

Catalyzing Livability in the 21st Century

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Presentation Outline

A Need for Change

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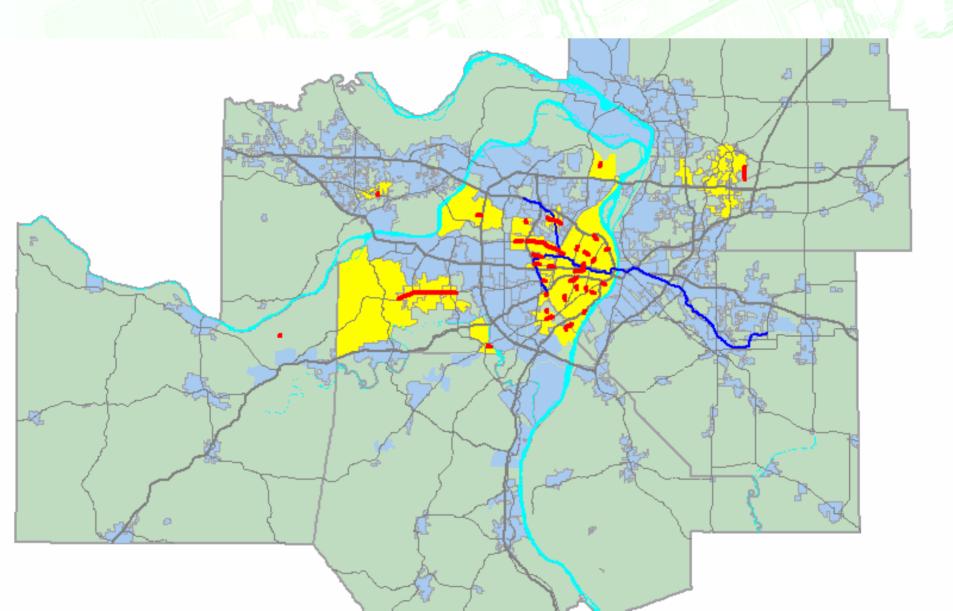
Change in the Trenches

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What's the problem?







Change is Complicated

What makes a place "great"?



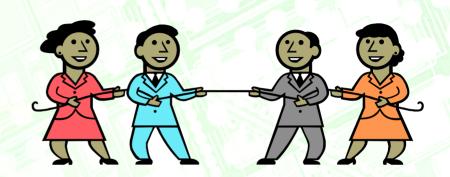






It Depends on Who You Ask

- City Government?
- Engineers?
- Architects?
- Business Owners?
- Residents?
- Commuters?
- Bicyclists? Pedestrians?





"Carlanes:" If bicyclists ran the world....

More people bicycling more often.

A Delicate Balance



to be great... STREETS, SPACES & PLACES must...



allow people to WALK comfortably and safely

contribute to the ECONOMIC VITALITY of the community and region

be functionally complete, providing a balance of MODAL CHOICE throughout the place

create attractive places that promote SOCIAL ACTIVITY

integrate GREEN TECHNOLOGIES into the design and construction



Change in the Trenches

Context is King

- What type of place are we trying to create?
- Says who?
- How do we measure success?
- How do we mitigate compromise?



St. Louis Streetcar

Mixed-use District

Listening Matters







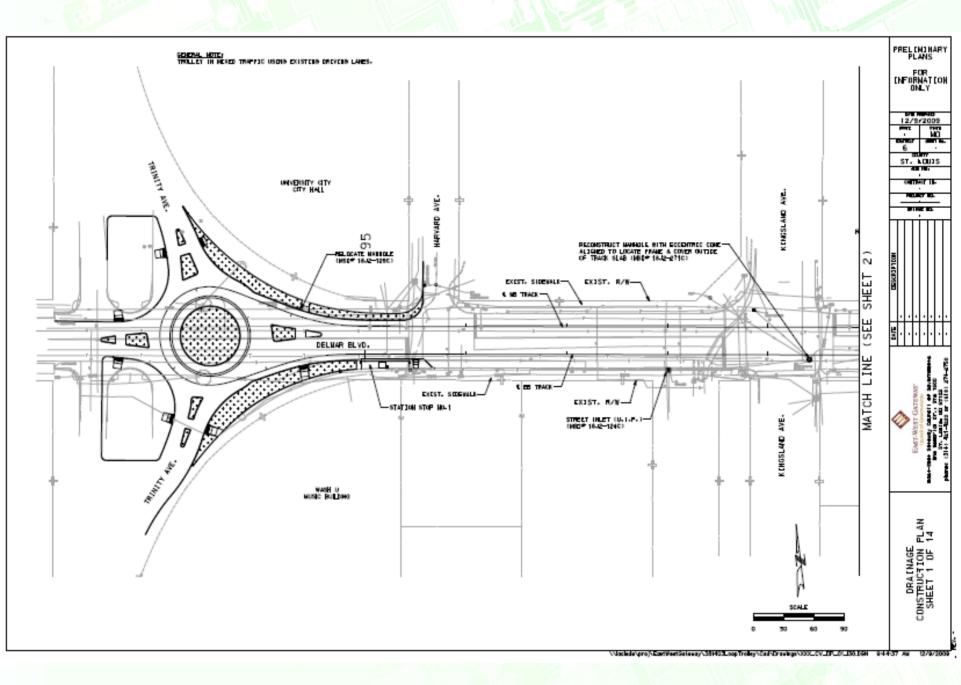








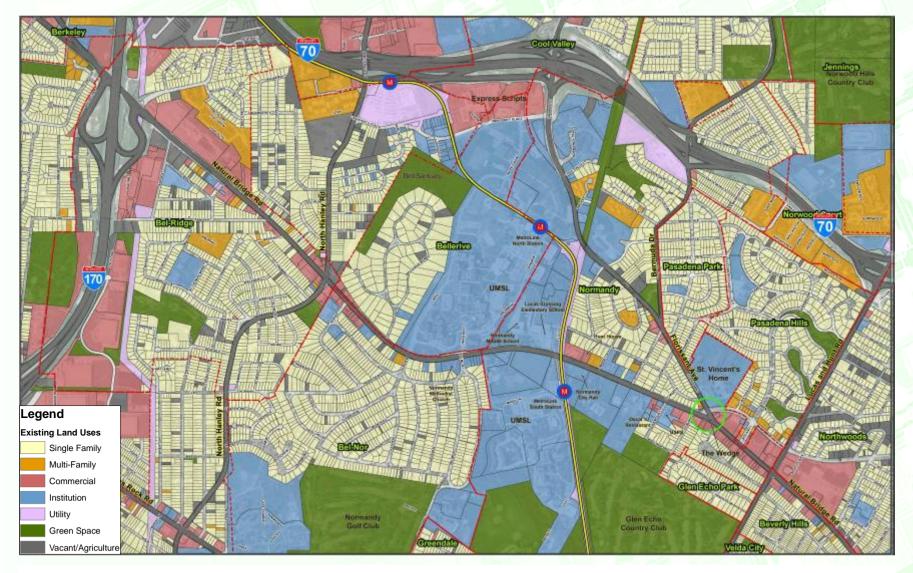




Natural Bridge Road

Mixed-use, Institutional District

LOCAL MARKET



Land Uses- Existing



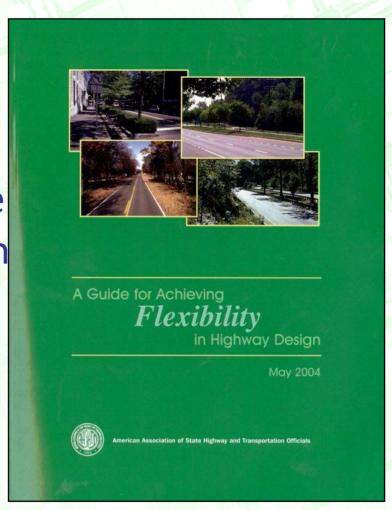
Do Our Roads Need Diets?

- This one does:
 - 20,000 ADT
 - 5 lanes of capacity
 - Opportunityto creativelyrepurpose r/w



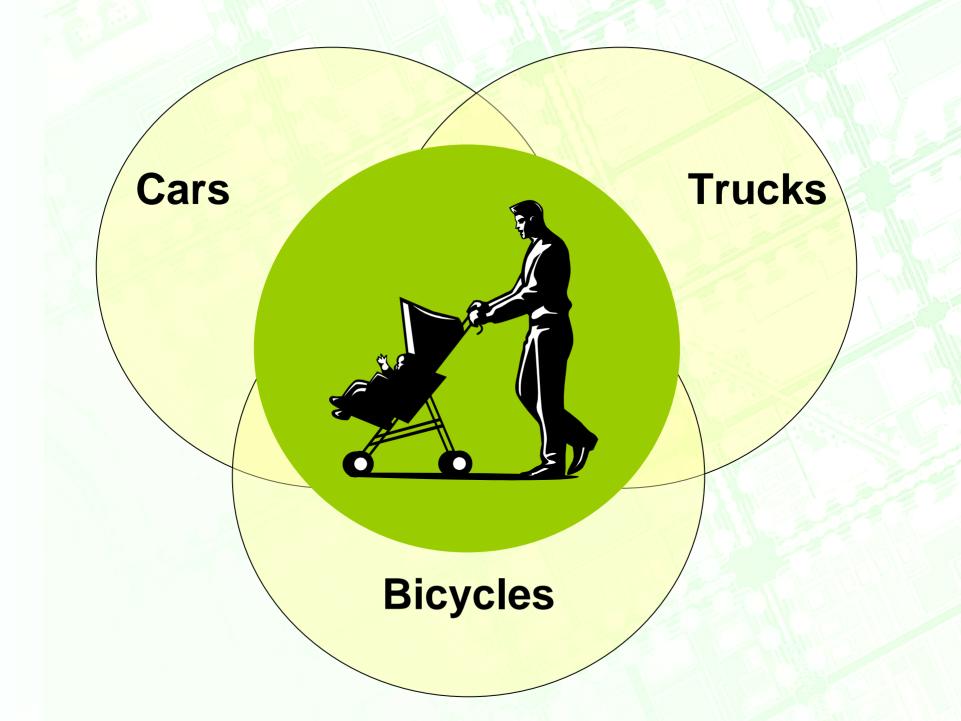
Designers Have Choices

- Planners and designers have choices (not mandates)
- We must understand the functional basis of design criteria and standards
- AASHTO Green Book is flexible
- Be creative and innovative

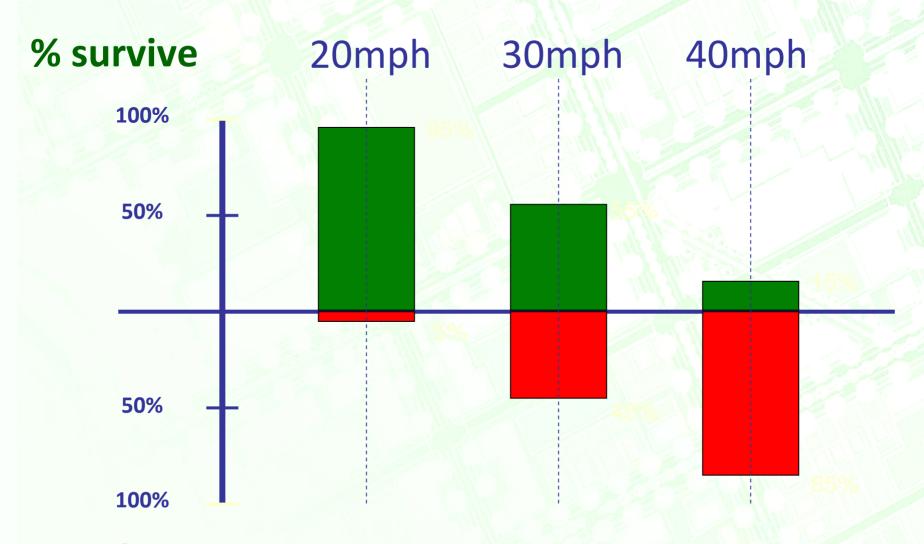


What does it mean to say...

"We will not compromise safety?"



Speed, Pedestrians, and Safety



% die

Source: AASTHO





DeBaliviere Greenway

Mixed-use Multi-modal Corridor





lanes only)

of existing centerline

dimension on east

Net Result is a Remarkable Transformation





Labadie Placemaking

Town Center

Character Counts

- What is it?
- Who defines it?
- How do we preserve/enhance it?

• Labadie Great Street example



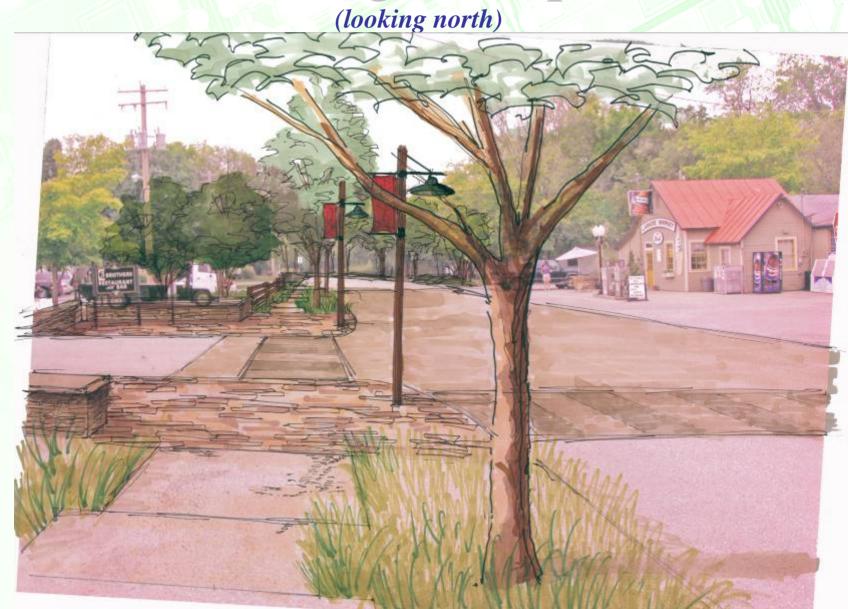
Route T and Front Street

(looking north)

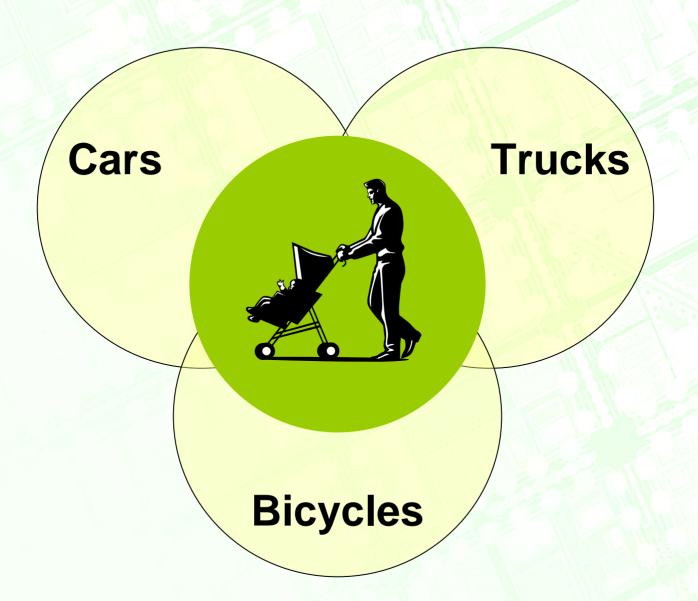




"Washington Square"

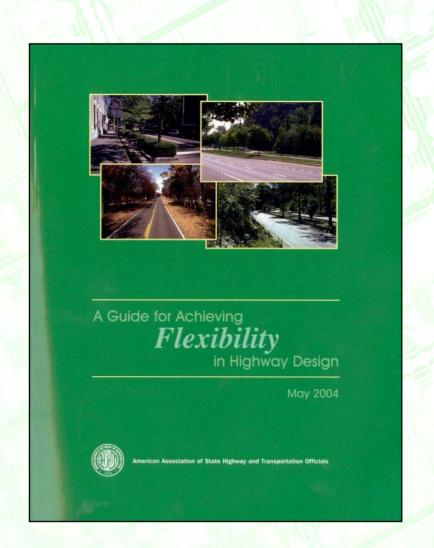


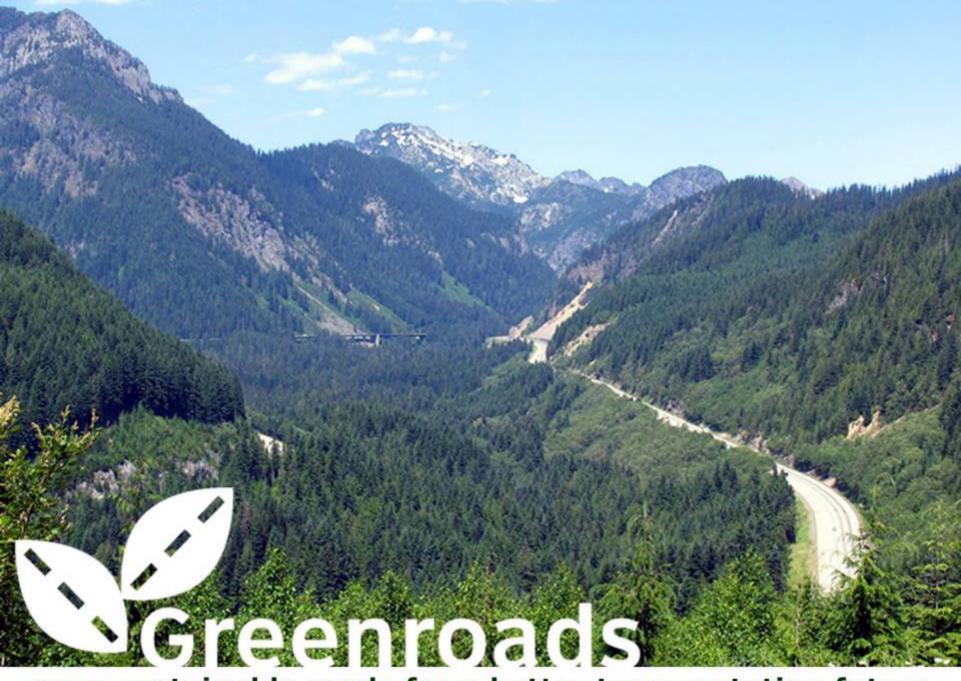
More Feet on the Street



Different Place, Different Criteria

- Flexible choices for:
 - design speed
 - lane width
 - median design
 - clear zone





more sustainable roads for a better transportation future

Aurora Corridor

Suburban Commercial Arterial



Project Background

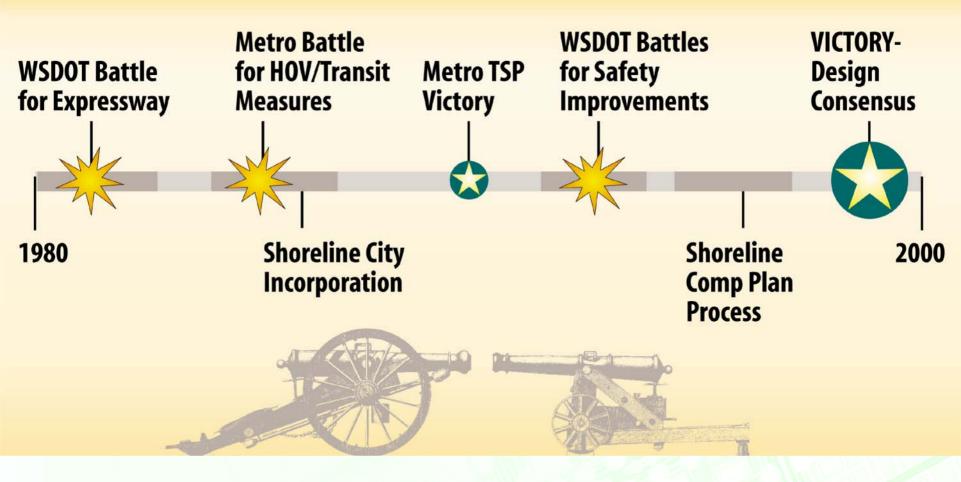
- Three miles,5 lanes with TWLTL
- Traffic congestion
- High accident rates
- No sidewalks
- Poor aesthetics
- Activist community

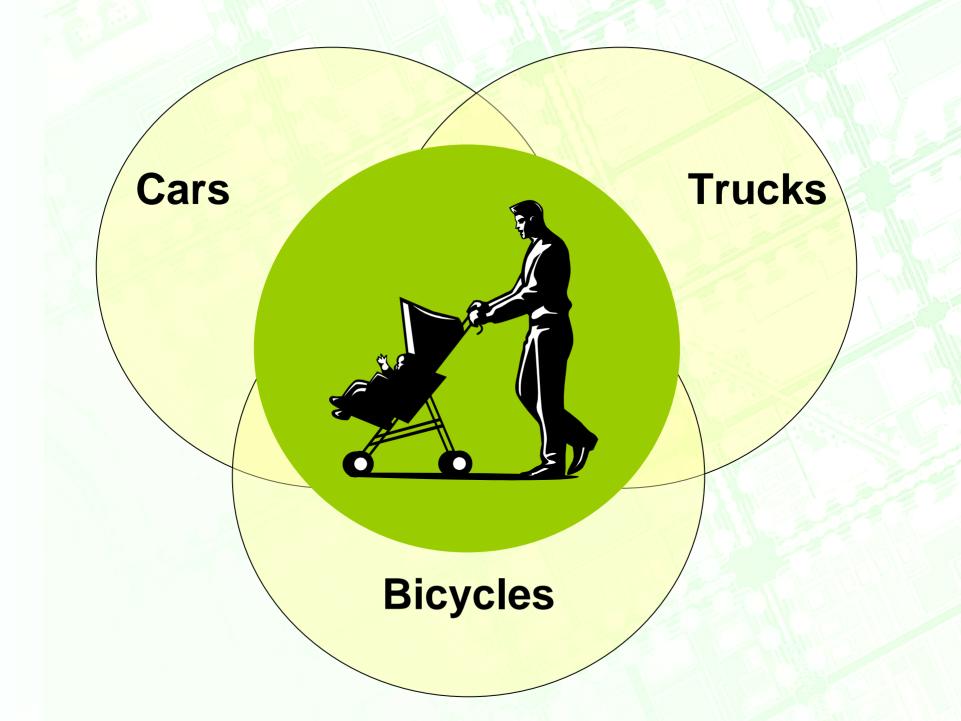


Competing objectives

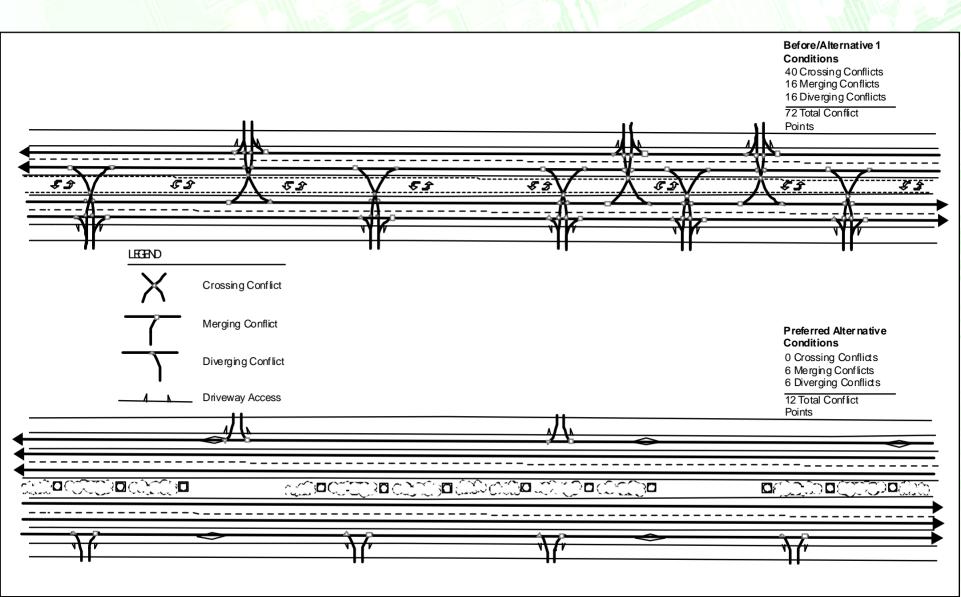
- Downtown commercial street vs. regional arterial
- Business access vs. traffic safety
- Auto-oriented vs. multimodal
- Revitalization/image vs. neighborhood impacts
- Traffic capacity vs. neighborhood impacts
- Sidewalks vs. loss of parking

Shoreline/Aurora Avenue Battle History





Conflict Point Diagram



Success...Finally!

Award-winning outcome



Working collaboratively was essential

