

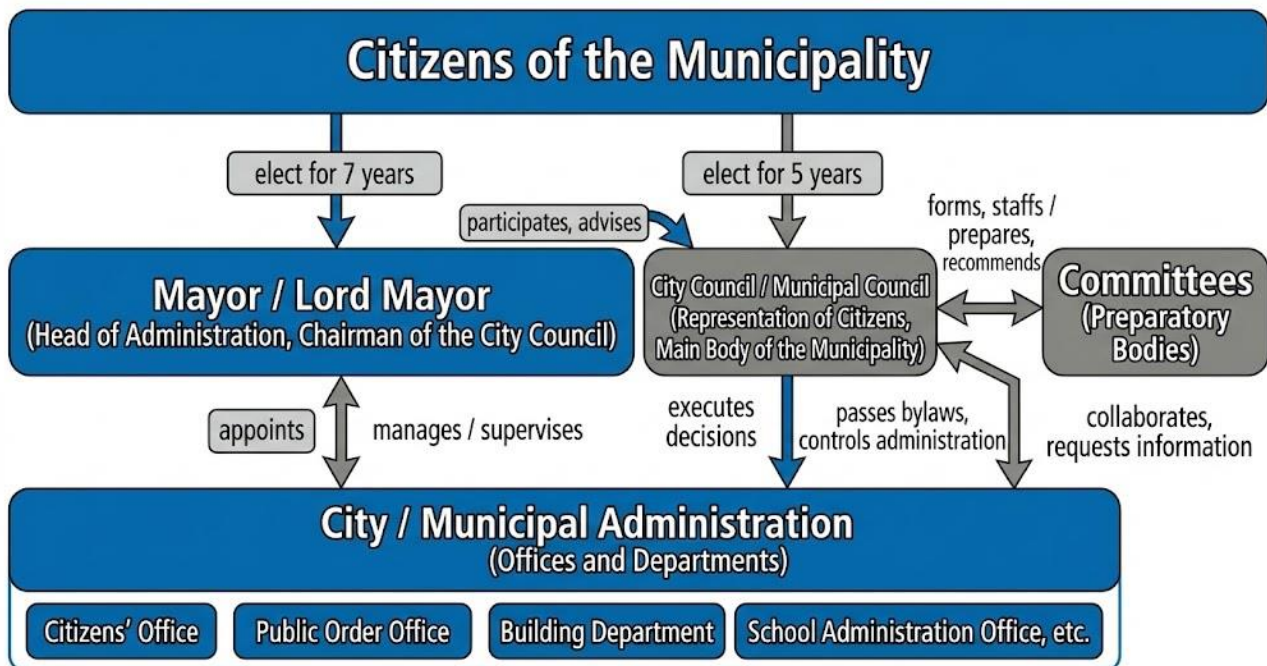
M1: Dialogue, map

Scenario: Monday morning, 7:45 a.m. There is gridlock in front of the school centre. Engines are roaring, doors are slamming, bicycles are weaving through gaps.

Person	Statement
Mia (7th grade)	<i>"Seriously? I can't get through again! There are cars everywhere on the cycle path. I'm tired of riding for my life every day!"</i>
Father Karsten	<i>"Mia, stop! That's far too dangerous. I'll drive you again tomorrow, at least you'll be safe in the car."</i>
Leonore Lenz	<i>(calling out of the window) "Can you move your car? I need to get out of this parking space to go shopping! I haven't been able to get out of here in the morning for weeks!"</i>
Silvia Haake	<i>(honks her horn in annoyance) "People, I'm on duty! If I can't find a parking space here, my patient won't be able to get out of bed today. I don't have time for your discussions!"</i>

(Map of the school and its surroundings)

M2: Structural outline for setting up a community



Parish council or city council

Elected for 5 years
Decides on motions by majority vote
Advised by committees
Number of members depends on the population of the municipality

Administration

implements all decisions
Assists citizens with administrative matters
e.g. education authority, public order office, building authority

Mayor

Elected for seven years by the citizens of the municipality
Chair of the municipal council, chairs meetings
Has one vote in the municipal council
Responsible for administration

Citizens

Elect the municipal council and mayor
Submit enquiries, requests, complaints
submit residents' petitions to the council
can call for a referendum

M3: Motion

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF [...] Political group: "Safe Schools & Future"

Date: 25 January 2026

MOTION

Subject: Conversion of Dübener Straße into a cycle lane to increase safety on the way to school.

The City Council may decide:

1. **Dübener Straße shall be designated as a cycle lane in the section between Lindenstraße and Alter Postweg.**
2. **With the exception of residents, cars will be prohibited from driving through during school hours (7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).**
3. **The city administration is instructed to put in place the appropriate markings and signage by the start of the next school term.**

Reason: The current traffic situation in front of the school centre is untenable. The high volume of traffic picking up and dropping off children ("parent taxis") poses a particular risk to primary school children. A cycle lane gives cyclists priority and allows them to ride side by side. Cars may only drive at low speeds (max. 30 km/h) and with special consideration. This also promotes the independence of pupils and contributes to climate protection in our community.

M4: Role cards

Role 1: Leonore Lenz (resident and pensioner)

My name is Leonore Lenz and I have been living on Dübener Straße for over 40 years. I love my neighbourhood, but I am very concerned about the plans for a cycle lane. At my age, I depend on my car to do heavy shopping or go to the doctor. If a cycle lane is built here, I fear that I will no longer be able to park right outside my front door. Besides, it's already noisy enough; I'm afraid that even more children cycling and shouting will disturb my peace and quiet. Why does everything suddenly have to change after all these years? I want everything to stay the way it is.

Your task: Convince the committee that the needs of the older generation, who pay taxes and live here, must not be ignored.

Role 2: Karsten Schmidt (Concerned father)

My name is Karsten Schmidt. As the father of two children who attend the school centre every day, I view the current situation with great concern. Every morning, there is pure chaos here because too many parents drive their children right up to the gate in their "parent taxis". They double park, turn around and honk their horns. My children have to squeeze their way through this avalanche of metal. There have already been two accidents with minor injuries in recent months – does something worse have to happen first? We need the cycle lane now so that the way to school is finally safe again. Safety must be more important than the convenience of a few motorists.

Your task: Report emotionally on your concerns as a father and demand clear right of way for the safety of the most vulnerable road users.

Role 3: Silvia Haake (mobile care service)

My name is Silvia Haake and I work for a mobile care service. My schedule is extremely tight, and I often only have a few minutes per patient. In Dübener Straße, I care for several elderly people who depend on my help. If this street becomes a cycle lane and I am no longer allowed to park or drive through it, I will lose valuable time looking for a parking space in the side streets. This means I will have less time to care for people. My car is not a luxury, but my most important work tool. A closure would massively hinder my work.

Your task: Explain the practical problems for social service providers to the committee and request exemptions or the preservation of parking spaces.

Role 4: Mia (primary school pupil)

Hello, I'm Mia and I'm in fifth grade. I would actually like to ride my bike to school on my own, like the older kids. But my parents are afraid and won't let me because the cars on Dübener Straße are so careless. Large cars often park on the pavement, so I can't see if another car is coming. I feel very small and unsafe there among all the moving cars. I wish for a street where I don't have to be afraid and where I can cycle to school safely with my friends.

Your task: Describe the situation from a child's perspective. Make it clear to adults how unsafe small people feel in rush hour traffic.

Role 5: Oliver Czernik (biologist and city councillor)

My name is Oliver Czernik. As a biologist and member of the transport committee, I see the matter objectively. Of course, I am in favour of environmental protection, but I consider the establishment of a cycle lane only on Dübener Straße to be window dressing. This does not solve the actual problem, but only shifts it elsewhere. Parents will simply drop their children off on Lindenstraße or Alten Postweg. The traffic chaos there will then become even more dangerous because the streets are narrower. We don't need a short stretch of cycle lane, but a well-thought-out concept for the entire city and proper cycle paths that are safe everywhere.

Your task: Present yourself as an expert who sees the big picture. Criticise the current plan as inadequate and call for a more far-reaching solution.

Role 6: Viktoria Saal (school representative at the grammar school)

I am Viktoria Saal and I represent the interests of the students at the secondary school. For us, the cycle lane is a symbol of modern climate protection and health. Those who come by bike protect the environment and are much more alert in class in the morning. It is unfair that a minority of "parent taxis" pollute the air for everyone and block the way. We are not only calling for the cycle lane, but also for the teachers' parking spaces to be moved to Alten Postweg. We also finally need proper, covered bike racks so that our bikes don't get wet when it rains.

Your task: Present modern and forward-looking arguments. Link the topic of cycle lanes with climate protection and the specific wishes of the student body.

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