

PUBLIC TRANSPORT LEADERS' FORUM DECLARATION: INNOVATING FUNDING FOR SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

The International Association of Public Transport (UITP), held its first Public Transport Leaders' Forum on 11 June 2019 in Stockholm, Sweden. Top executives from 40 public transport organisations from 23 countries joined the Forum to discuss the crucial topic of funding and financing in sustainable urban mobility. Forum members agreed the following declaration.

1. Urbanisation is rapidly increasing and it is widely expected that 60% of the world's population will live in cities by 2030. This changing landscape will place enormous pressure on urban mobility. It cannot be met with new roads or private cars. Public transport is the solution. It delivers environmental, economic and quality of life benefits for the whole city ecosystem.

2. Cities will only fully benefit from public transport if they have access to the resources needed to adapt to this new landscape. New funding mechanisms are needed to support this transition. We urge authorities to explore new funding mechanisms, such as Land Value Capture, to apportion a fair part of the economic value generated by the increase in land value where public transport is developed.

3. We are playing our part by improving our efficiency and reducing costs, at the same time as increasing our customer focus. This is improving value for money and increasing the attractiveness of our services.

4. We are embracing new technologies to improve public transport services while reducing costs, for example through digital asset management, and making our services more convenient and easier to use through real time travel information.

5. Public transport is the key to tackling climate change and achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The cost of the climate change will be devastating for public finances. Investing now in sustainable urban mobility will mitigate the consequences and future costs. The case for tax payer funded support has never been clearer in addressing the climate emergency.

6. Transport has a huge impact on the urban ecosystem. As Public Transport leaders, we are partnering with all city stakeholders, in particular the business sector, to demonstrate the economic benefits of reducing congestion, air pollution and limited accessibility to employment, health and leisure services. We thus encourage all the other sectors of society to view public transport actors as allies and collaborators in ensuring the smart growth of our cities.

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The international Association of Public transport would like to thank the members of the Public Transport Leaders' Forum for their participation and their commitment to providing millions of passengers from around the world with sustainable urban mobility solutions.

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