A Short History of Traffic Engineering

In industrialised cities:

**Before 1920: the compact city**
Walking and cycling are the dominant modes of transport. Public transport has an important role in getting people from A to B.

**1920 - 1950**
Walking, cycling and public transport are still the most common modes of travel. The car appears in the city and has to adapt to the built up structure.

**From 1950: the car-oriented city**
The car is prioritised in planning. Every other mode of transport is subordinated to the car and has to adapt.

**Planning for the livable city**
In order to achieve a livable environment the sustainable modes of transport need to be prioritised.