

Understanding Metropolitan Transport + Its Governance Systems

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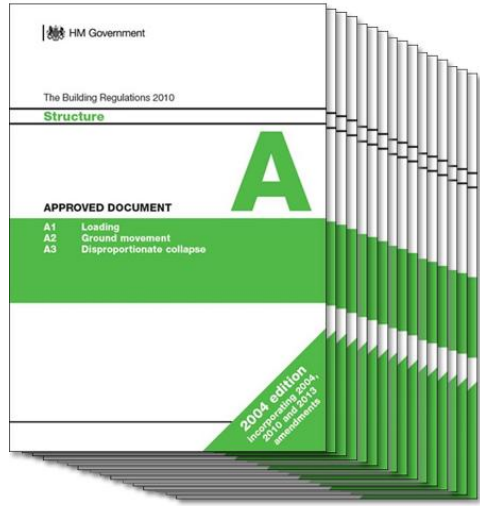
Governance + Implementation + Power

Governance = “the processes of interaction and decision-making among actors involved in a collective problem” (Hufty 2011)

Implementation = “the struggle over the realization of ideas” (Pressman + Wildavsky 1979)

Power = the ability to forge (or prevent) links in causal chain to achieve desired results; to win the ‘struggle over the realization ideas’

Paucity of research on the ways that public decisions are made, especially in systems of pluralism and democracy (Davis and Altshuler 2018)



Rules + Regulations



Stakeholder Networks +
Human Resources

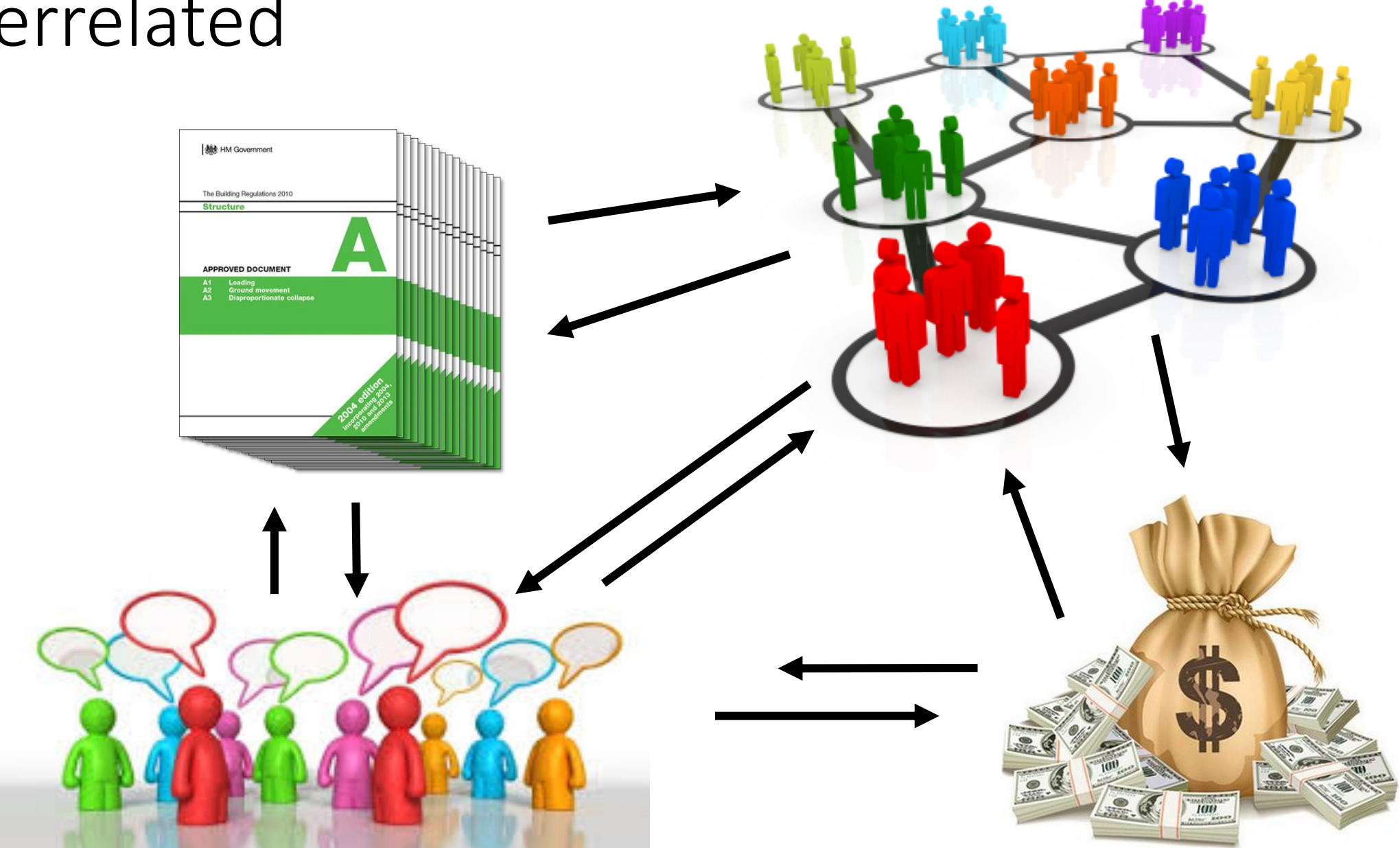
Normative Arguments + Values



Revenue Raising +
Allocation Strategies

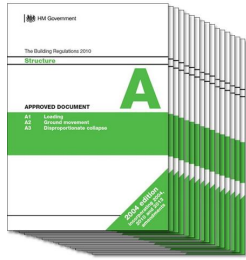


Interrelated



Multi-Scalar

National



Limits on Car Ownership

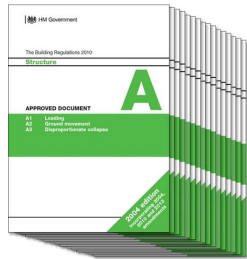


Sustainability



Competitive Grants

State/Regional



Binding Emissions Targets

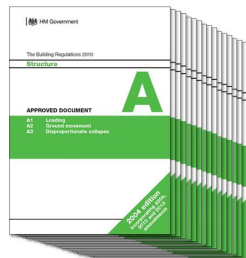


Economic Efficiency



Gas Taxes

Local/ Sub-Municipal



Land Regulation



Placemaking



Value Capture

Contextual



Morning Commute in New York City



Morning Commute in Kansas City, MO



Contextual

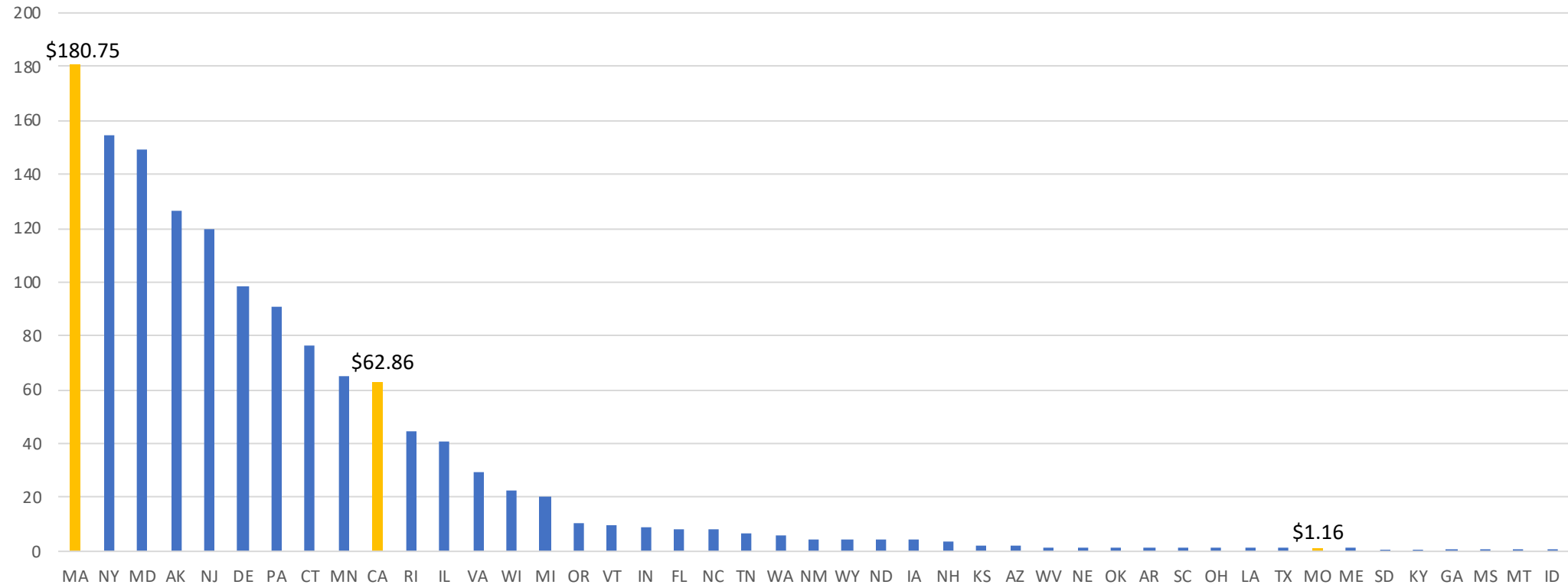


Parking in Midtown New York City
\$25/hour

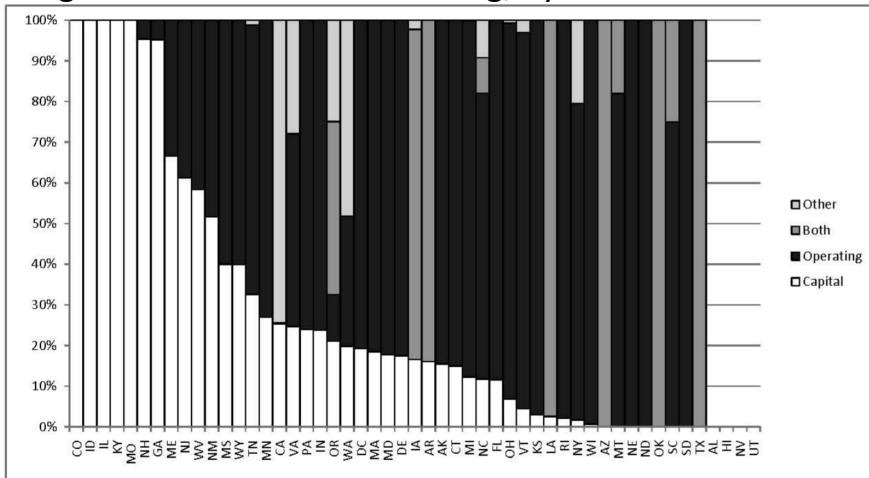
Parking in Downtown Kansas City
\$4/day



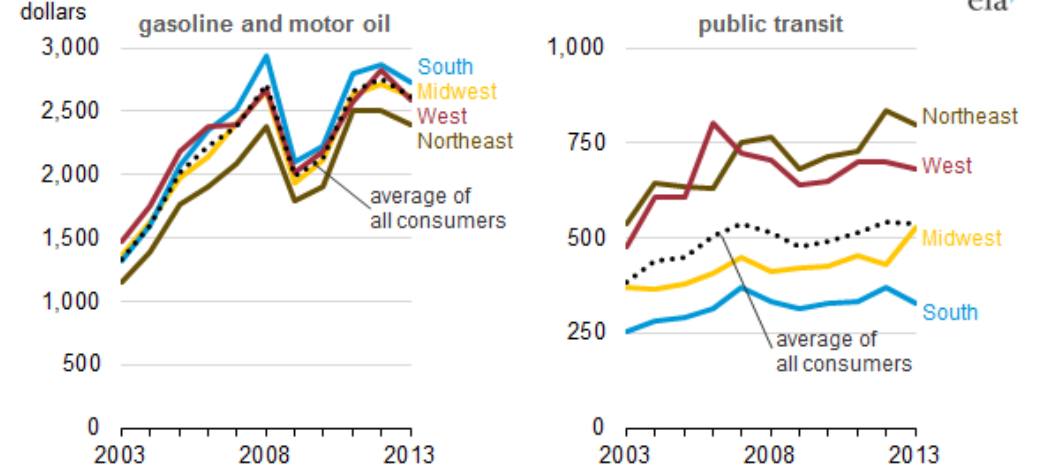
Annual Public Transit Spending, Per Capita, by U.S. State (APTA 2010)



Eligible Uses for Transit Funding, by State



Selected consumer transportation expenditures by region, 2003-13



Notes from the U.S. Midwest

“You don't get any community excited about transit if you are talking about moving people around but if you start ratcheting up the conversation **about how do we save the core of our city, how do we focus our development patterns, how do we bring money to our region.** That's the way to **engage an average person** who does not see themselves as a direct transit user. Framing as less of a transportation issue and **more of an urban development and lifestyle issue is the best way to engage the community.**”

- President, Regional Transit Advocacy,
Kansas City Missouri

"You have rail. You have a transit system now.

Anywhere can have a bus. I live out in the suburbs and we have a bus.” - Streetcar Outreach Director

The city not going to move the streetcar five years down the road when things start happening in other parts of the city - its an **investment that developers see as long-term and so they are willing to build.**”

- Mayor, Kansas City

“Best plan for success is to **build transit in areas where it has proven support,** not into areas where the perception of need for transit may be highest.”

- Streetcar Authority Board Member

Governance Issues of Urban Transport are Complex:

Interrelated/Relational + Multi-Scalar + Contextual

Target Middle Class [?]-> Broader Investments for Low-Income Residents

Road-based Transit [?]-> Land Use + Development Impacts

New Technologies [?]-> Reduce Automobile Dependence Long Term

When, Where and How? For Whom?

Lessons from Cases of Success + Failure

Toward a *Political* Understanding of Urban Transport