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Technical solution deployed to determine the impact of the conversion of a 4-lanes road into a 2-lanes one with the addition of a two cyclable lanes on pollutants' emissions and the health of the population

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Project objective

Meersens aims to determine whether the reduction in the number of lanes, implemented since May 4, 2020, has an impact on noise exposure and air quality in metropolitan areas and how that has a positive or negative impact on citizens' health.



Modeling air quality and noise situation before 4nd May 2020



2021

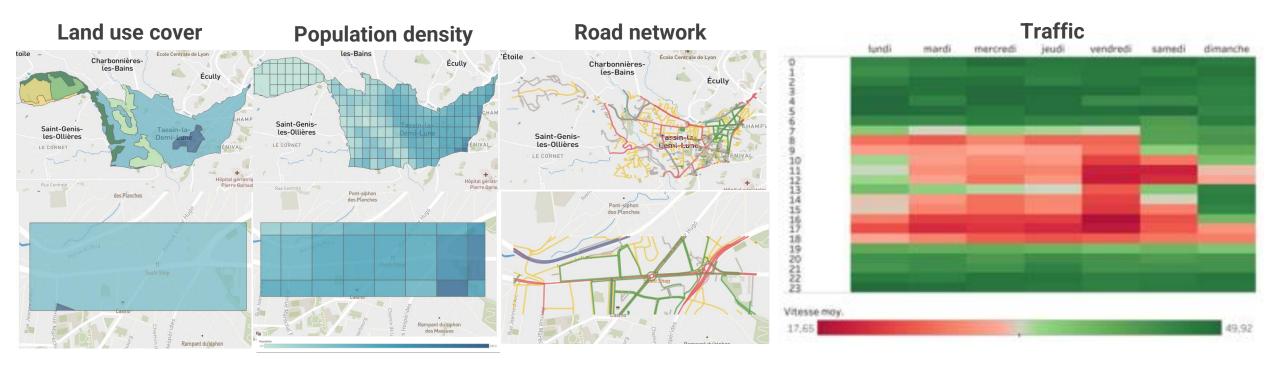
2-lanes road + 2-lanes road for bike and bus



Sensors measurements of air quality and noise after 4nd May 2020



City context



Global area: 0.638 km²

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- Discontinuous urban fabric: 99.7%
- Average population density: 4,532 inhabitants/km²



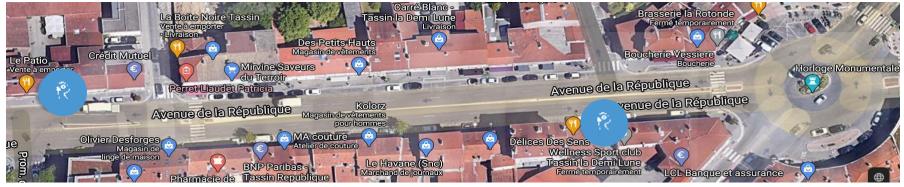
Major roads : 6,971m



Traffic : decrease of 70% of average speed during peak hours

Sensors: air quality and noise analysis (2021)

2 sensors from the 17nd February to the 1st April 2021



Monitored Pollutants :

Ozone: O3 in ppb;

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- Fine particles: PM2.5 and PM10 with a diameter of less than 2.5 micrometers and 10 micrometers, respectively, in µg/m³;
- Noise: maximum and average in dB;
- Light volatile organic compounds: VOCL in ppb;
 - Nitrogen dioxide: NO2 in μ g/m³.



Sensors measurements analysis in 2021 (2-lanes road)

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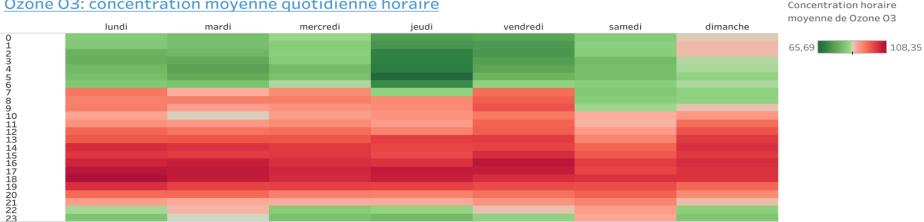
Ozone (O3) in 2021

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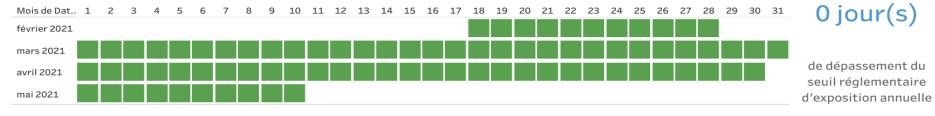
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Polluant Ozone O3 Semaine Heures de pointe Journée -0,34% 18,80% 5,068% 94,26 µg/m3 90,68 µg/m3 95,93 µg/m3 variation moyenne par rapport à la variation moyenne par variation movenne par rapport aux nuit rapport aux heures creuses week-ends journée: 6h - 21h heures de pointe: lundi - vendredi entre semaine: lundi - vendredi nuit: 22h - 5h 6h-10h et 18h-20h week-end: samedi - dimanche

Ozone O3: concentration moyenne quotidienne horaire

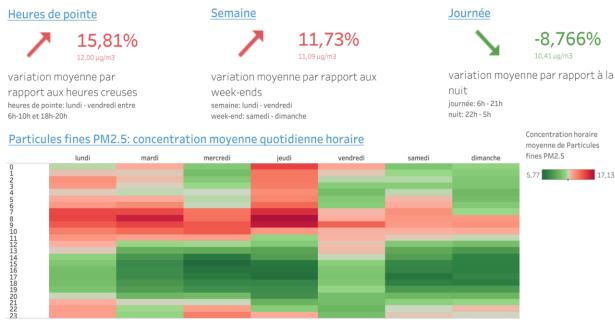


Ozone O3: Nombre de jour de dépassement du seuil annuel (120,0 µg/m3)

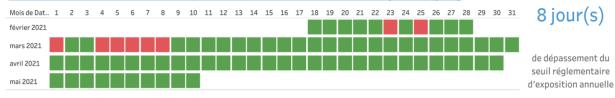


Particulate matter (PM2.5 & PM10) in 2021

Polluant Particules fines PM2.5



Particules fines PM2.5: Nombre de jour de dépassement du seuil annuel (25,00 µg/m3)



Polluant Particules fines PM10

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Heures de pointe

24,36% 17.04 µg/m3

variation moyenne par rapport aux heures creuses heures de pointe: lundi - vendredi entre 6h-10h et 18h-20h

variation moyenne par rapport aux week-ends semaine: lundi - vendredi

25,01%

week-end: samedi - dimanche

Semaine





Particules fines PM10: Nombre de jour de dépassement du seuil annuel (40,00 µg/m3)



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Journée

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journée: 6h - 21h

nuit: 22h - 5h

1.847%

Concentration horaire

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Nitrogen dioxide (NO2) in 2021

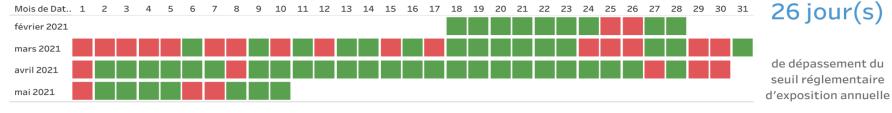


moyenne de Dioxyde d'azote NO2 lundi jeudi vendredi samedi dimanche mardi mercredi 0 1 16,12 77,29 2 5 8910112345678901223

Dioxyde d'azote NO2: Nombre de jour de dépassement du seuil annuel (40,00 µg/m3)

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Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in 2021

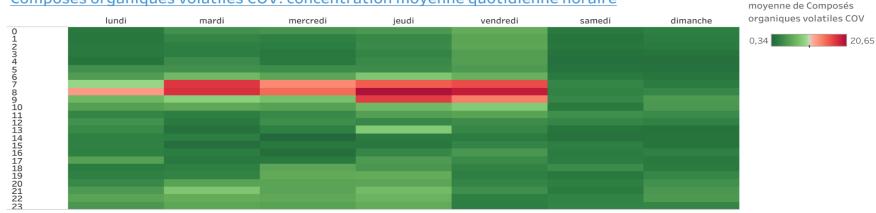
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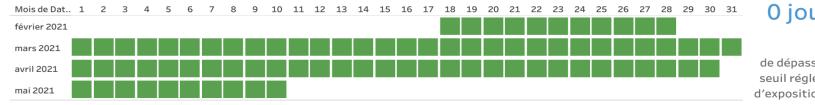
Composés organiques volatiles COV



Composés organiques volatiles COV: concentration moyenne quotidienne horaire



Composés organiques volatiles COV: Nombre de jour de dépassement du seuil annuel (48,00 ppb)



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de dépassement du seuil réglementaire d'exposition annuelle

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Noise and max noise in 2021

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d'exposition annuelle

Health impact

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Health impact for population

General population

- 📀 No risk at short term
- Potential weakening of the respiratory system in case of repeated exposure during pollution peaks
- Noisy environment that can cause discomfort, increased fatigue and/or stress during the day

Sensitive/vulnerable population

- Environment that can promote respiratory problems (exacerbation of asthma, cough, respiratory discomfort, long-term fragilization of the respiratory system) especially at peak hours
- Noisy environment that can cause discomfort, increased fatigue and/or stress during the day



Comparison 2020 vs 2021

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Hypothesis for comparison between 2020/2021

To compare the change from 4 lanes in 2020 to 2 lanes in 2021, 3 cases were retained :



This case only corrects the number of vehicles between the 2020 period when there was no curfew or telework recommendations and the 2021 period when a curfew is in place as well as a strong telework recommendation

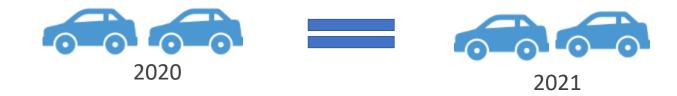


This case uses the data of case 1 but assumes a 4% decrease in traffic in 2021 on the basis of a change in vehicle routes (due to traffic jams or other) but also to a change in transport mode with a passage in soft modes (bicycles / buses / electric scooters ...).

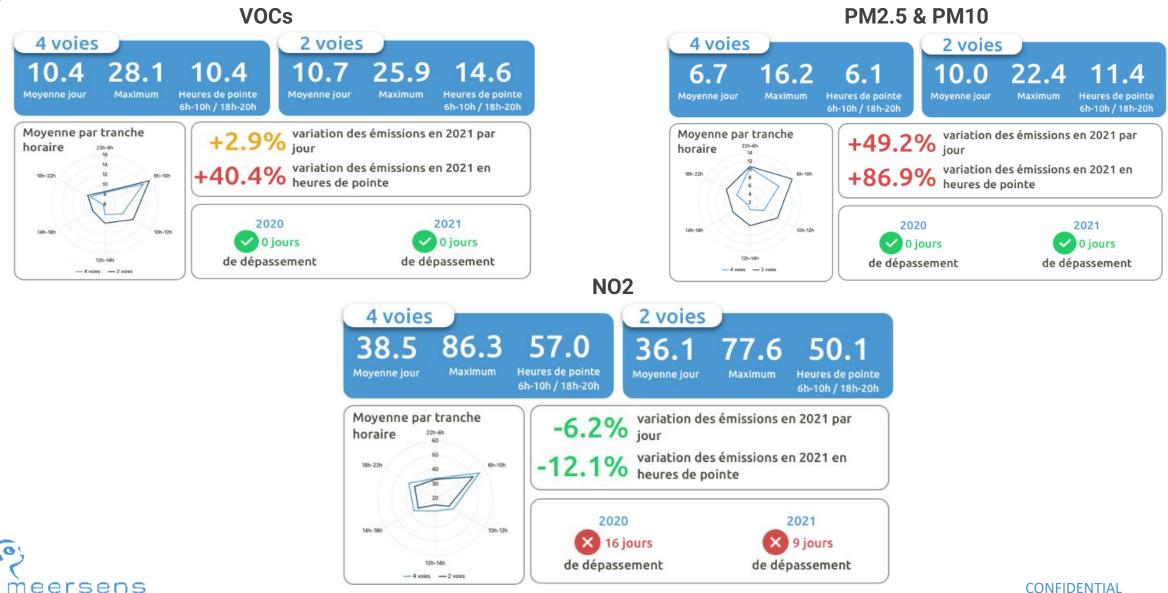


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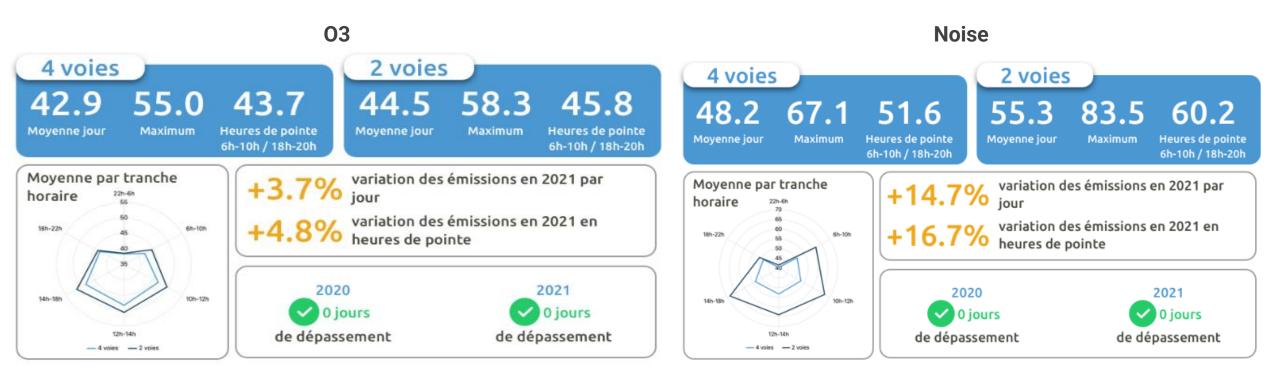
This case aims to compare the environmental and health impact solely due to the transition from 4 lanes to 2 lanes. The assumption used is therefore an identical number of vehicles per hour between 2020 and 2021.



Comparison 2021-2020



Comparison 2021-2020



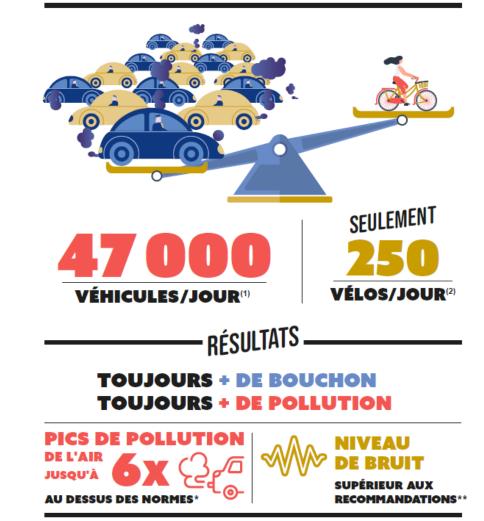


To go even further



NO2 concentration (µg/m³) in September 2021

AVENUE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE SUITE À LA FERMETURE **D'UNE VOIE DE CIRCULATION VOITURE SUR DEUX**



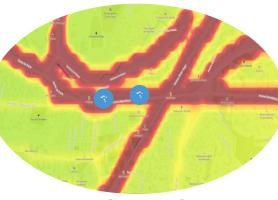
(1) Chiffres 2018 - (2) Comptage réalisé en juin 2021 Normes journalières de l'OMS (25µg/m²) pour le Dioxyde de Carbone (NO,) *Dépassant les recommandations de bien-être de la population.



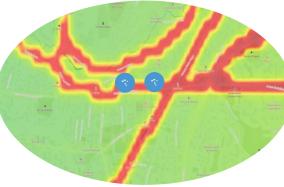
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Sunday 8h



Friday 19h



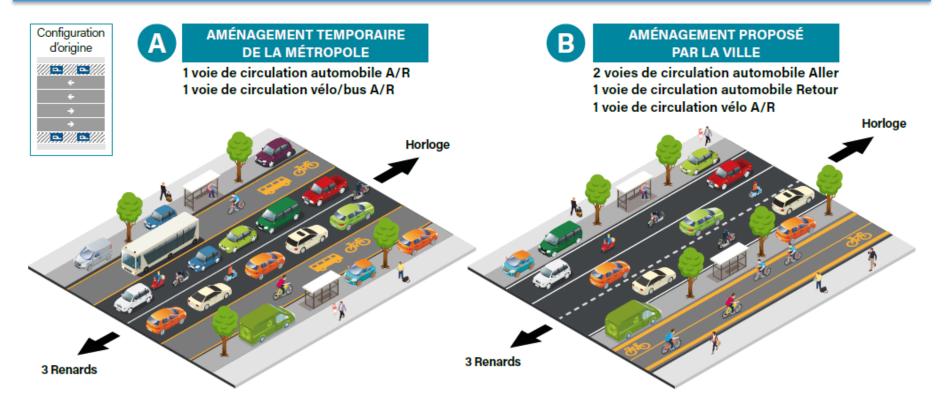
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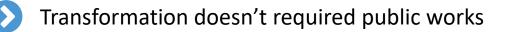






Transform 2 lanes road into 4 lanes road and monitor environment with sensors





It will allow a relevant comparison



It will help city to choose better decision for citizens



- Cerema traffic, platform "indicateur de trafic routier", https://dataviz.cerema.fr/trafic-routier/, 2021
- Corine Land Cover 2018, www.statistiques.developpement-durable.gouv.fr, 2021
- Global Human Settlement Layer 2015, https://ghsl.jrc.ec.europa.eu/, 2021
- Street Map 2021, Open Street Map, 2021
- Traffic, TomTom 2021







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