

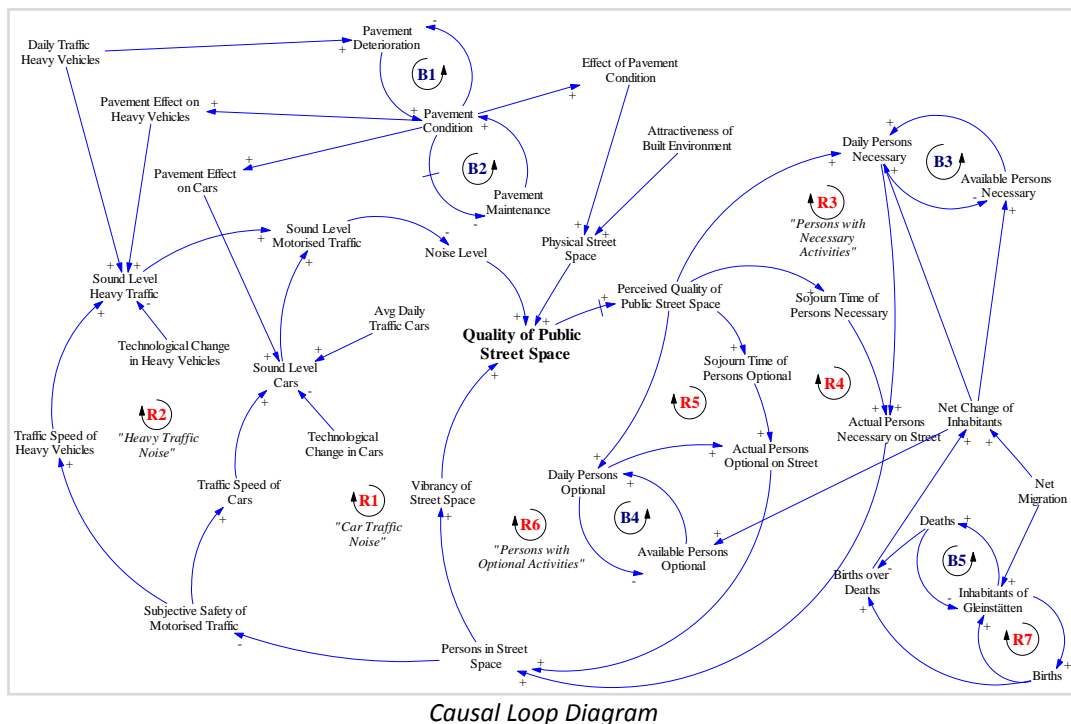
## SHARED SPACE

During the last decades the face of cities and towns changed dramatically as motorised traffic became increasingly dominant. In addition, a technological progress-oriented planning philosophy supported this development by installing broad streets for cars and heavy traffic. This, however, had the side effect that people began to withdraw from these spaces, reducing their activities to the necessary.

In this study, this dynamic development shall be described by a system dynamics approach, with a focus on the quality of sojourn of the public street space in a small town in south-eastern Austria (Gleinstätten, Styria). In a final step, the policy phase, the effects of Shared Space will be included into the model, and thereby discussed for policy relevance.

The **research questions** of this project are:

1. How can the multidimensional construct of quality of public space be defined?
2. What are its main factors and how can the system be modeled dynamically?
3. What are the effects of shared space on the modeled system?



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