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## Helping Cities Breathe Public Transport: The Key to Urban Sustainable Development



The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) Asia Pacific division invites all regional members in an urgent call for action in the race to achieve safer, cleaner, more sustainable and environmentally-conscious cities through the use and ongoing development of fully integrated public transportation systems.

To achieve this we must:

- **Fully integrate all forms of public transportation**

When using integrated transport systems, commuters need to reach their desired destination in the safest, most efficient and practical way possible.

- **Seize opportunities in changing times**

Use the current economic crisis to accelerate the shift towards more sustainable production and consumption patterns in relation to passenger transport. In other words, give incentives to the development and the use of more sustainable modes of transport.

- **Make the use of public transportation a positive, interactive experience**

The choice commuters make on their mode of transport depends on the quality of the services provided. More user-friendly and time-efficient public transportation is the key to attracting greater numbers of commuters away from private vehicles.

- **Ask national and local leaders to prioritize policies that actively support the goals of safer, cleaner, more efficient transportation systems**

Forward thinking policy makers are crucial to the development of a community, its people and its industries. It is clear that the adoption of sustainable models in transport is more dependent on visionary leaders and joint efforts of the industry, than technology. Leadership, therefore, starts with a coordinated policy sensitive to social aspirations.

- **Set the right framework to enable public transport to access new funding streams**

Developing innovative models of public financing - the internalisation of external costs, capturing land value, emission trading schemes, etc. - will help to generate the revenue needed for current and future green projects.

- **Keep our horizon firmly focused on the goal of Green Cities**

Sustainable transport infrastructure is essential to our global future of green cities. Progressive steps in policy and the necessary pragmatic support need the immediate consensus on action by city planners to realize this goal.

The International Association of Public Transport Asia Pacific division will strive toward the development of green cities through the continuous and progressive development of public transport systems.

Asia-Pacific Executive Committee

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