

Trams – the real story

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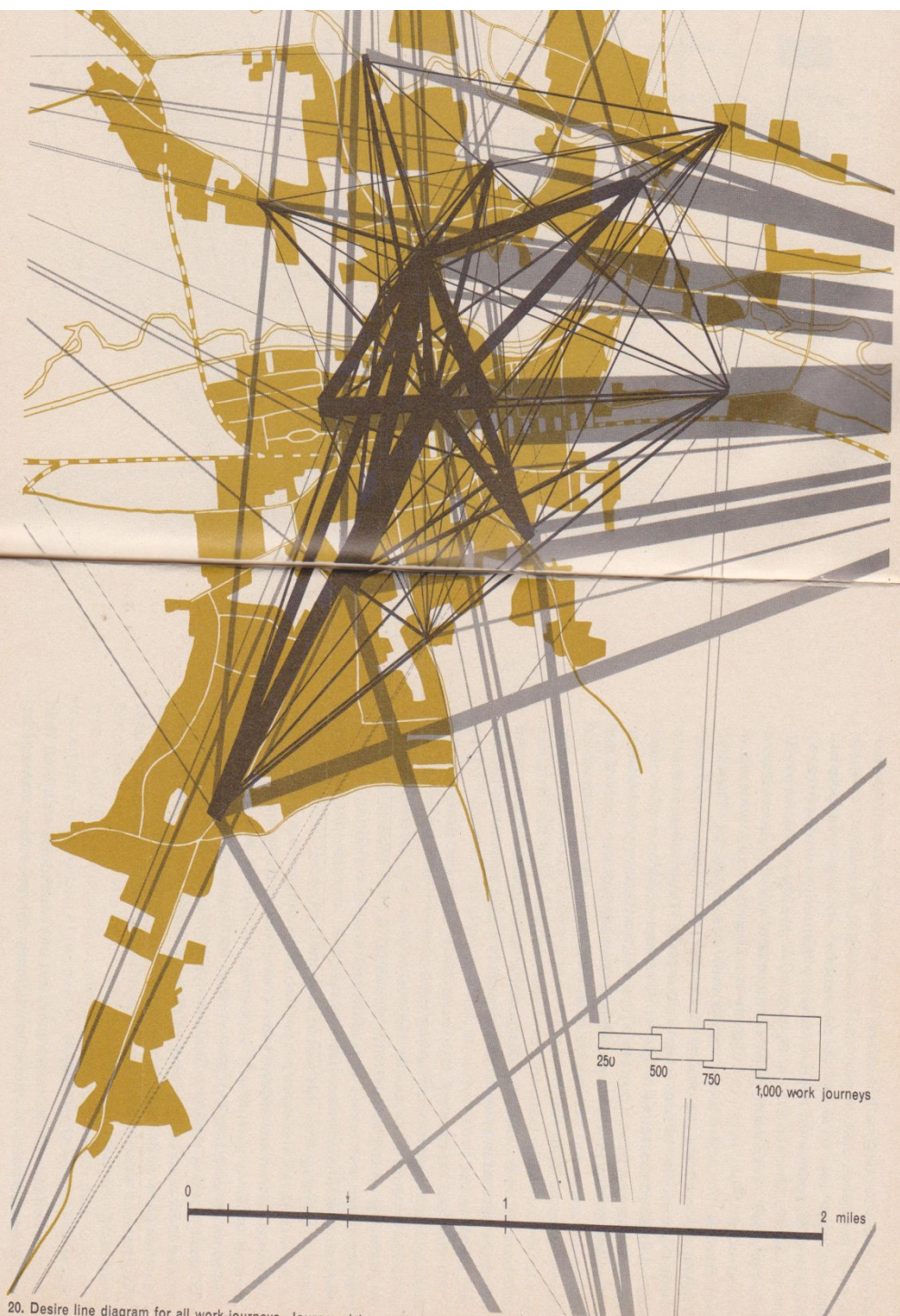












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GOOD-BYE TO TRAMS

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After nearly 80 years of trams, Birmingham to-day abandoned the last tram route—to Erdington, Pye Hayes and Short Heath—and became an all-bus city.

In 1930, Birmingham Corporation had a fleet of 843 trams—the largest in the world. To-day, Birmingham became the largest city in the world without any form of public electrically-driven passenger transport service.

One of the oldest trams, a four-wheel non-bogie car, which was built in 1911 and last ran in October, 1950, is to be preserved in the Birmingham Museum of Science and Industry, as a gift from the Common Good Trust.

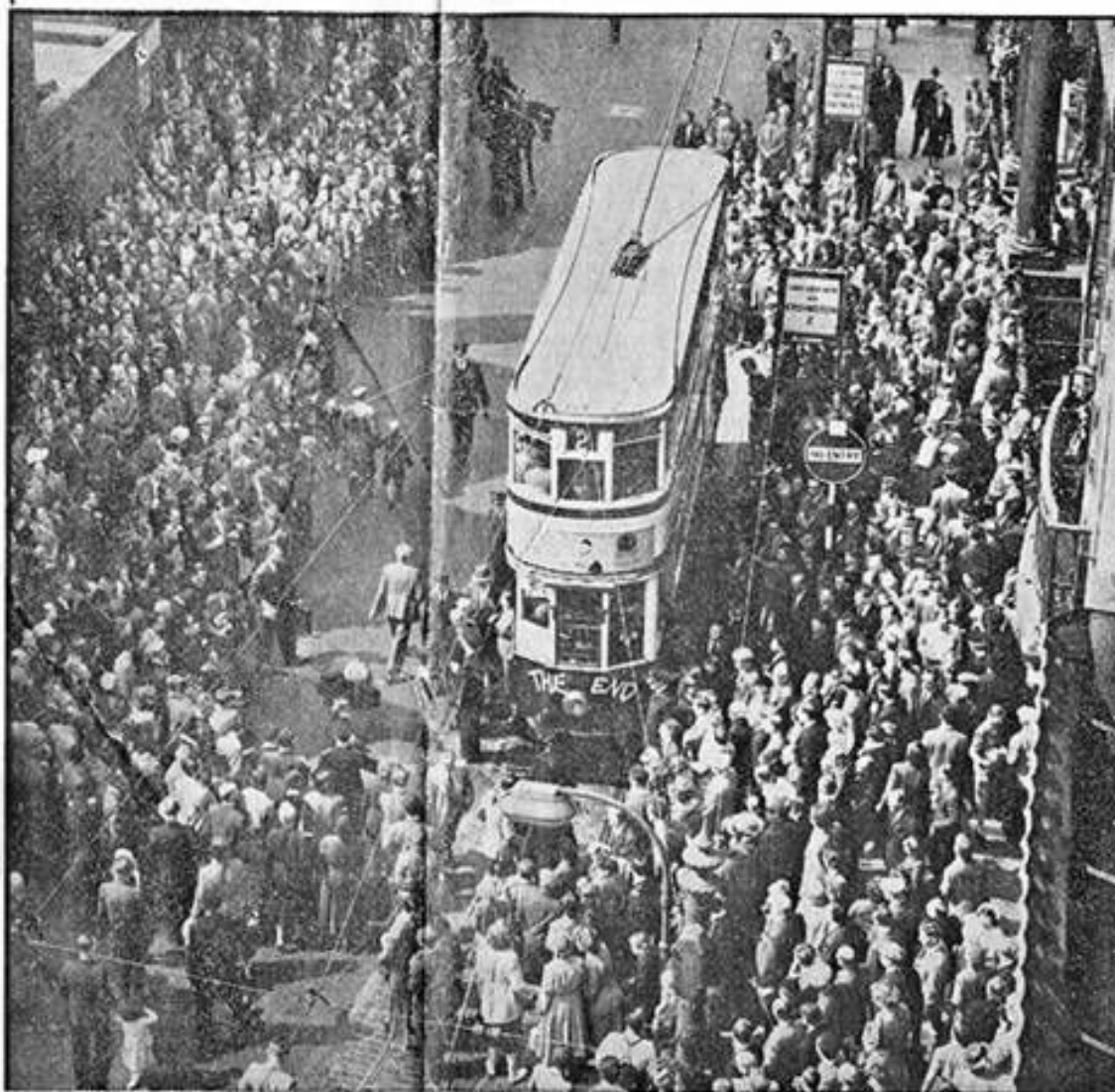
So great was the demand from "V.I.P.s" to travel on the city's last tram, that two cars were run in tandem, beginning the last pilgrimage from Miller Street depot at 10.10 a.m.

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The End of the Line for the Last of B'ham's Trams



A bird's eye view of the crowds which gathered in Steelhouse Lane to bid farewell to the last of Birmingham's trams.







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