

Public Transport

Public transport in its broadest sense refers to collective passenger services, including both informal (or paratransit) and formal services. Public transport encompasses shared taxis, mini-vans, conventional bus services, mass rapid transit (including metro, light rail and bus rapid transit), water-based services, and rail-based suburban services.

There are many reasons why people do not travel with public transport. They may find the service slow, fares and ticketing complicated, or interchanges inconvenient. Some might not feel safe or find the buses and trains unclean.

When designing a public transport system it is important to listen to passenger needs and opinions. It is also crucial to regard public transport as the backbone of the city traffic system. Single actions are not sufficient – the whole system must be improved in order to become more attractive. This also requires good coordination and cooperation between transport authorities, public transport companies and operators. Also, large investments are often necessary and politicians must have long-term mobility strategies for their cities.

One way of facilitating travel with public transport is to integrate different operators and modes of transport into the same fare system. Removing complicated fare structures through fare integration makes travelling more convenient and increases the use of public transport.



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Resources

Documents

- **EBRD financed Tbilisi Public Transport Project - Case Study**, 2008, David Chipashvili, CEE Bankwatch Network (Czech Republic)
- **NAIROBI: Rethinking Privatization: The Case of Urban Transportation in Nairobi, Kenya**, 2007, Elliott Sclar, Julie Touber and Celeste Alexander, The Center for Sustainable Urban Development, The Earth Institute, Columbia University, New York (USA)
- **Towards more effective urban transport policy: Understanding the travel behavior of Tbilisi residents**, 2008, Inga Grdzlishvili and Roger Sathre, Cooperation for a Green Future (Georgia)

Presentations

- **Environmentally Friendly Public Transport Planning**, 2003, Naoko Matsumoto, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies
- **Promotion of the Public Transport as a Base for Sustainable Urban Transport System in Moscow City**, 2003, Vadim Donchenko, Yuliy Kunin and Dmitry Kazmin, State Scientific and Research Institute of Motor Transport, Moscow (Russia)
- **Public Transport Crisis in Dhaka City, Bangladesh: failure of appropriate government policy responsible for congestion and air pollution!**, 2006, M. Shafiq-Ur Rahman, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka (Bangladesh)
- **The transport and mobility strategy in La Rochelle**, 2008, Sébastien Davy, Urban Community of La Rochelle (France)

Recommended Links

- **Urban Bus Toolkit** (USA)

For further information

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