# Value capture funding in the Netherlands

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A study into the application of value capture funding instruments in the Netherlands



#### Introduction | Approach | Findings | Conclusions | Recommendations | Discussion





# **Alternative funding**

#### London

- 'Economic propertybased levy'
- About 30% of funding derived from private parties

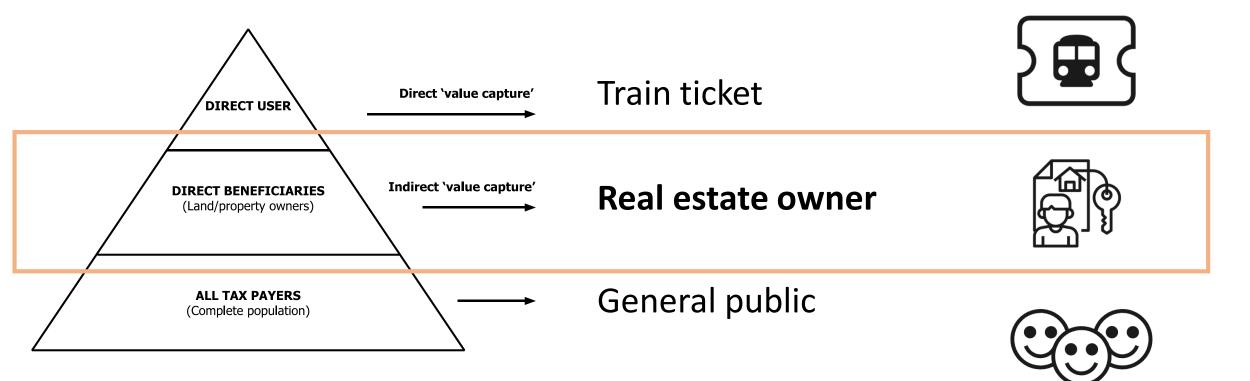


# 'Alternative funding'

Funding in addition to regular public funding

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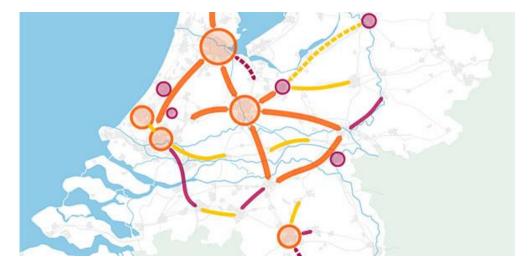
### Value capturing Current Dutch infrastructure funding



Rising demand for mobility

#### **Demand for mobility**

- Faster than expected
- Mainly regional around cities



(NMCA, 2017)

Rising demand for housing

#### **Demand for housing**

- Need for 75.000 dwellings a year
- Desire to construct next to public transportation
- Accessibility is key



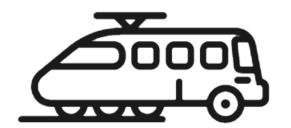
Decrease in funding

#### **Decreasing funding**

- Existing infrastructure needs maintenance
- More private involvement
- Subsidies



Funding problems



Demand for mobility





Housing in accessible locations

Decreasing public infrastructure funds

# Research proposal

Goal and question

### Goal

The identification of **to what extent value capture instruments can be applied** to fund public transportation infrastructure in the Dutch context

### Question

How can the emerging public transportation infrastructure funding gap be filled by **capturing value accrued by private parties benefiting from public investments** in public transportation infrastructure in the Netherlands?

# The research

## Approach Presentation setup

- Step 1: Understanding
- Step 2: Studying
- Step 3: Applying
- Step 4: Concluding

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#### Step 1: Research background

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#### **Distance to station=**

3 kilometers

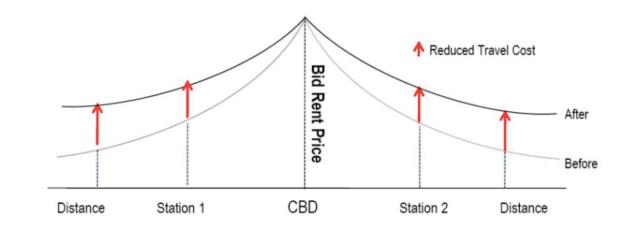
#### **Distance to station=**

500 meters

## Understanding Step 1: Accessibility and land values

#### **Classical theory on land value**

- Cost of transportation decides land prices
- Near center of town (CBD) higher value



#### More factors to land value

- Amenities
- Parks

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(Kim & Lahr, 2013)

Step 1: Transportation upgrade value change characteristics

#### **Contextual characteristics**

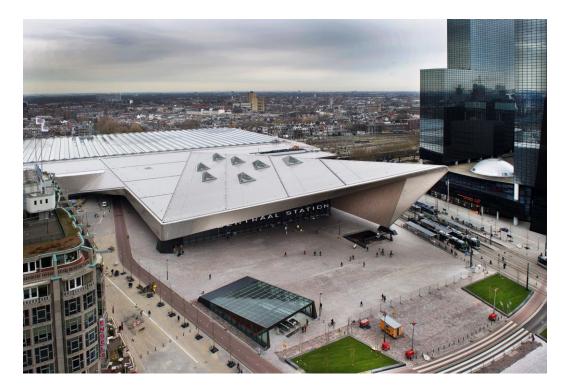
# Public transport infrastructure characteristics

**Development** area characteristics

- Healthy real estate market
- Traffic congestion
- Travel time to center of town
- Link to center of town
- Regional catchment area
- Frequency of service
- Image of transportation
- Possibility for densification
- Real estate function
- Nuisance
- Alternative transport forms
- Supportive public policy

#### Step 1: Transportation upgrade value change characteristics



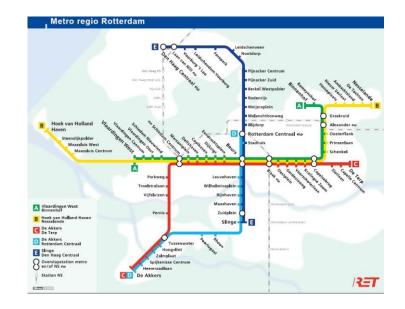


Step 1: Transportation upgrade value change

# What if a new station opens or transportation is upgraded?:

- Light rail or regional connections
- 3% 5% rise in value
- Within the first 1 km
- Depending on local characteristics





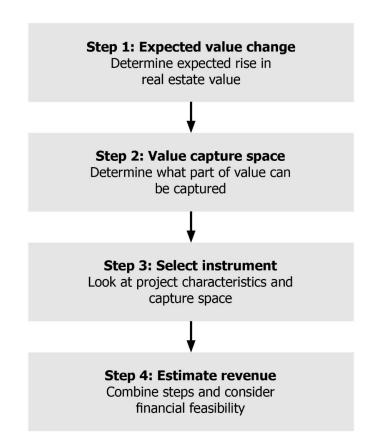
Step 1: Value capture process

What is the change in value?

**How** much can we capture?

How do we capture it?

What is the return?



## **Understanding** Step 1: What is the change in value?

#### **Case characteristics**

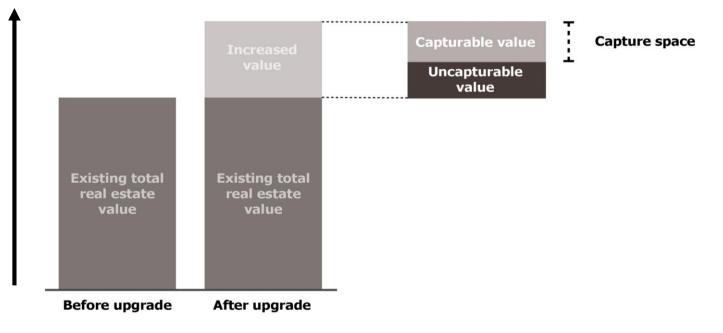
- Contextual characteristics
- Public transport infrastructure characteristics
- Development area characteristics



Step 1: How much can we capture?

#### Capture space:

- Development level
- Type of landownership
- Land ownership dispersion
- Timing of contract
- Degree of capitalization



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Step 1: How much can we capture?





Land ownership

Timing

## **Understanding** Step 1: How do we capture it?

#### **Local Dutch instruments**

Foreign instruments cannot be copied

#### **Promising instruments**

- Levies on properties (OZB)
- Access charges (Heffing)





## **Understanding** Step 1: How do we capture it?

#### **Promising instruments**

- Area property tax
- Redirection of property tax
- Betterment levy
- Additional transfer tax
- Access charges



### **Understanding** Step 1: What is the return?

#### Legal feasibility

Public party has to prove who benefits and how much

#### **Governance feasibility**

Is the public party capable of efficiently capturing value



#### **Financial feasibility**

Can the party be sure of the funding through value capturing

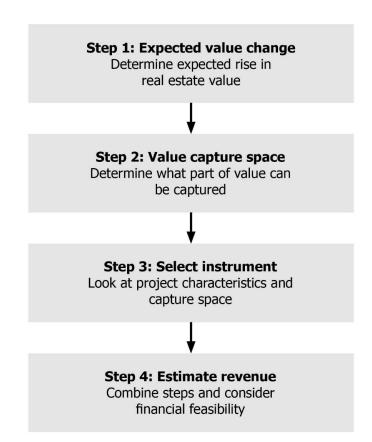
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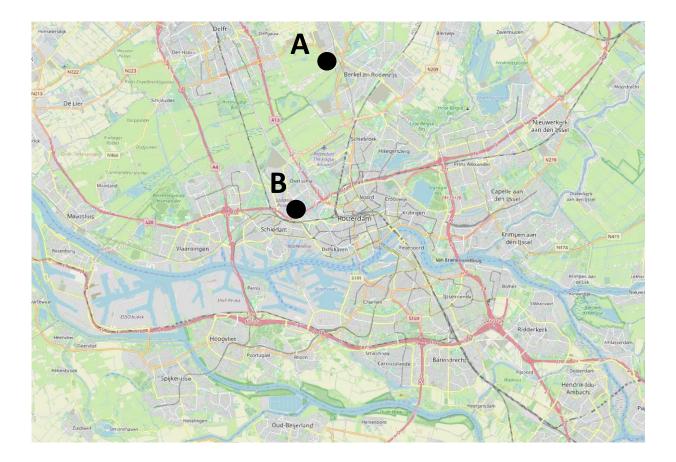
## **Studying** Step 2: Case study

#### A. Retrospective case

- Randstadrail, Berkel Westpolder
- VINEX greenfield location
- Transformation of Hofpleinlijn 2005-2010

#### **B.** Prospective case

- Oude Lijn, Van Nelle location
- Inner-city brownfield
- Future NS line transfomation



## **Studying** Step 2: Retrospective case, Berkel Westpolder

#### The case:

- Transformation of existing rail line + VINEX locations
- National top down approach to funding and development planning
- Mobility project success; high ridership
- Urban area development problematic for municipality

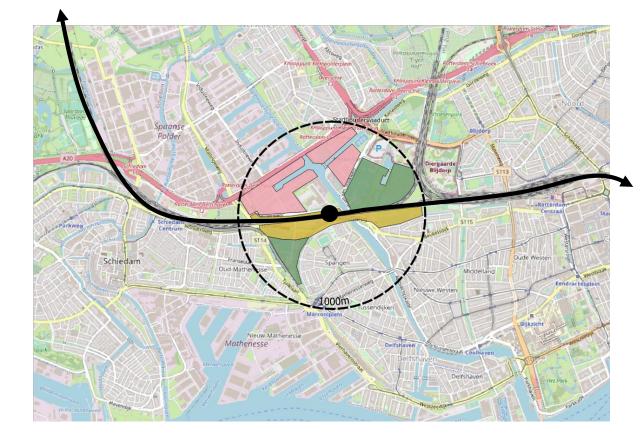




## **Studying** Step 2: Retrospective case, Van Nelle

#### The case:

- New station location and transformation of the area
- Inner-city location
- Municipality and region responsible for development



## **Studying** Step 2: Retrospective case findings, Van Nelle

#### **Findings:**

- Rotterdam takes leading role in development
- Space for thousands of homes
- Already near the city center
- Area south of the line already accessible



## Applying Step 3: Expected value change

#### **Berkel Westpolder**

- Berkel Westpolder location has high expected rise in value
- 5% increase
- € 100 million value rise in real estate

- Van Nelle location has medium potential for a value increase
- 4% increase
- € 140 million value rise in real estate

Determinant	Berkel Westpolder	Van Nelle Fabriek
Contextual characteristics		
Healthy real estate market	+	++
Traffic congestion	++	+
Public transport infrastructure characteristics		
Travel time to CBD	++	+
Link to CBD	+	++
Regional catchment area	++	0
Frequency of service	++	+
Image of transportation	++	+
Development area characteristics		
Possibility for densification	+	++
Real estate function	0	+
Nuisance	+	-
Public transport alternatives	+	-
Alternative transport	-	
forms/infrastructure		
Supportive public policy	-	++

## Applying Step 3: Value capture space

#### **Berkel Westpolder**

- Capture space fully depleted for the Berkel Westpolder case
- When project commenced capture space was already small
- Lack of professional development and planning

- Captures space is large is planning is in early phase
- Land ownership mainly at municipality
- Timing and professional organization are now important

## Applying Step 3: Instrument selection

#### **Berkel Westpolder**

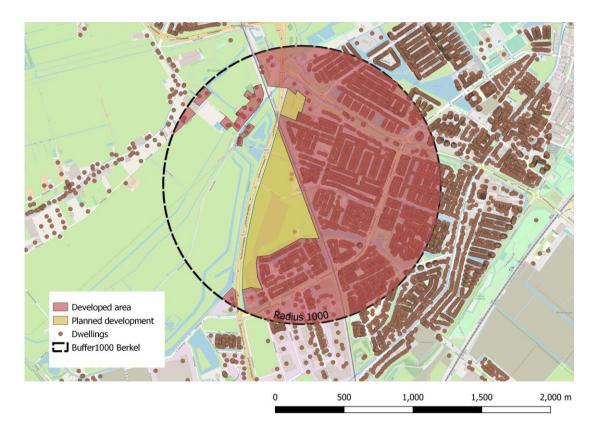
- Today the access charge is the best choice
- At time of development, value capturing through redirection of property tax

- All instruments can still be used as plan making is in early phase
- Land is all owned by municipality and will development and accessibility be integrated?

## Applying Step 3: Estimation of revenue and financial feasibility

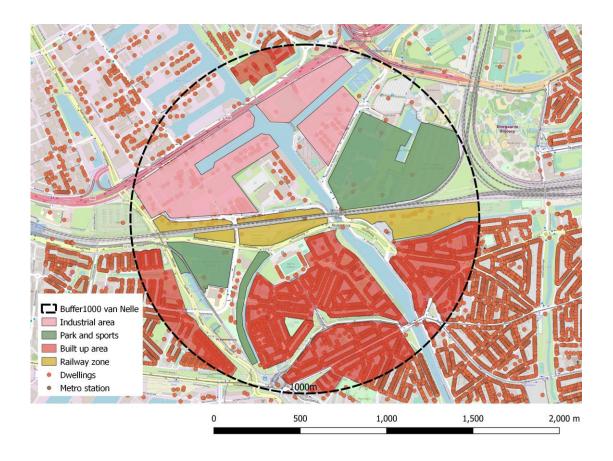
#### **Berkel Westpolder**

- Small municipality
- In the past municipality too small and unprofessional
- Value capturing not financially feasible



## Applying Step 3: Estimation of revenue and financial feasibility

- New development
- Early in the process
- Large public organization
- Value capturing might be financially feasible



# Conclusions

# Research goal

Goal and question

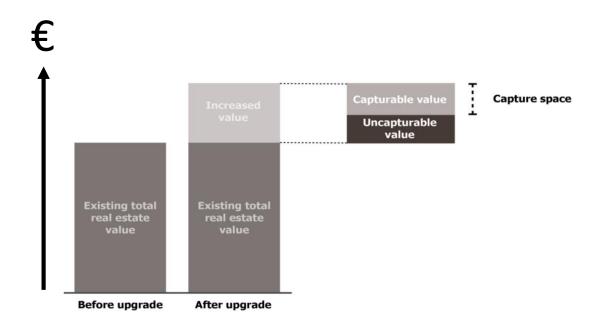
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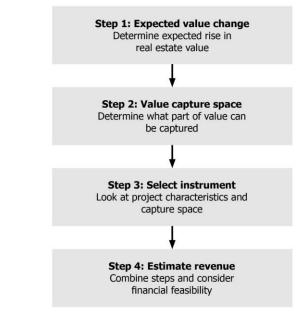
- Expected rise in value can be substantial
- The capture space is leading in choice for an instrument
- Dutch instruments are new and require professional organization and a regional approach



### **Conclusions** Main conclusions

#### The capture process

- Find the expected rise in value
- Base instrument choice on capture space
- Create business case considering financial feasibility



## Conclusions

Answering the main research question

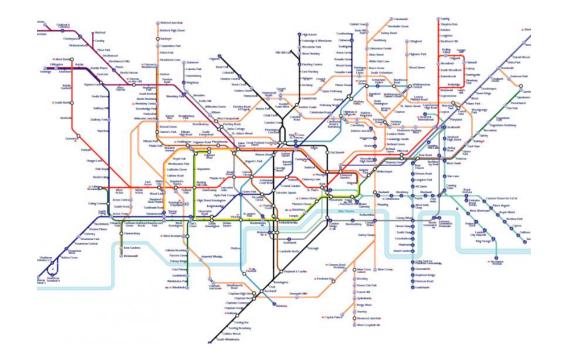
#### Question

How can the emerging public transportation infrastructure funding gap be filled by **capturing value accrued by private parties benefiting from public investments** in public transportation infrastructure in the Netherlands?

- Start early
- Create a professional and preferably regionally operating organization
- Combining infrastructure development with urban development is beneficial
- Take existing Dutch taxation instruments

### **Discussion** Research limitations

- Limited transferability of foreign examples
- Lessons learned may not be applicable everywhere in the Netherlands
- Advanced statistical models may provide more accurate image of value change



## Recommendations

#### For further research:

- Study more urban development and transit development cases
- Further research into the feasibility and legal risks of performing value capturing
- Research into what changes must be made to Dutch legislation to make the instruments applicable

#### In practice

- Find a way to standardize the valuation procedure
- Take away the large legal risks by formalizing instruments
- Policymakers should not only look at the increase in value

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