



MobiliseYourCity Members' Declaration

CITIES ACROSS THE GLOBE FACE THE CHALLENGE OF SUSTAINABLE, LOW CARBON MOBILITY.

CONSIDERING THAT:

- Affordable and accessible transport is essential to access work, schools, and hospitals.
- Sustainable mobility ensures clean air and helps mitigate the impacts of climate change.
- Many people rely on paratransit services for their transport needs and as a source of livelihood.

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT:

- In the last decade, a meaningful shift has occurred in recognising the vital need to decarbonise urban transport to fight the climate crisis and in acknowledging the need to take complementary action at the city and national levels.
- More and more cities and countries are committing or starting to act on transport as evidenced by the growing number of cities and countries publicly declaring their intention to do so through joining the MobiliseYourCity Partnership and several other initiatives.
- The 2019 protest movements worldwide called for climate and social justice. These dual demands have elevated the urgent need for complementary action on decarbonising transport while decreasing transport poverty and improving access for all to services like jobs, education and health facilities.

RECOGNISING DESPITE THESE COMMITMENTS, THAT:

- More than a quarter of all energy-related emissions in the world is caused by the transport of people and goods. With a projected increase of 70% by 2050, it is the fastest-growing of all sources. Urban trips create a large portion of these emissions and will greatly increase with urban growth; in 2050, 70% of the global population is estimated to live in cities. Tackling urban mobility emissions is necessary to achieve the 2-degree target for global temperature rise.
- Congestion of road infrastructures paralyses urban areas in many developing and emerging countries. Improving transport systems lays the foundation for social equity, economic prosperity and quality of life in cities.
- About 1.3 million people die yearly due to traffic accidents and 3.3 million deaths are attributed to outdoor air pollution each year, with urban populations being the far most vulnerable.
- Significant investments – trillions of dollars globally – in urban transport infrastructure are needed over the next few decades, especially in the rapidly growing regions of Africa, Asia and Latin America.
- Investments must be combined with sustainable urban mobility policies in order to generate a catalytic effect. Sustainable, low-carbon transport requires comprehensive financial, institutional and technical capacity and comprehensive institutional coordination.
- COVID 19 has exacerbated existing challenges and presented new obstacles to local transport systems across the world.

WE, AS MOBILISEYOURCITY MEMBERS, REGARD SECURE ACCESS TO LOW-CARBON, SAFE, CLEAN, RELIABLE AND AFFORDABLE URBAN TRANSPORT SYSTEMS AS A BASIC NEED FOR ALL.

WE SEEK TO IMPROVE URBAN MOBILITY BY:

- Planning for transformative change:
 - Shift from road-centric transport planning to mobility planning that focuses on meeting the needs of all people while balancing the needs of our planet.
 - Prioritise sustainable urban mobility systems that integrate public transport, cycling, walking, paratransit and low carbon solutions in planning, policy development, and allocation of public budgets;
 - Rationalise the use of public space and consider the interests of all population groups in order to assure high quality and a fair share of urban transport and road systems;
 - Finance sustainable, low-carbon transport while acknowledging mobility as a public service, supporting a coherent policy framework, following the transport-finances-transport principle, pricing transport to moderate excessive demand and setting clear investment priorities in favour of sustainable, low-carbon transport.
 - Focus efforts on the movement of passengers and goods instead of mere vehicle flow and infrastructure construction;
 - Achieving high-quality standards for accessibility to transport systems in order to improve economic competitiveness and urban liveability of cities;
- Implementing mobility and land-use policies and projects to:
 - Reduce unnecessary urban travel, particularly individual motorized trips, notably through land use and transport integration, reallocation of the use of public space, and demand management measures;
 - Encourage the use of low-carbon and non-pollutant transport modes through a combination of push and pull measures;
 - Improve the energy efficiency of transport vehicles through technological advances and traffic regulation;
 - Stimulate the use of alternative propulsion systems and fuels where appropriate;
 - Taking advantage of new technologies and solutions such as vehicle-sharing, intelligent transport systems, digitalisation and open data in order to enhance the efficiency and the quality of transport services, together with access to information for all;

WE COMMIT TO TACKLING CHALLENGES TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE, LOW CARBON MOBILITY WITH THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

- Accelerating implementation of inclusive and sustainable urban mobility through better planning and improved financing and funding within our jurisdiction;
- Fostering policies, programs and legislative frameworks that enable implementation of ambitious sustainable urban mobility actions;
- Strengthening participatory urban mobility planning and implementation, with a particular focus on paratransit users and providers;
- Enhancing institutional coordination between various national and local government institutions, private sector stakeholders and civil society, and strengthening human capacity;
- Improving urban mobility systems to deliver positive results in climate change mitigation and quality of life, including poverty alleviation;
- Establishing clear funding and financing schemes for sustainable urban mobility policies;
- Improving economic competitiveness and liveability by transforming urban mobility and logistics;
- Setting up monitoring, reporting and evaluation systems in order to assist decision-making processes.

Our aim is to reduce urban transport-related greenhouse gas emissions in our cities/city by at least 25% in 2030 and at least 50% in 2050 compared to business as usual, in line with the implementation and revision cycle of successive National Urban Mobility Policies and Programmes (NUMPs; only relevant for national government MobiliseYourCity members) and Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs) in urban areas.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE MOBILISEYOURCITY PARTNERSHIP TARGETS:

By joining MobiliseYourCity, we want to promote within the sphere of our jurisdiction positive momentum to tackle local, national and global challenges. Indeed, more than three out of four Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) explicitly identify the transport sector as a mitigation source, and almost two-thirds of NDCs propose transport sector-specific mitigation measures. Working on sustainable urban mobility can facilitate the implementation and improvement of more than a hundred NDCs.

In addition, transport plays a substantial role in numerous Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In particular, the Partnership contributes to 6 of the 17 goals: SDG 11 “Makes cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”, SDG 3.6 “By 2020, halve the number of deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents”, SDG 8.4 “Endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation”, SDG 9 “Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure”, SDG 13.2 “Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning”, and SDG 17.3 “Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development”.

MobiliseYourCity also supports the New Urban Agenda adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III). Transport is key for access to health facilities, education, jobs and social life as well as to fight against extreme poverty.

As we consider the transformation of urban mobility towards a sustainable pathway requires a global perspective we fully support interactive exchange and planning cooperation between and with other national and local public sector institutions, cities, countries, the private sector, academia, development partners, and further partners and stakeholders of MobiliseYourCity.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE MOBILISEYOURCITY AND THE PARTNERSHIP’S COMMITMENT TO LOW-CARBON MOBILITY SYSTEMS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO EFFICIENT, SAFE, AND JUST CITIES FOR ALL URBAN RESIDENTS OF TODAY AND THE FUTURE.

 (Place, Date, Signature)

 (Official stamp)

 Name of representative

 Position of representative

 Name of institution

Remark: This form is to be signed by the leadership of MobiliseYourCity City of Country member (the national or local level at mayor/minister)