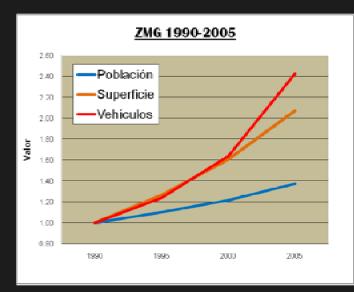
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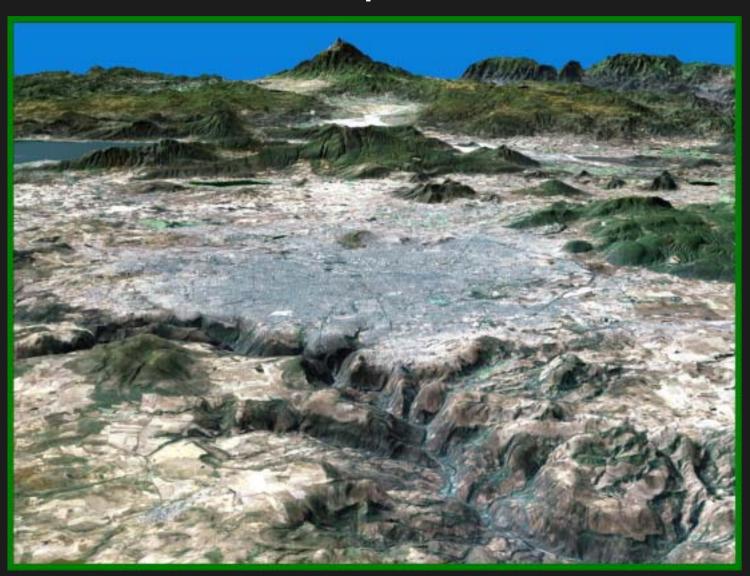


Where we are today

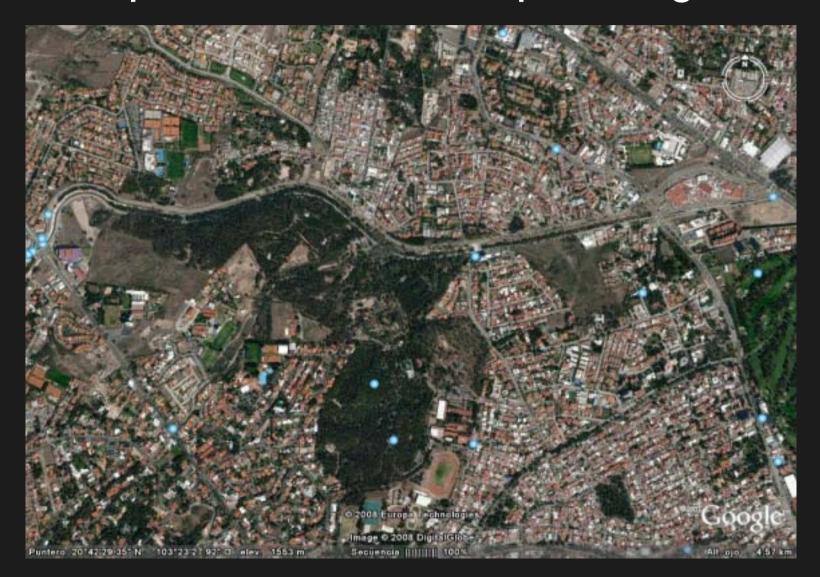


- Unsustainable growth in car ownership/usage (1.5 million, around 380 new per day).
- Poorly regulated, inefficient and expensive privatised transport system.
- Increasing hostility towards pedestrians and cyclists.
- Poor understanding of the role of public policies.
- Huge gap between decision makers and citizens and their problems.
- A very distracted and unchallenging society... although changing!

Unchecked sprawl and unchallenged urban development model



1/5 of WHO's recommended green spaces (and dissapearing)







Engrained 'pedestrian safety' discourse



Car consumption (and car vomiting)



Increasingly active individuals and collectives





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A growing and diverse bicycle movement





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Tough cultural resistance

- 'Progress' discourse.
- Love affair with cars (the 'only way').
- Streets are for motor vehicles (so get out of the way!).
- Although politicians are quickly loosing legitimacy, still few challenge decisionmaking processes.



We do have some other problems...



Our thoughs for the X Conference

- Guadajara is quite representative of the conditions prevailing in most cities in the South.
- There is a growing movement and the issues are finally in the public realm (need to translate discourse into action).
- Perfect timing: Panamerican Games in 2011.
- Growing network of allies (individuals, organisations, institutions).
- The event should be relevant to all but mostly for Latin America and the Americas (alliances),

We need you all, and you are all more than welcome!