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## PUBLIC TRANSPORT: AT THE HEART OF THE NEW MOBILITY WORLD

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**With space increasingly at a premium in today's cities, high quality public transport combined with a broader mix of mobility services is the answer to cutting car dependency according to the latest position from UITP (the International Association of Public Transport).**

The new position entitled, '[Public transport at the heart of the integrated mobility solution](#),' confirms that **the key to cutting urban car dependency is an integrated combination of sustainable mobility services**. Cities with strong public transport, complemented with services such as car- and bike-sharing, shared taxi services and ride-sharing offer citizens convenient and flexible travel options.

Urban space is one of the most precious resources in a city: private cars are parked 95% of their lifetime and during the 5% of the time they are driven, are much less space-efficient compared to public transport, walking and cycling. With the increasing urbanisation of the planet, mobility demand will continue to rise: public transport, particularly on major corridors and in peak hours, will remain the only viable solution for cities.

Though new mobility services such as ride selling apps (Uber, Lyft), free-floating car-sharing (car2go) or ridesharing apps (Blablacar) play a valuable role in helping to reduce car ownership, alone they do not have the capacity or capability to meet every journey need or solve congestion issues.

These services thus **depend on efficient public transport** in order to function well. In Paris, 65% of Uber trips start or end within 200m of a metro station. In Berlin, free-floating car-sharing is well-developed but still represents just 0.1% of total trips. This is precisely the point, though: car usage decreases because car-sharing users walk, cycle and use public transport for the majority of their trips and use a car only when necessary.

"Public transport accounts for 1.2 billion trips across the globe each day," said **Alain Flausch**, UITP Secretary General. "It is this vital backbone role that it plays – in combination with new mobility services - that will ultimately offer more flexible and convenient travel options that will help our cities to become less car dependent".



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#### NOTE TO EDITORS

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