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Social Justice

Each person is to have an equal right to the most extensive basic liberty compatible with a similar liberty for others



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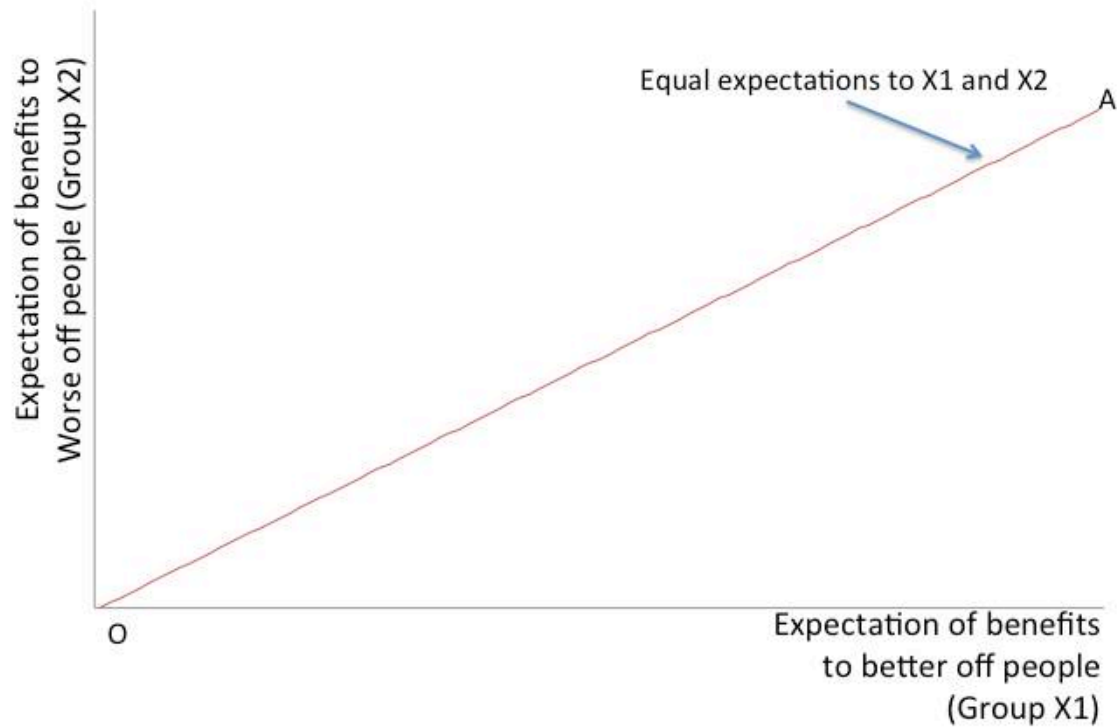
Social and economic inequalities are to be arranged so that

- a) they are to be of the greatest benefit to the least-advantaged members of society, consistent with the just savings principle (*the difference principle*)
- b) offices and positions must be open to everyone under conditions of *fair equality of opportunity*

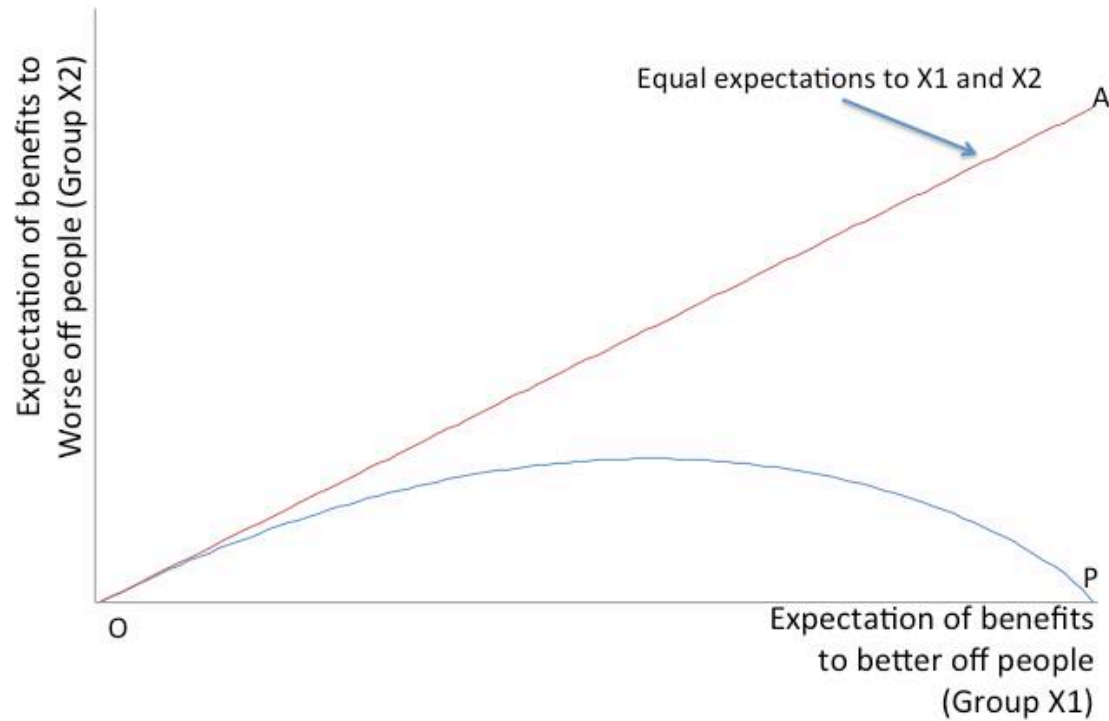


Rawls J (1973) Theory of Justice

Difference Principle

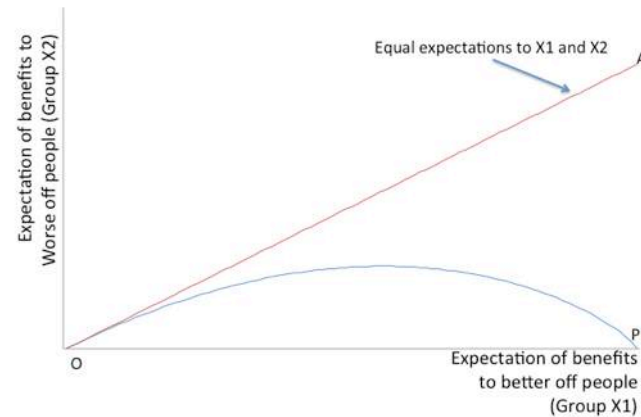


Difference Principle



Difference principle

- Different pairings
 - Wealth: rich vs. poor
 - Access: differential capabilities
 - Density: car vs. pedestrian
 - Occupancy: comfortable vs. crowded



Transport is inherently
unjust

All transport is exclusive

But is 'transport' what we
are really seeking?

The courteous city

- Behaviour change
- Improve equity
- Design to improve courtesy

The evolving city

- What will be the needs in the future?
- Adaptive and flexible design

The active & inclusive city

- Has activities and opportunities
- Encourage non-motorised transport

Courteous city

Evolving city

Active & Inclusive city

People

Healthy city

Aesthetic & Public City

The healthy city

- Positive impact on health
- Minimise the need to use motorised vehicles
- Clean technologies

Aesthetic & Public City

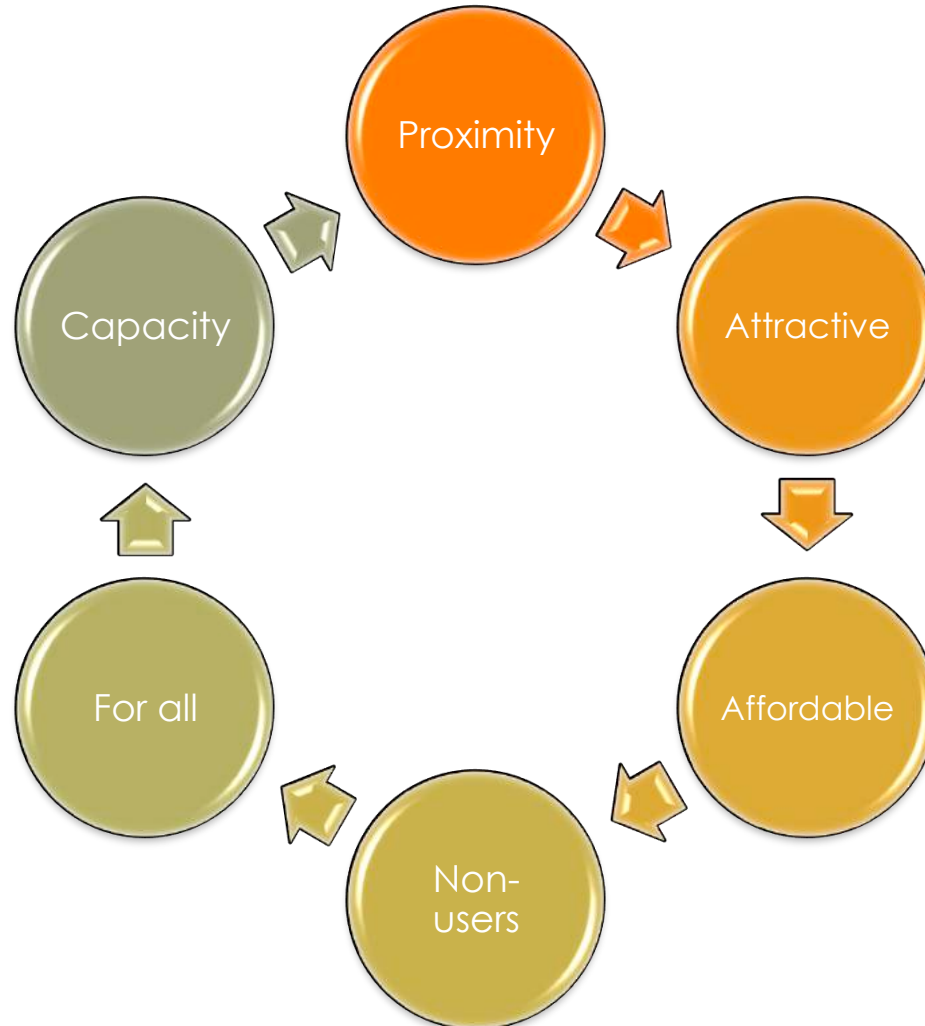
- Public spaces are open, available and accessible
- Green spaces
- Public space is safe

Mobility is a better
objective

Mobility needs transport –
but transport needs to be
constrained to provide social
justice

The transport system has to
be accessible to deliver
social justice

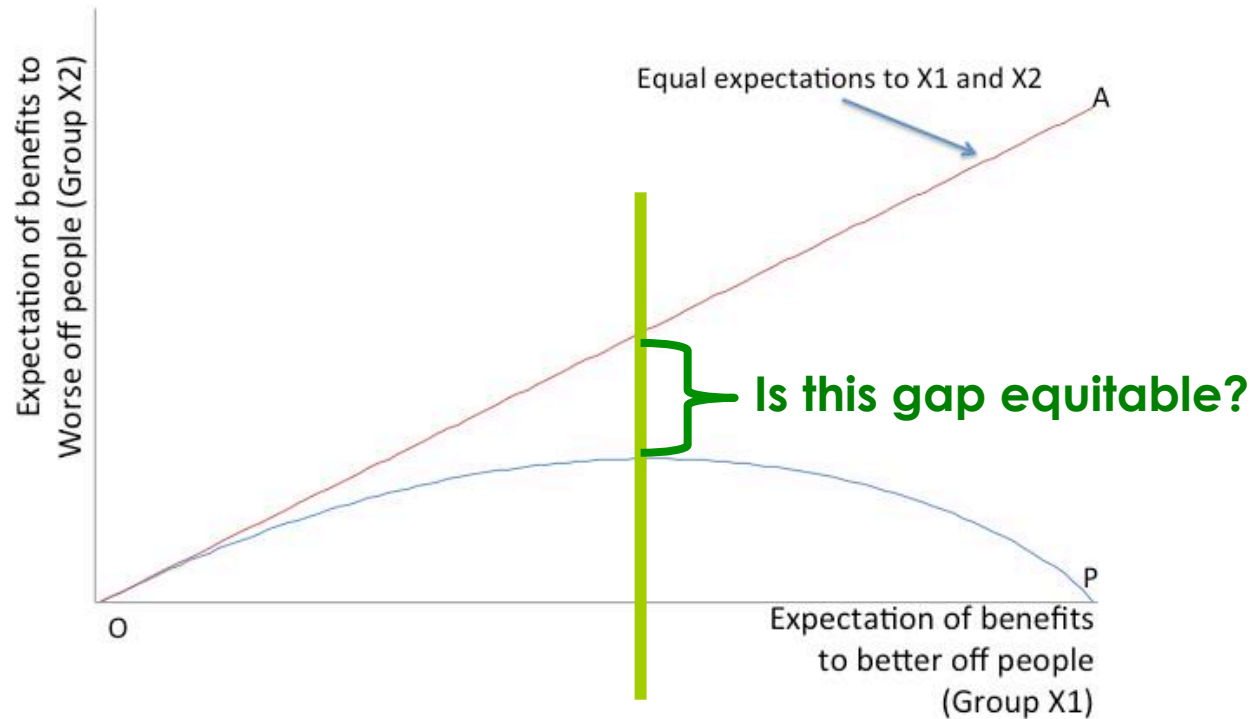
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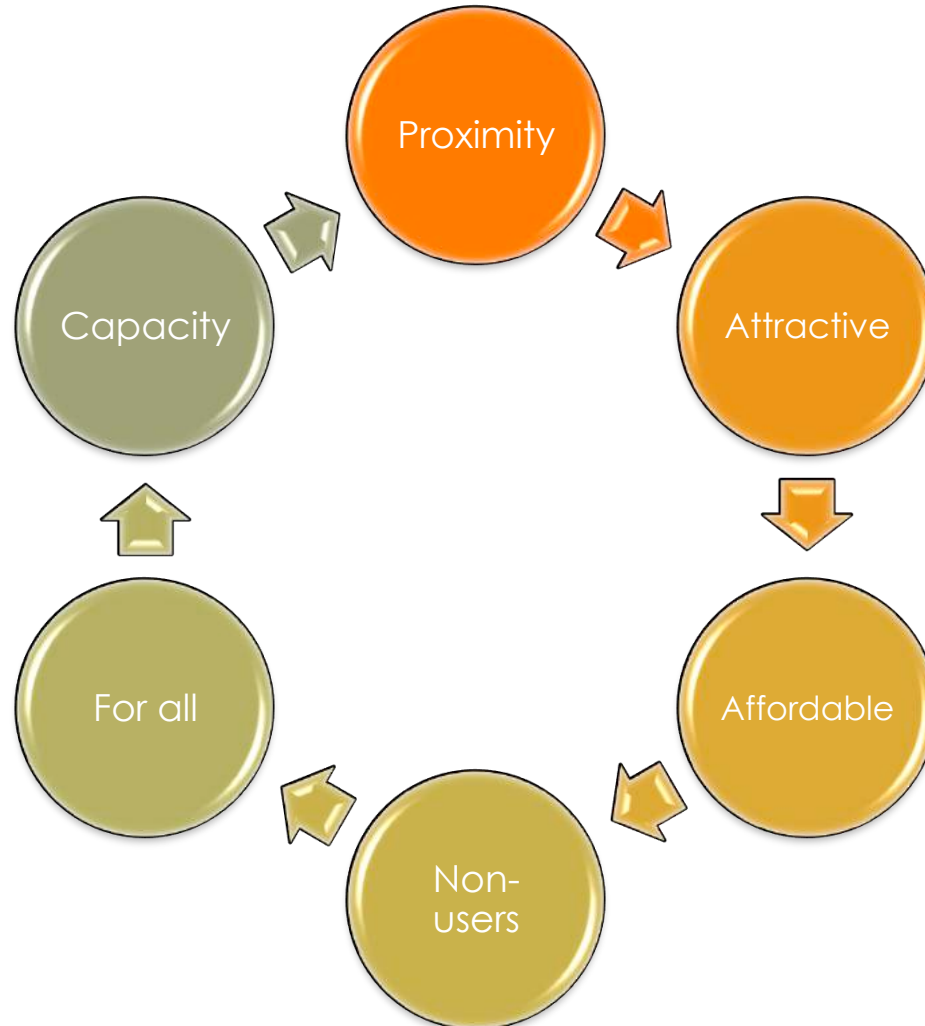
So how to deliver socially just transport?

- Equitable allocation of space – between activities, transport modes, within transport modes
- Proximal in space and time
- Aesthetic
- Available, accessible and affordable to everyone

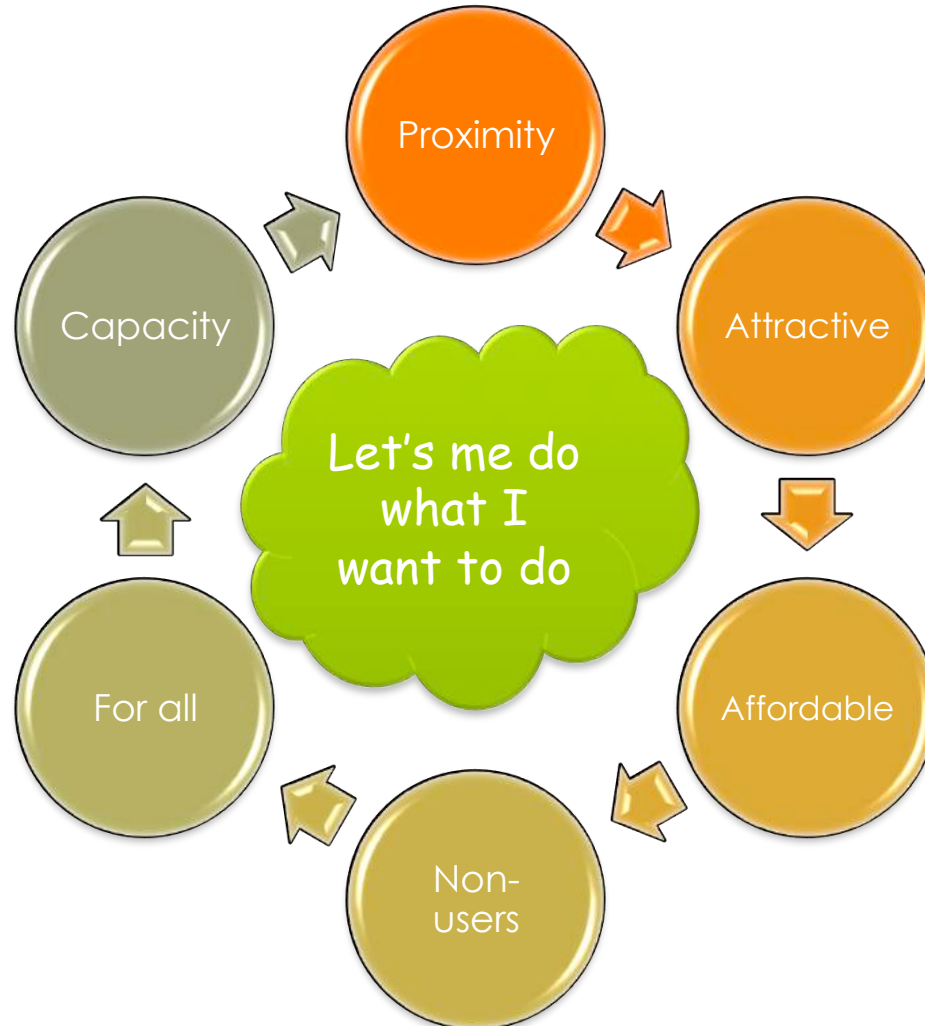
It means making socially-just compromises



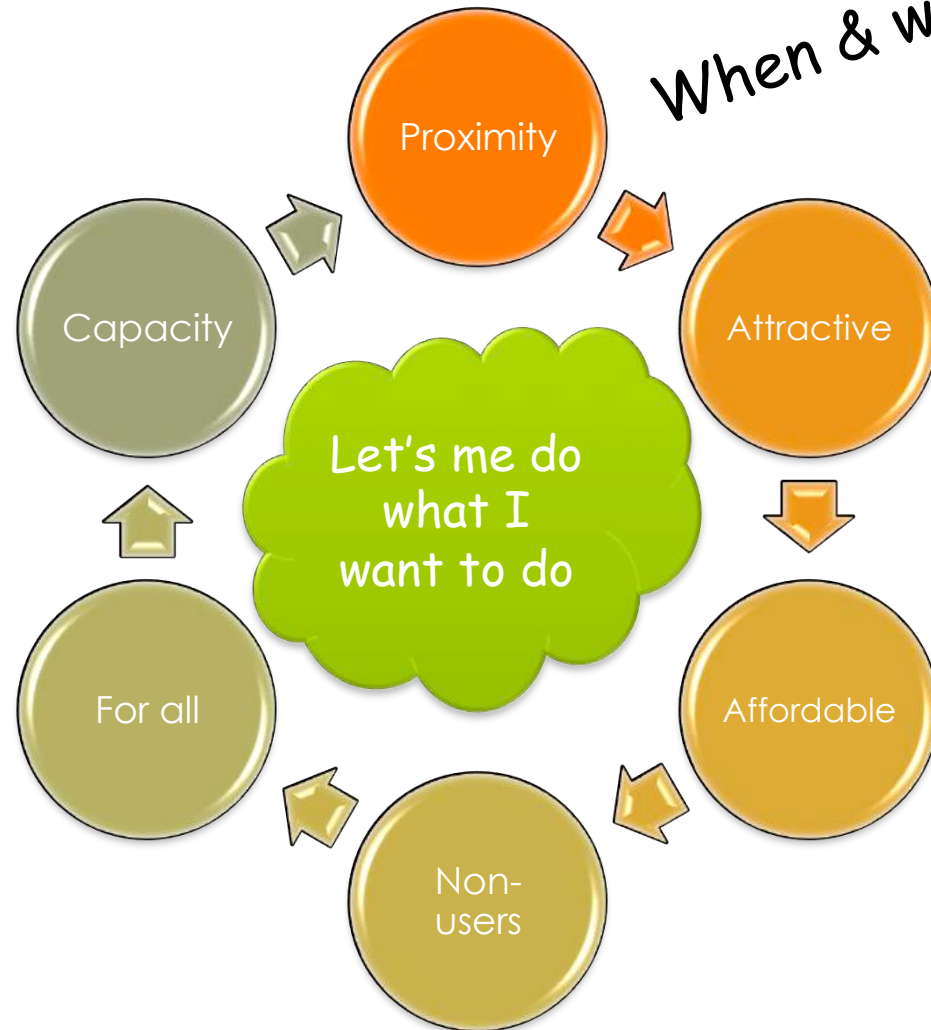
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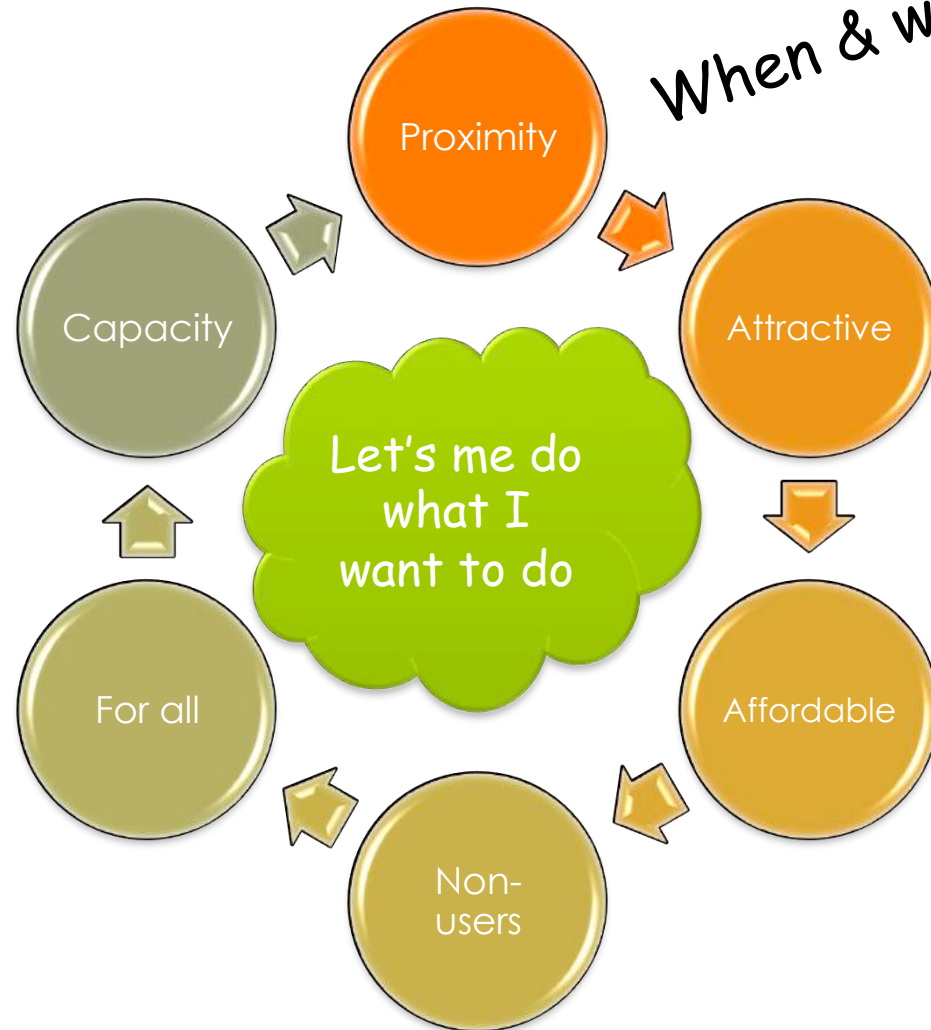
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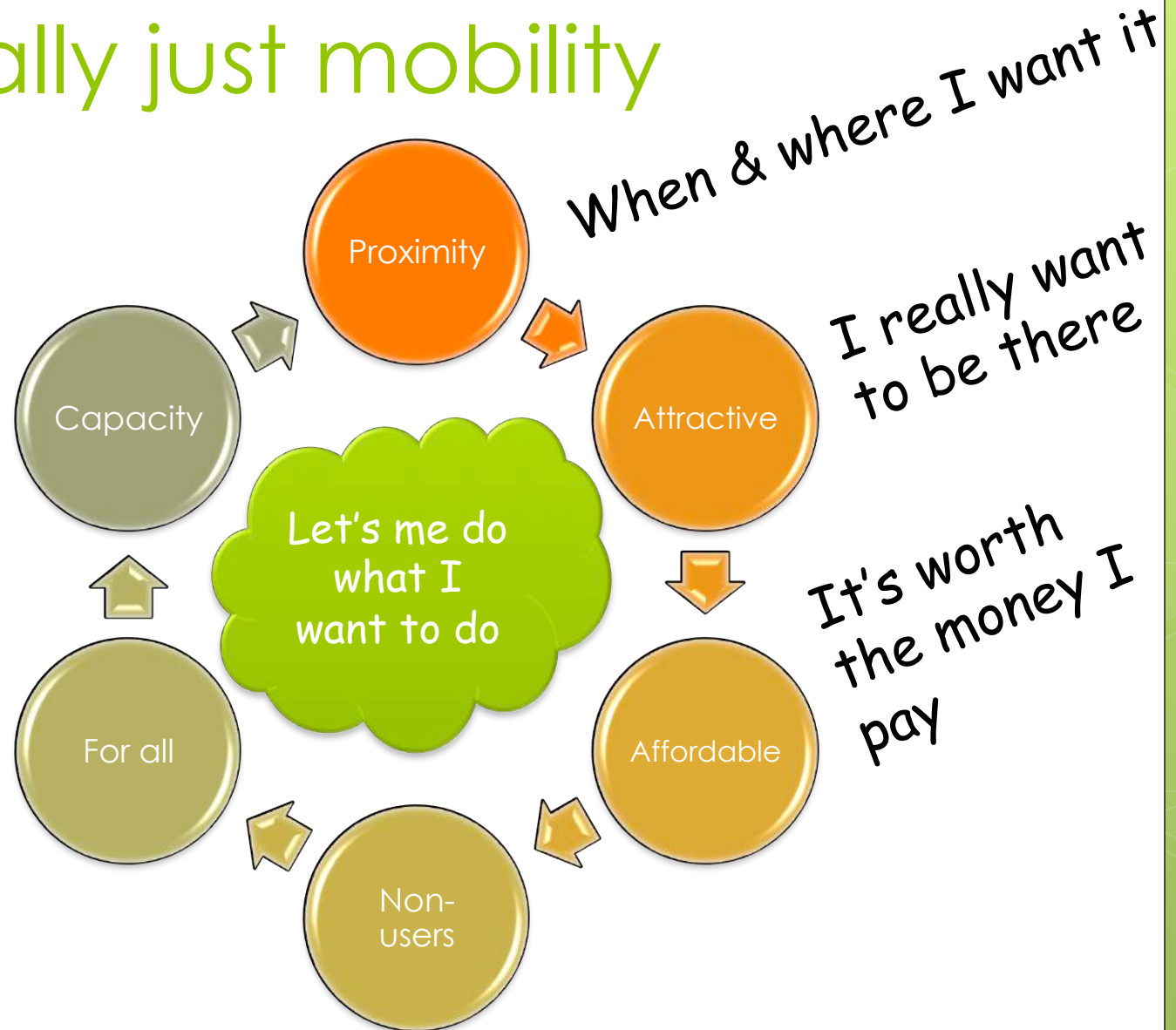
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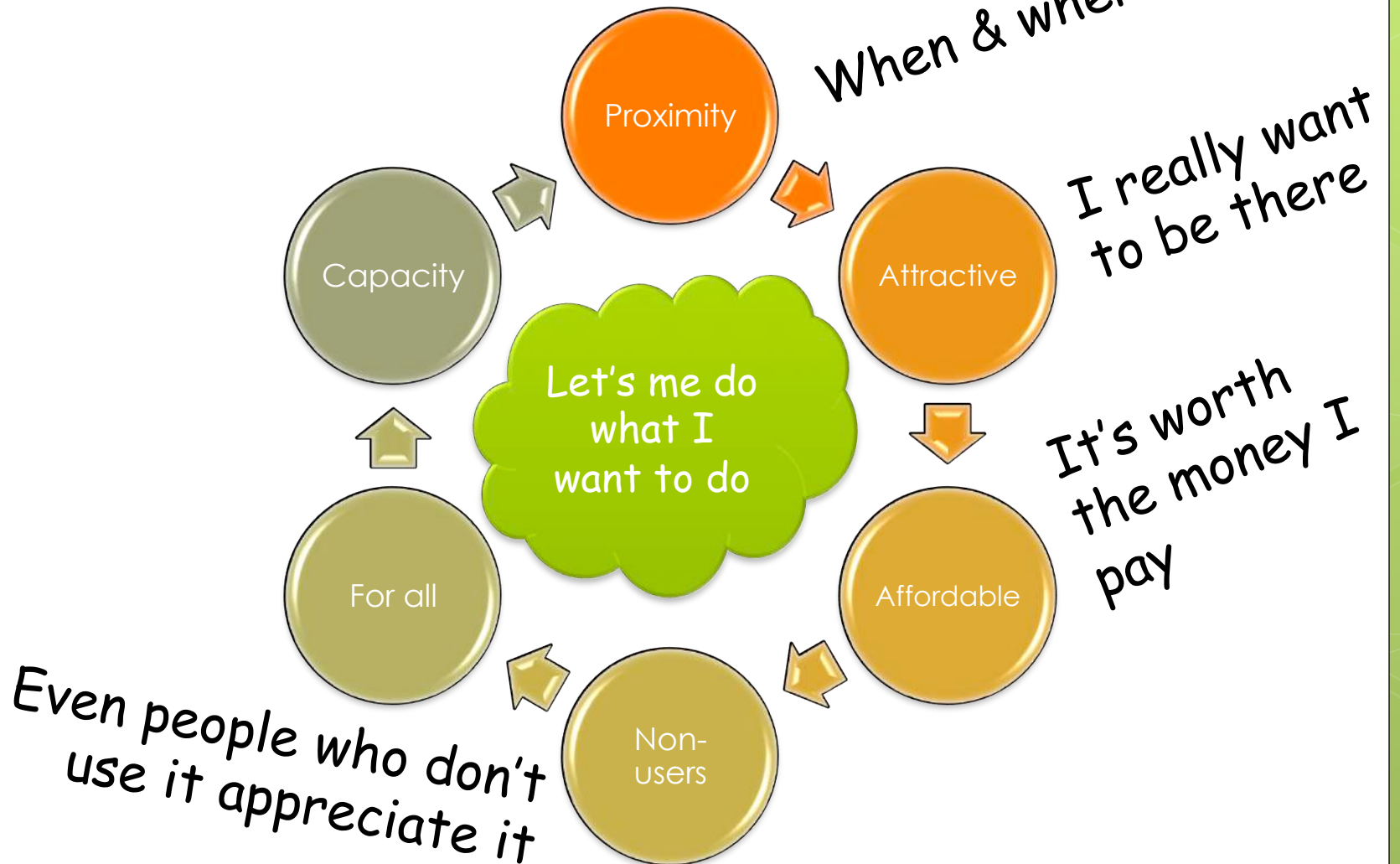
When & where I want it

I really want to be there

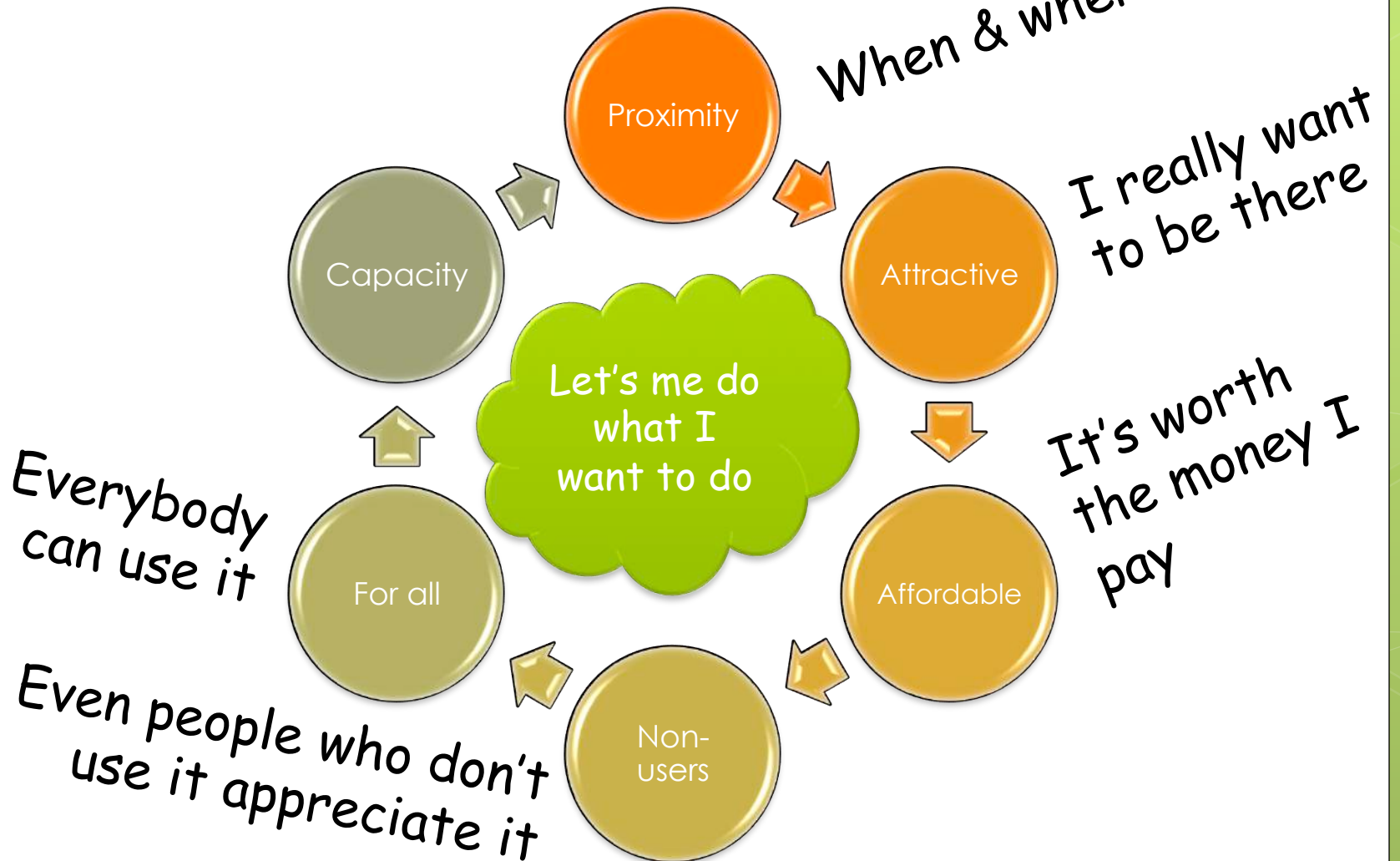
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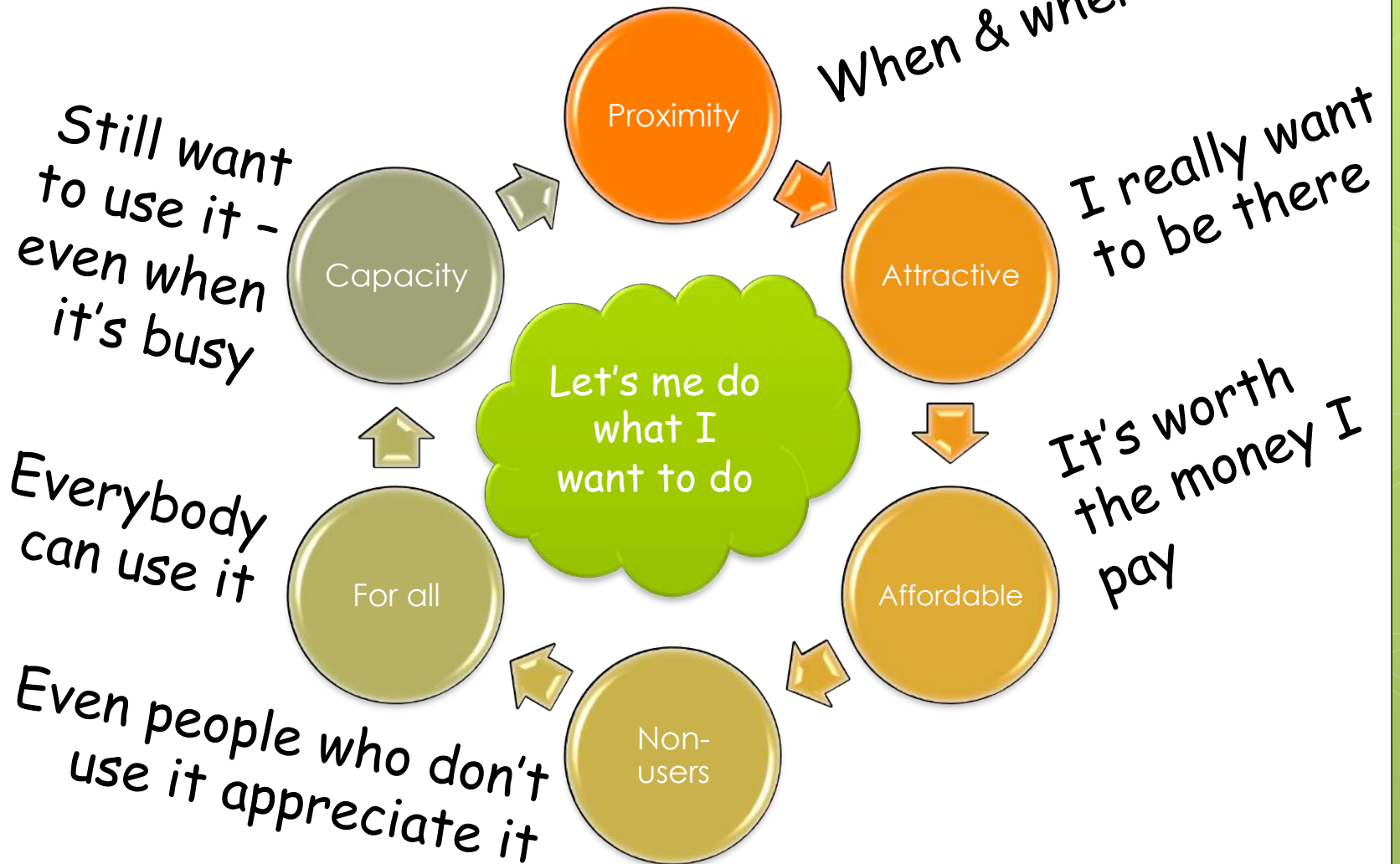
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