycling in Copenhagen



Copenhagen Bike Facilities



- Blue Bike Lanes at intersections
- Rail-to-Trail Bike Path Bridge



Major Bike/Ped Only Bridge in Copenhagen





Copenhagen Weather Building







Specialized Danish Bicycles





Overflowing bike parking in CPH





Copenhagen Public Works Communications



Du står midt i et udviklingsprojekt! I det kommende år igangsætter Københavns Kommune seks markante initiativer i Metropolzonen. Initiativerne skal gøre Københavns centrum til et unikt storbyhjerte. Ambitionen er, at Metropolzonen både skal være et sted københavnerne bruger i hverdagen og byens visitkort, der viser hele verden, hvad København vil stå for i det 21. århundrede.

You are standing in the middle of a development project! In the year to come, The City of Copenhagen will implement six significant initiatives in the Metropol Zone. The initiatives will make the Copenhagen city centre a unique heart of the Metropolis. The ambition is to create a Metropol Zone that is both a part of every day life for the people of Copenhagen and the city's visiting card showing the world what Copenhagen will stand for in the 21st Century.

Tivoli

Københavns Kommune har indledt en dialog med Tivoli om, hvordan man kan skabe nye oplevelser langs kanten af den gamle have. Tanken er, at Tivolis bygninger langs kanten kan lukkes op og i højere grad blive til glæde for livet i de omkringliggende byrum. Der er særligt fokus på Bernstorffsgade.

The City of Copenhagen has begun negotiations with Tivoli on how to create new entertainment facilities along the edges of the old garden. The idea is to open up the buildings lying alongside Tivoli in order to liven up the surrounding area. There is particular focus on Bernstorffsgade.

Stockholm Rail Station Vicinity





Uppsala, Sweden



- Ancient Swedish
 University community
- City Hall building displays traffic and bicycling information in attractive sidewalk window displays facing Main Street

Uppsala Window Displays



Uppsala Bike Safety Window Display



