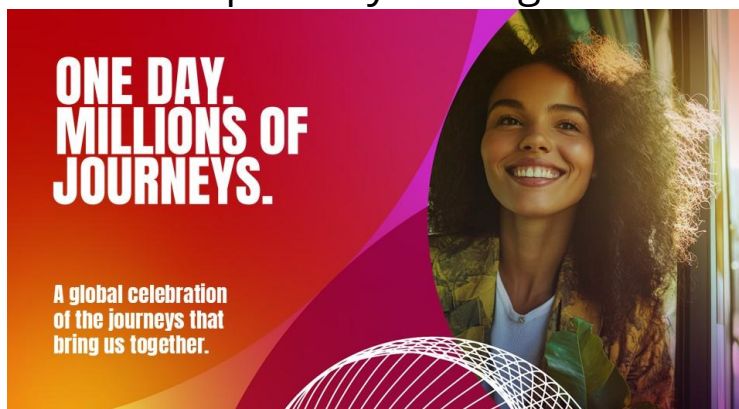


PRESS RELEASE

UITP prepares to celebrate the very first
World Public Transport Day with a global call to action



17th April 2026 will see the world celebrate the vital service keeping our cities moving

World Public Transport Day is the first global celebration dedicated to showcasing how public transport connects people, places, and possibilities.

Led by UITP, the International Association of Public Transport, [this global campaign](#) shines a light on the journeys that move us and the people who make them possible.

It's all about celebrating: **One Day. Millions of Journeys.**

UITP encourages the media to see this first-of-its-kind international campaign as the perfect day to write about public transport – and to position your story as part of a worldwide wave of celebration across multiple cities, countries and regions.

Across the globe, initiatives and celebrations will take place this week – all designed to celebrate public transport.

17th April is a special time that connects to a global agenda.

Announced by UITP at the [United Nations launch of the Decade of Sustainable Transport on 10 December 2025](#), this reflects a global recognition that public transport is a critical contributor to human success and happiness.

“By giving us multiple options for movement, public transport has the power to bring together communities, especially in the current climate, and create healthier cities and happier people. It drives economic growth and gives us access to jobs, education, culture, and many other necessities and opportunities. World Public Transport Day may be a celebration across a single 24 hours, but our sector and our passengers make millions of journeys all day, every day, and that is the

commitment public transport gives to urban life.”

Mohamed Mezghani, UITP Secretary General

The first World Public Transport Day will be celebrated by over 200 organisations from all inhabited continents, highlighting the truly global scale of the initiative.

Activities will range from special tickets, services and public events showcasing the benefits of public transport in cities like Cape Town, Delhi and Stockholm, to passenger appreciation initiatives and major milestones such as inaugurating a new bridge bringing better connections in Prague and a new bus service in New Zealand.

Across cities worldwide, from Barcelona to Taipei, Santiago to Istanbul, vehicles, stations, and urban spaces will feature dedicated campaign branding, while iconic landmarks in North America and beyond will be illuminated in World Public Transport Day colours.

The day will also be marked by announcements to passengers, as well as the release of videos and testimonials sharing passenger experiences and recognising the staff who keep public transport systems running.

The sector is even compiling an open [Spotify playlist](#) with songs and music for people to enjoy on their public transport journeys in towns and cities all over the world. Together, these activities demonstrate how the global public transport sector is coming together to celebrate its essential role in connecting people and supporting economies.

Public transport is central to achieving climate goals and reducing city emissions.

By moving people from cars to their network cuts carbon footprints, lowers demand for fossil fuels, supports national net-zero strategies, and creates more space in cities.

Those who work in the sector and the passengers who use it are contributing directly to the health and resilience of their city.

Public transport creates jobs and attracts inward investment – and investment in public transport is a vote of confidence in your city.

And this people power keeps our cities moving with pride and purpose every single day.

Now it's your time to join the celebration!

Write your story, share your journey, recognise your favourite route, all while using [#WorldPublicTransportDay](#).

Discover more, download campaign resources, and find out how to get involved:

[Prepare for World Public Transport Day: 17th April 2026](#)

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NOTES TO EDITORS

World Public Transport Day is a brand new initiative launching on 17 April 2026 and marked every year on the same day. Brought to you by [UITP](#), the International Association of Public Transport, it's a global celebration of all the ways public transport moves us and makes sure we get from A to B (and everywhere in between). The day highlights the journeys that move us and the people who make them possible – from everyday commutes to extraordinary adventures. The day is a chance to shine a spotlight on how public transport connects people, opens up opportunities, supports cleaner cities, and helps build healthier, more connected communities. It's one day and millions of journeys. A day to say – we love public transport, it moves us all.

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