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# Finding The “Right” PT System for Hamburg “HafenCity”

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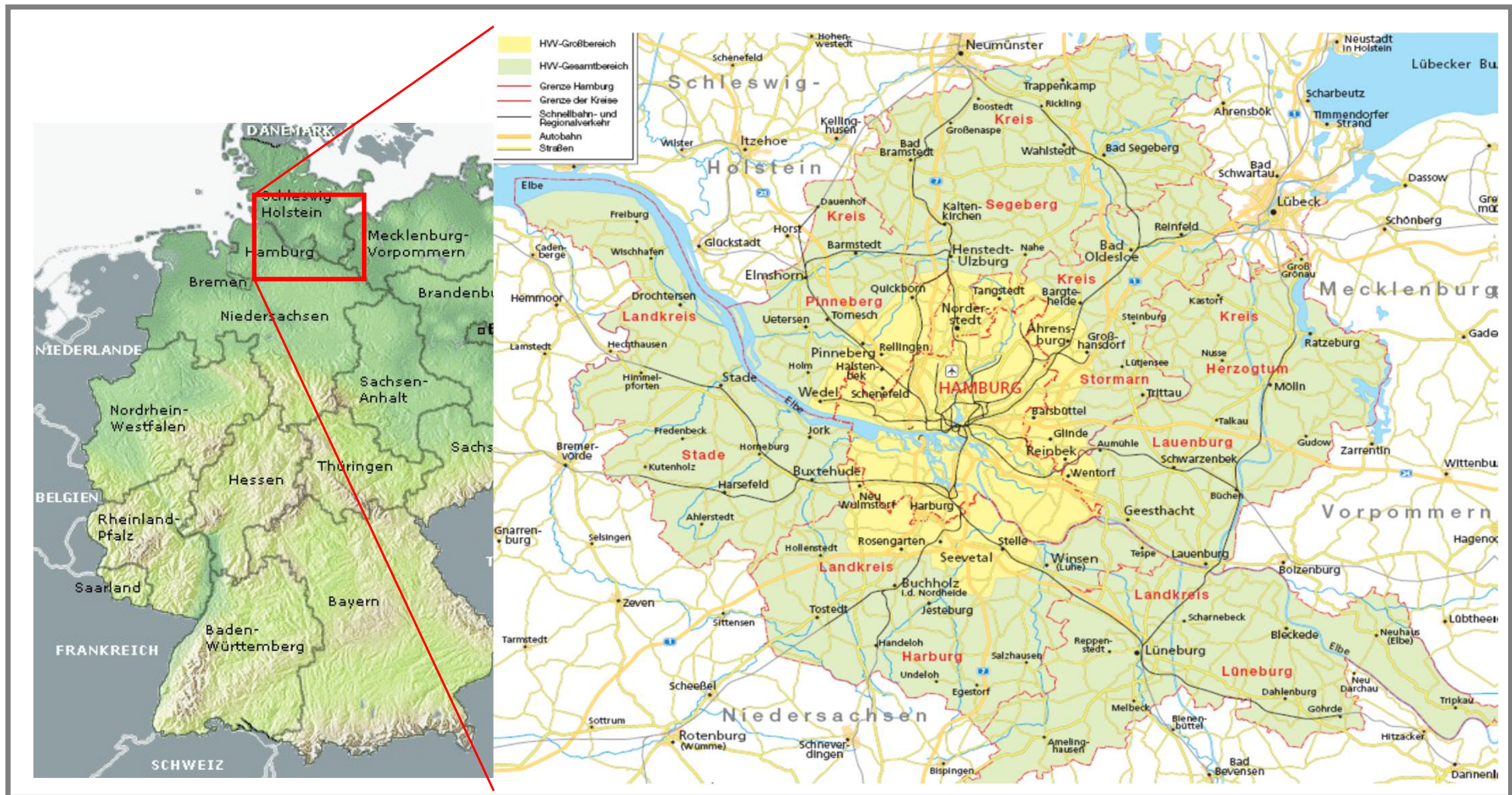
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# Introduction



# Public Transport Region Hamburg



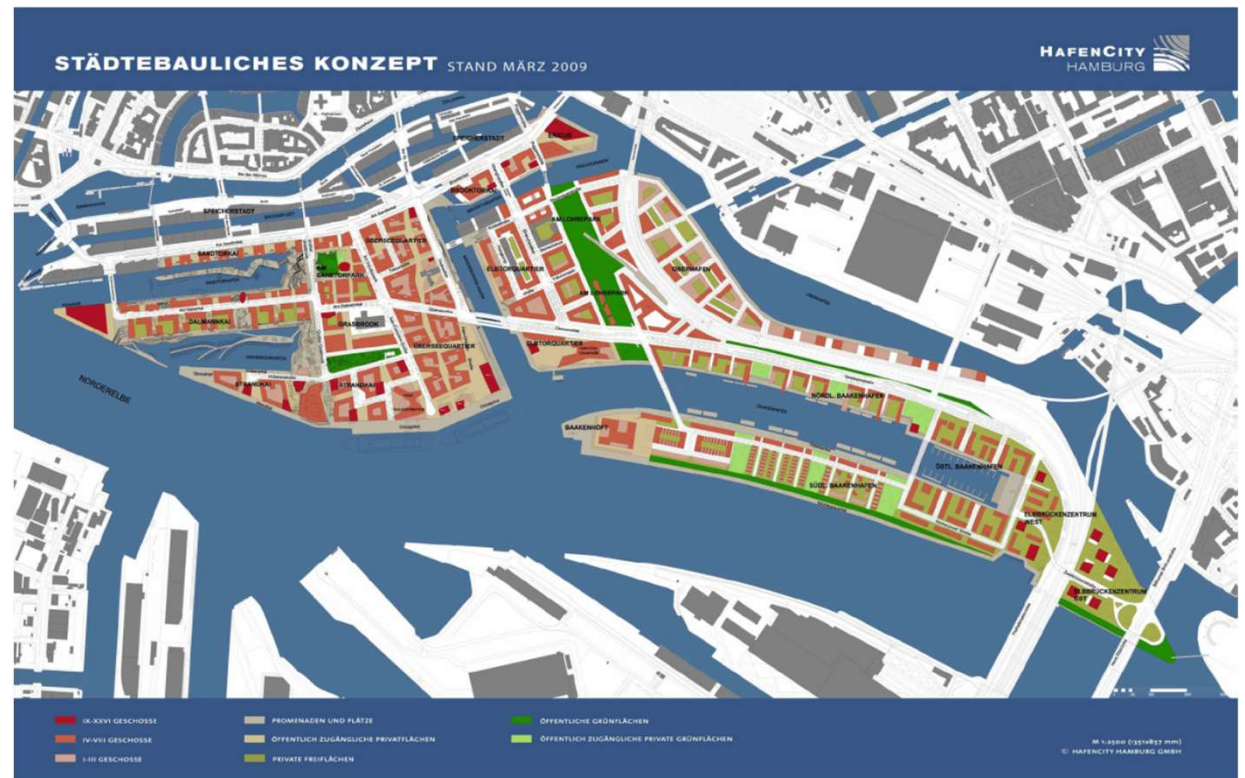
Hamburg: 1,7 Mio. inhabitants  
Metropolitan Area: 3,3 Mio. inhabitants

# Urban Development Area „HafenCity“ in Hamburg

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## Restructuring of no longer used port areas

- One of the biggest urban development projects in Europe
  - Political decision in 1997 to develop „HafenCity“ until 2025
  - 1.5 square kilometres
  - Close to city center
  - Residences for 12,000 inhabitants
  - Working facilities for 40,000 employees in the service sector mainly



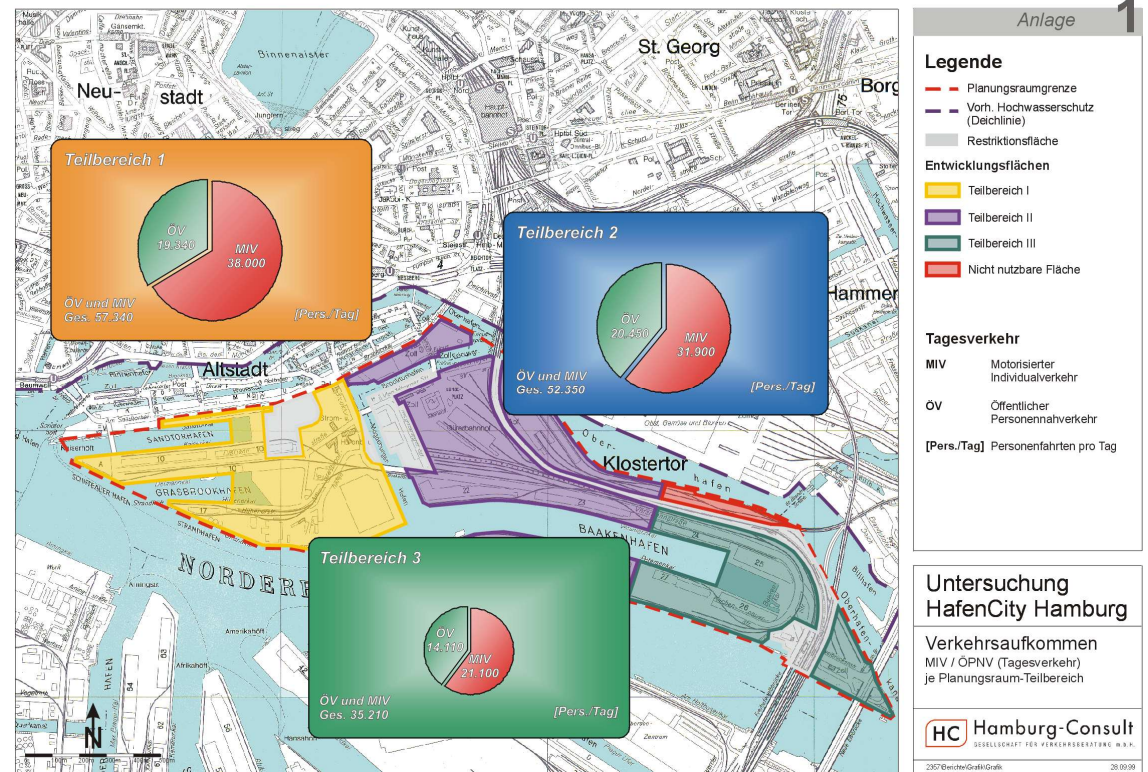


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Challenge

# Challenge: Finding the „right“ public transportation system

- A traffic volume of 145.000 trips per Day is predicted
- Modal share of public transport is assumed to reach 34 %
- High capacity public transport system is essential
- ➔ Systematic evaluation process necessary



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## Approach



# Approach

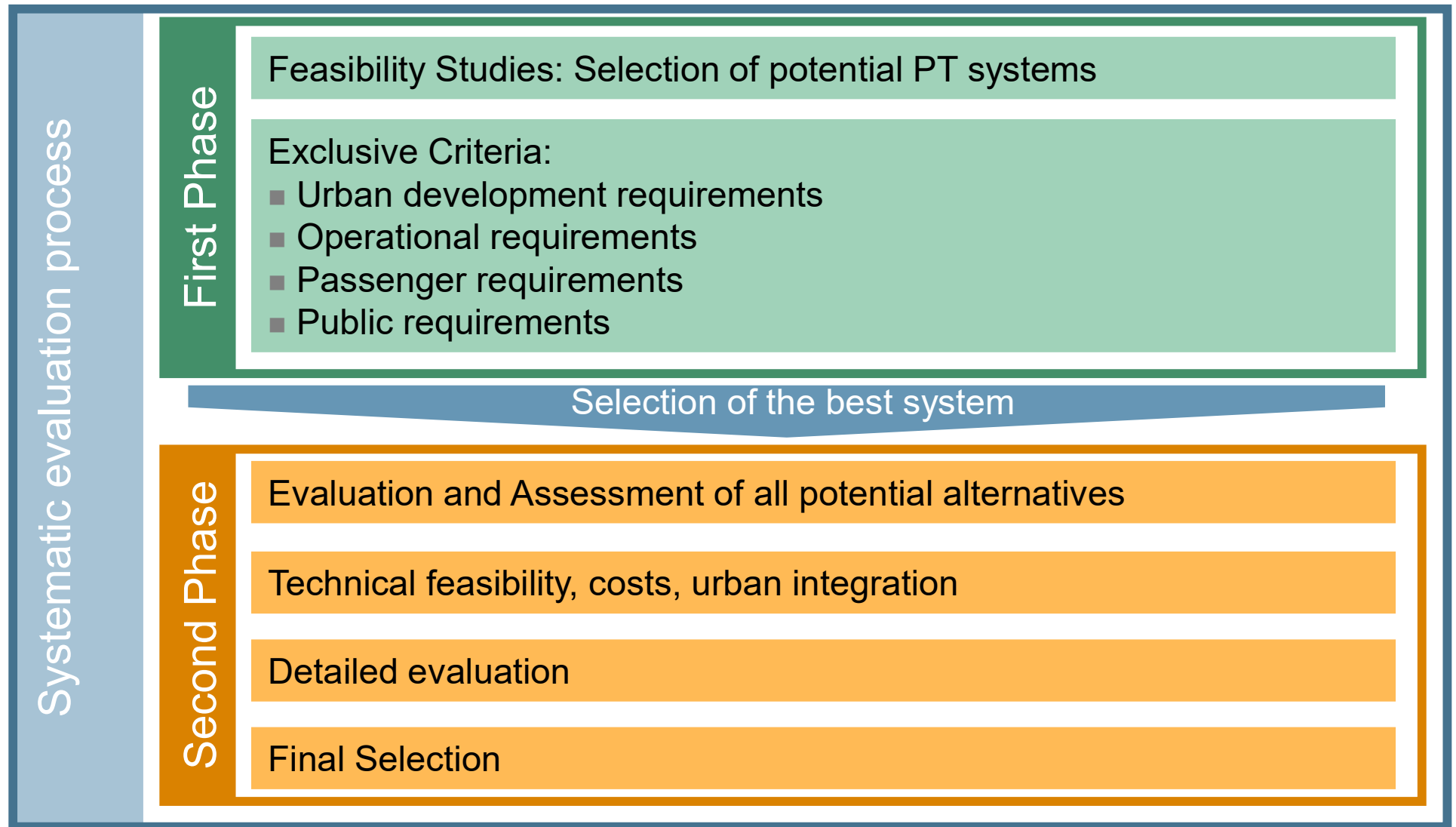
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Land use planning procedure...

- necessary to get political decisions
- prerequisite to receive financial support from tax payers
- demands a systematic and comprehensive evaluation and assessment of alternatives

# Systematic and comprehensive evaluation process

## Two phase approach



## First Phase

# Feasibility Studies: Selection of potential PT systems

## ■ Present urban and suburban PT systems in Hamburg

- Bus
- Metro (U-Bahn)
- Suburban Railway (S-Bahn)



## ■ Other potential PT systems

- Light Rail Transit (LRT)
- People Mover
- Transrapid





# Feasibility Studies For Any Potential System

## Basic criteria

- Urban development requirements
  - Infrastructure feasibility
  - Integration in urban surrounding
- Operational requirements
  - Capacity
  - Operational costs
  - Operational feasibility
- Passenger requirements
  - Journey times
  - Integration in present network
- Public / Investor's requirements
  - Capital expenditure
  - Constructional feasibility
  - Rate of return

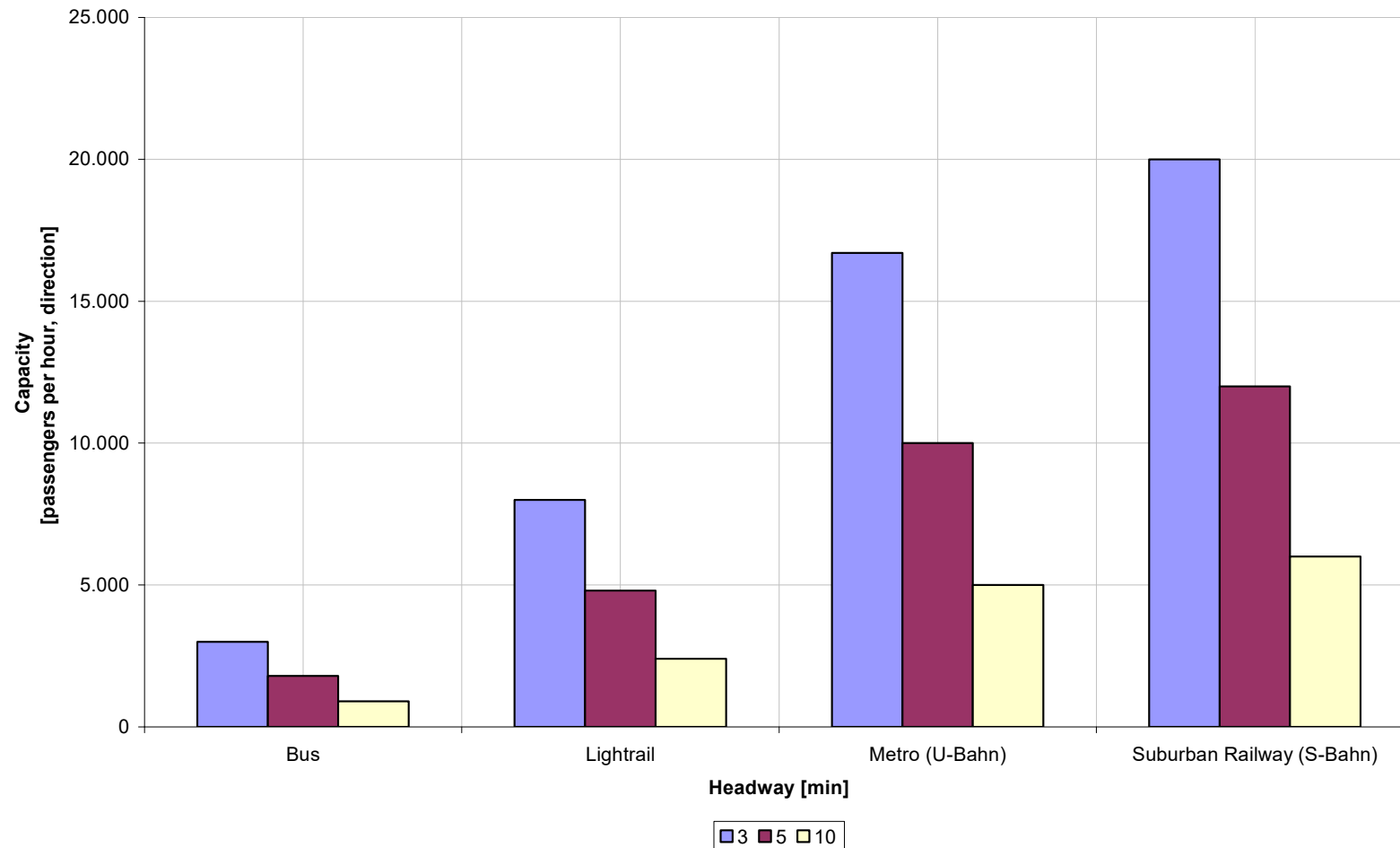
# Operator's view

## Operating profit with low risk

- Investments / startup costs for new systems
  - Infrastructure
  - Depot
  - Vehicles
- Operating costs
  - Maintenance of infrastructure and vehicles
  - Vehicles
  - Labour
- Revenues
- Possibility of network expansions
- Practical approval

# Basic criteria for Evaluation

## Capacity (Example)



# Passenger's view

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## Fast, convenient and reliable connections

- Travel time
- Convenience
- Simplicity
- Reliability
- Safety and security
- Fares



# General public's view

## Efficient system with low external impacts

- Financial impact for the community
  - Subsidies for investments and operation
  - Opportunity costs
- Environmental impact
  - Pollution and noise perception
  - Integration in urban surrounding
  - Contribution to protect climate
- Impacts on other transport systems / modes
  - Synergies
  - Safety
  - Interferences
- Innovation

# First Phase: Feasibility Studies

## Results

- **Transrapid**, developed for long distance transport, not appropriate as inner city passenger system.
- **H-Bahn**, people mover system connecting two parts of Dortmund university and bringing passengers to their terminal at Düsseldorf airport; however, isolated system and still not in series production.
- **S-Bahn Suburban Railway**, heavy rail, integration in city tunnel leads to extremely high investments; operational drawbacks at Jungfernstieg station.
- **Lightrail** (lowfloor), in Hamburg not existing: missing infrastructure; a network for Hamburg „HafenCity“ is too small to justify a brand new system.
- **High Performance Bus System**, limited capacity due to integration in network; not accepted from investors.
- **U-Bahn Metro**, basic requirements are fulfilled, advantages compared to other systems: integration in pt network and urban surrounding, capacity and flexibility.

## Second Phase

# Second Phase: Evaluation of all potential alternatives

## Step 0:

Parlament's System Decision:  
U-Bahn Metro

Evaluation and Assessment of 6 systems

## Step 1:

Alternatives: What is thinkable?

Evaluation and assessment of 34 metro variants

## Step 2:

Exclusion of variants: What is feasible?

Technical Feasibility, costs, urban integration of  
6 variants

## Stufe 3:

Ranking of variants: What is preferable?

Detailed evaluation and assessment of remaining 3 variants

Preferred variant: Integration at station Jungfernstieg

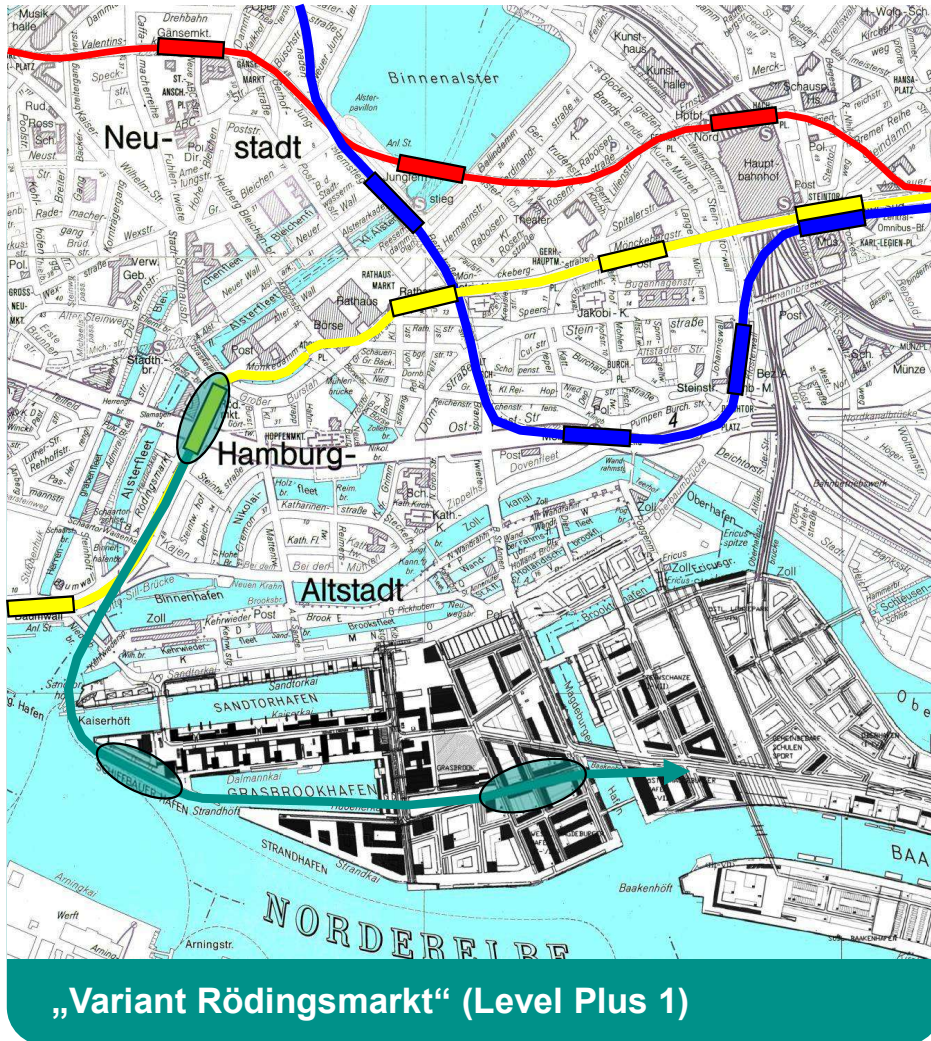
## Stufe 4:

Fixing routing  
and stops

Assessing alternative routing and stops  
Decision: Stop Überseequartier and Stop Lohsepark



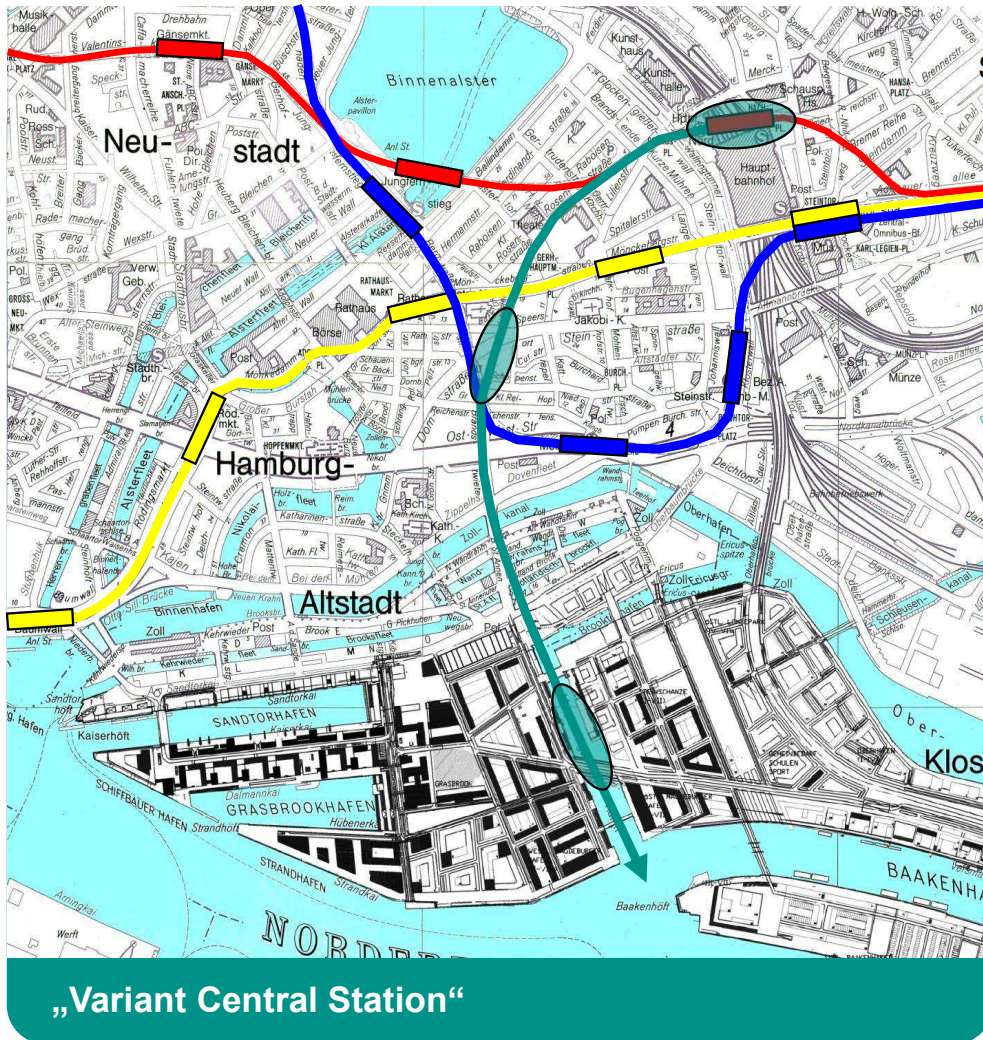
# Exclusion of Variant “Rödingsmarkt”: Level Plus 1



- Risk of ships out of control
  - Space need for metro reduces investment potentials real estate
  - Noise emission
  - Urban integration demanding
- Concern on behalf of residents and investors

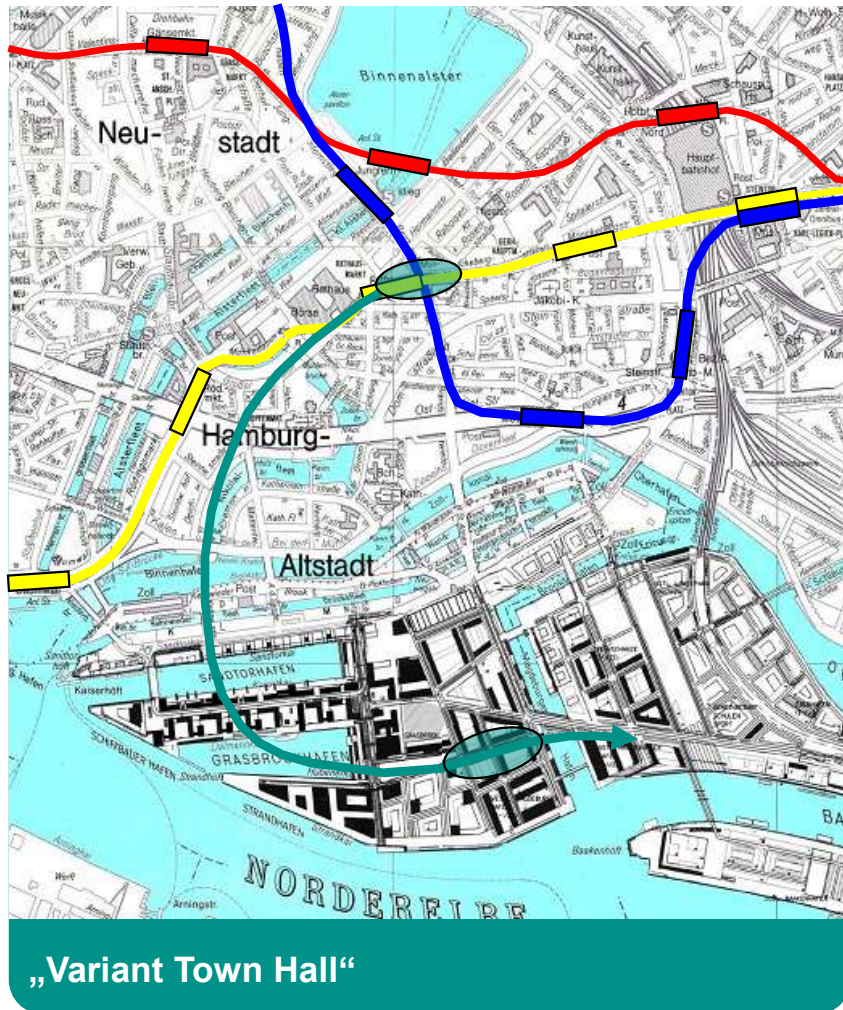


# Exclusion of „Variant Central Station“



- High technical risks (crossing under high density urban area: Old theater Schauspielhaus, Hotel Europäischer Hof, insurance company, etc.)
- Big concern due to long 3 year construction period on behalf of railway passengers)
- Opening in 2011 very demanding because of complex construction work
- Accessibility of stop Domplatz unfavourable (30 m below surface)
- Poor Reachibility of public transport in Harbour City with only one stop

# Exclusion of „Variant Town Hall“



- Technical risks due to very limited space available
- Conflicts with crossing under urban streets and places due to short distances
- Negative impact on private and public interests: Open construction in Hamburg central shopping area
- Long, 3 years lasting interruption of Metro Line U3

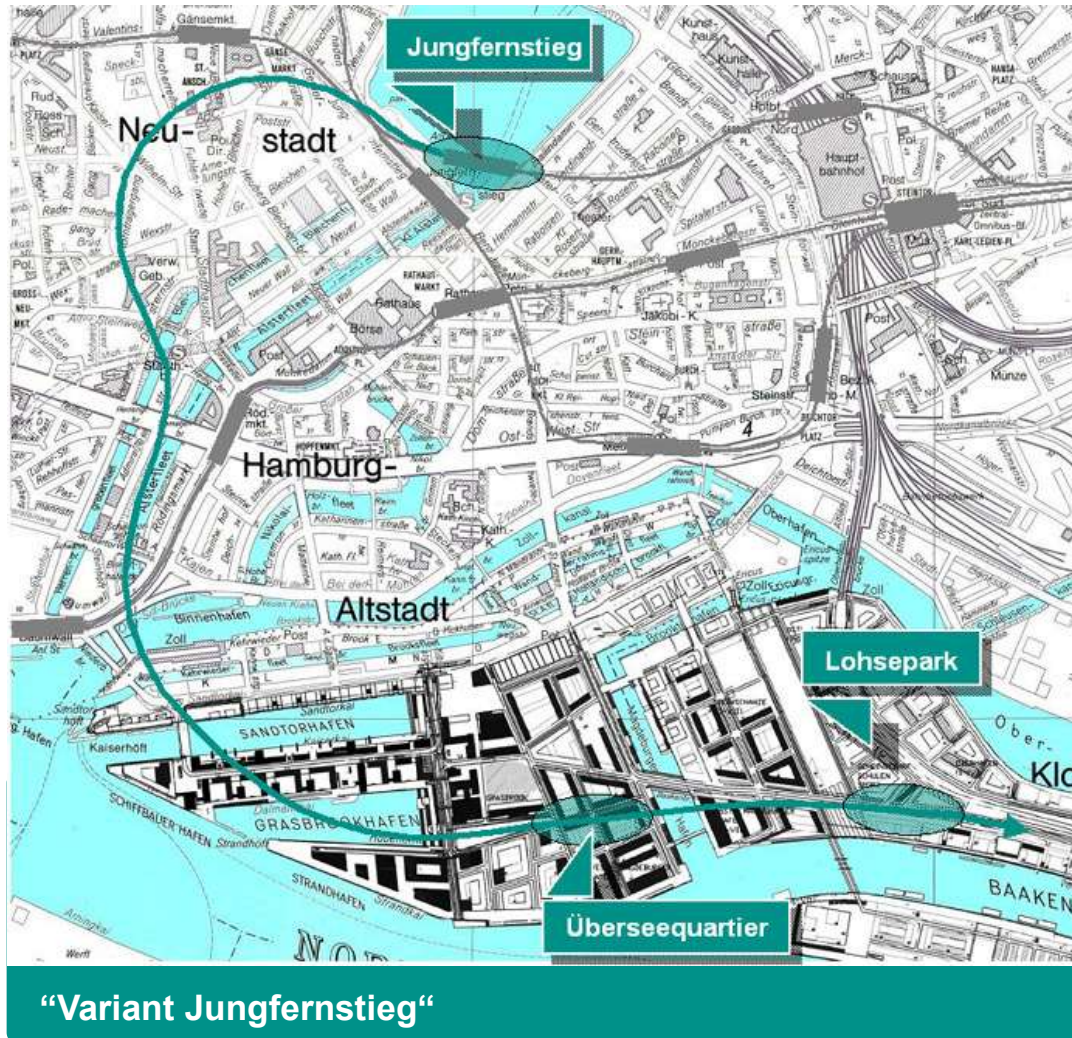


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Solution



# „Variant Jungfernstieg“



## Advantage:

- Direct connection between Harbour City, City Center and Central Station
- Good Reachability of Harbour City with two stops
- Limited impact of private and public users during construction period and later on
- High capacity and best integration in urban pt network of all remaining variants
- Future Extension in southern direction possible

## However:

- Interruption of Line U2 for six months
- Construction Works in the area of Jungfernstieg



# „Variant Jungfernstieg“: Location of Stops



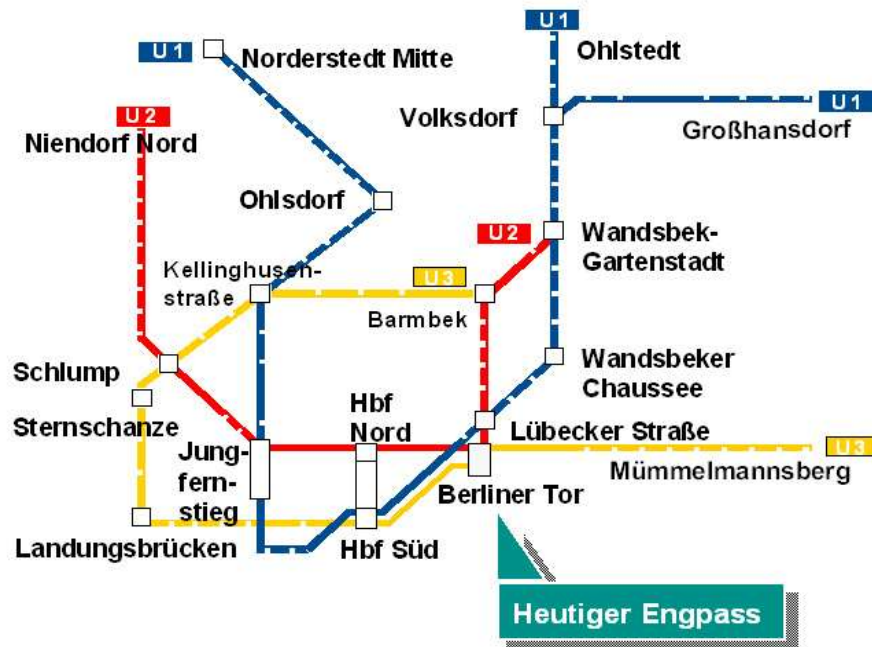
# Preferred „Variant Jungfernstieg“

- Planning Approval from parliament
- Start of construction in 2007
- Opening in 2011

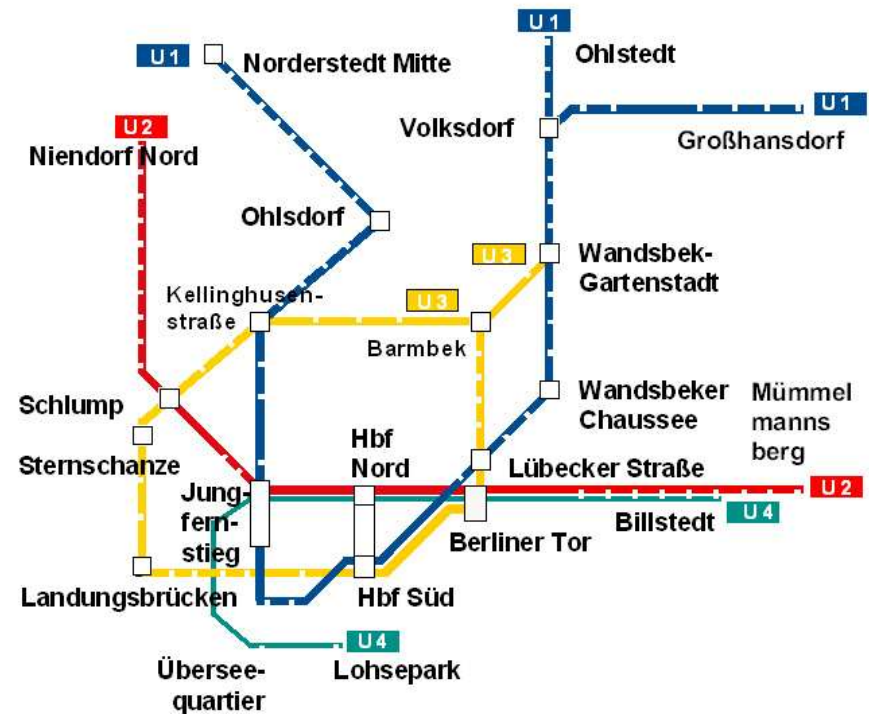




# Current and Future Underground Network Hamburg



Current network



Future network 2011

# What we can expect – Facts and Figures

## → **Passenger Demand** Überseequartier - Jungfernstieg per day:

- 22.000 in 2011
- 33.500 finally after realising „HafenCity“

## → **Capacity:**

- Regular Service: 10 min-Headway, 5,000 passengers per hour, direction
- Maximum: 2,5 min-Headway, 20,000 passengers per hour, direction

## → **Travel Time:**

- Lohsepark – Überseequartier 1 min.
- Überseequartier – Jungfernstieg 3 min.
- Überseequartier – Central Station min.

## → **Accessibility for handicapped users given**

## → **Maximum Speed:** 80 km/h



Thank you

