

Public transport brings everyone everywhere

Mobility is a basic requirement for efficient and modern societies. Today, no city can function efficiently without a public transport system. Considering the true cost of mobility to the community, public transport is clearly the most cost-effective mobility offer for all layers of the community in cities.

Public transport allows access to education, health services, economic activities, while enabling them to function correctly. It is an essential tool to re-connect socially excluded citizens to the social and economic structures of society. This issue is even more crucial for the poorest countries where urban population is soaring. Public transport is one of the first steps to get rid of slums in the less developed countries.

Furthermore, it is crucial that it becomes the preferred mode of choice regardless of wealth or the purpose of a journey. Indeed, the availability of a private vehicle does not guarantee mobility, and the vast majority of citizens of the growing and congested urban areas around the world will also rely on public transport to move.

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Tehran (Iran)

Under the development of Tehran's long term urban rail plan, the modal share of trips made by public bus and metro is expected to **double between 2004 and 2030**. The urban rail network is expected to expand from 180km to 430km by 2030.

- > Public transport links people to their jobs:
people from all class levels need to be able to choose a form of mobility that is affordable, clean and pleasant. This choice can only exist thanks to a stringent land-use policy.
- > Public transport brings people together: it provides better social inclusion for the whole population, regardless of revenue or location.
- > Public transport improves the health of the city by ensuring better safety for all and by promoting healthier life styles.

You are 10 times more likely to be involved in an accident travelling by car than by public transport. Therefore, public transport is clearly a safer mobility choice. A drastic modal shift will significantly diminish the number of fatal traffic accidents in urban areas.

The access time to 500,000 jobs varies from 20/25 minutes in cities with a high modal share of public transport, walking and cycling, such as Munich and Singapore to 55/70 minutes in cities such as Houston or Melbourne which heavily rely on private car.

