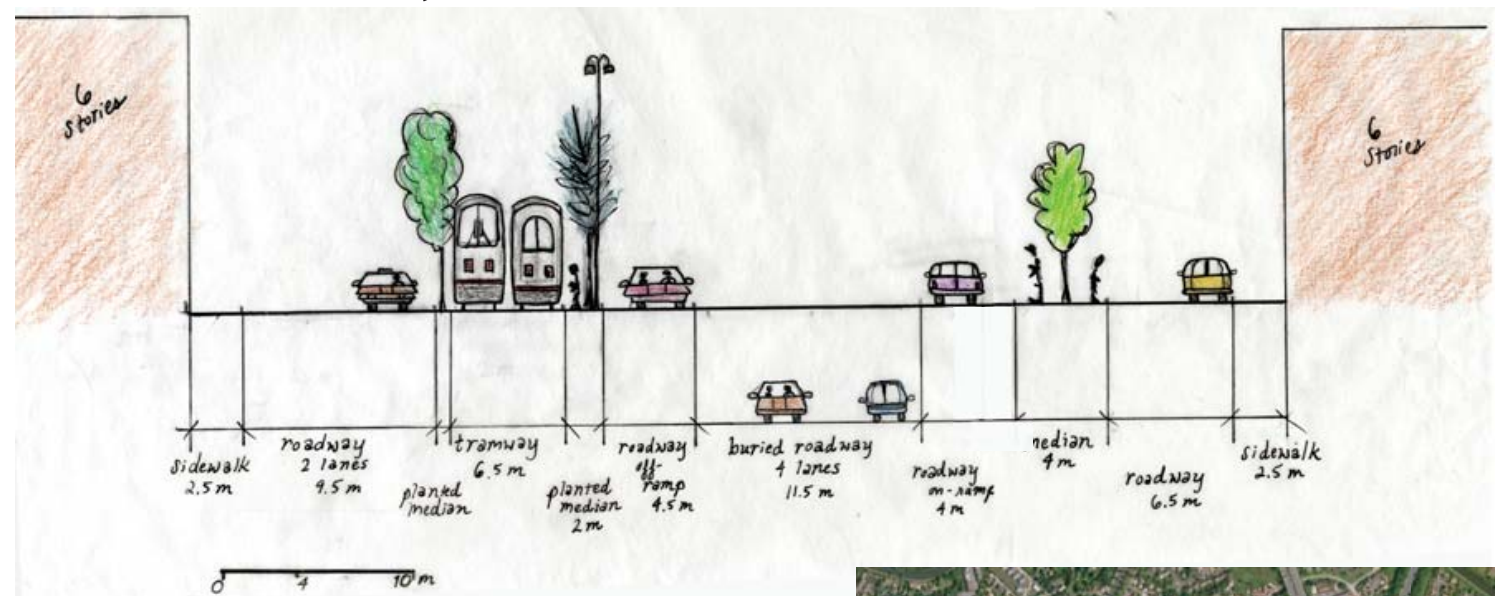
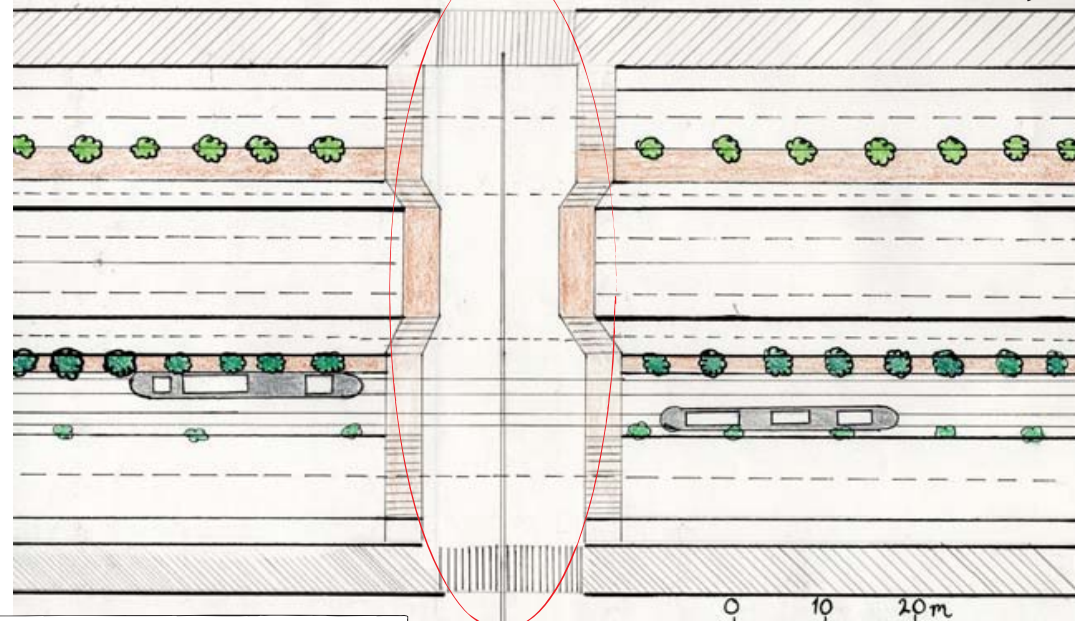


# Boulevard Carnot: Lille, Roubaix, Tourcoing

## 100 years old and sexy as ever

Plan and section of Boulevard Carnot



This tram was initially an inter-urban tramline linking a conurbation of three cities in northern France: Lille, Roubaix, and Tourcoing. Over time, development took shape around it. 15 years ago, there was a major re-investment to modernize the tram, link it with two underground subway lines and enhance its inner-urban ridership. Now, it is recognized for both its sleek design and its flexibility.



Despite 10 lanes of traffic and a tramway, the street maintains an elegant human scale



The tram winds through dense fine-grained commercial areas, passes by suburban-style homes with large setbacks, as well as in front of car dealerships with huge setbacks and parking lots.



Where the tram bifurcates towards Roubaix and Tourcoing, one can see great diversity in the urban fabric and in building footprints.

Small setbacks, designated crosswalks, bike lanes, and planted medians make the boulevard pedestrian friendly.



Le Grand Boulevard à Mouvaux (credit: Alain Demangeon)



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