OPC New Urban Mobility Initiative

Introduction

This public consultation aims to gather the views of individuals and stakeholders to help the Commission to propose a new EU urban mobility framework. It will seek information and feedback in relation to the overall aims of the planned EU Urban Mobility Initiative (PLAN/2020/8676).

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- Large (250 or more)

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Age
Size of a municipality

Indication of disability/reduced mobility
Yes

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* What is the main way you move around (e.g. go to work, go to school, go shopping)?
Public transport (specify)
Private car (specify: diesel/gasoline/hybrid/electric)
Shared rides (carpooling, i.e. driver determines destination and agrees to take along passengers)
On-demand passenger transport service (e.g. taxi)
Bicycle or e-bicycle (specify: private or shared)
E-scooter (or another micro mobility device) (specify: private or shared)
Motorcycle
On foot
Wheelchair or another assisting device
Other (please specify)
I don't know/no answer

Please specify here:

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Survey

1. If you live in an urban area what is the main way you move around (e.g. go to work, go to school, go shopping) in your city/municipality?

   Public transport (specify: bus, tram, train, metro, trolleybus, water bus/taxi, other)
   Private car (specify: diesel/gasoline/hybrid/electric)
   Shared rides (carpooling, i.e. driver determines destination and agrees to take along passengers)
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   Motorcycle
   On foot
   Wheelchair or another assisting device
   Other (please specify):
   N/A (I don’t live in an urban area/I represent organisation)
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2. Provided that the right conditions are in place, what would be your preferred main way to move around in your city/municipality?

MaaS: Mobility as a Service, the integration of various forms of transport services into a single mobility service accessible on demand

- Public transport (specify: bus, tram, train, metro, trolleybus, water bus /taxi, other)
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- On-demand passenger transport service (e.g. taxi, private hire vehicles)
- Bicycle or e-bicycle (specify: private or shared)
- E-scooter (or another micro mobility device) (specify: private or shared)
- Motorcycle
- On foot
- Wheelchair or another assistive device
- Other (please specify)
- I will combine different mobility options thanks to digital apps/offers (e.g. mobility as a service)
- I don’t know/no opinion
- N/A

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3. What are the most important challenges negatively affecting your daily mobility?

At most 4 choice(s)

- Congestion and resulting delays
- Poor air quality
- Feeling unsafe to ride a bike
- Feeling unsafe or insecure to walk
☐ It feels unsafe (risk of crash) when driving a car
☐ Fears for personal safety/security in public transport
☐ Poor public transport coverage

☐ Public transport is too expensive

☐ Poor accessibility of public transport for persons with disabilities and reduced mobility

☐ Public transport is not reliable or does not run frequently enough

☐ There is no phone app to enable me to pay for all my trips

☐ Transport-related noise

☐ Insufficient information on public transport or other mobility options

☐ Poorly maintained roads or streets

☐ Insufficient or lacking, or not properly maintained bicycle lanes

☑ Not properly maintained pavements

☐ Lack of space on pavements e.g. cluttered by cars, bikes, scooters

☐ Difficult to move around for persons with disabilities and reduced mobility

☐ Risk of theft /lack of safe storing facilities for bikes, scooters etc.

☐ Difficulty of multimodal connections (e.g. bike – train or bus – train)

☐ Lack of secure parking facilities (for cars/bicycles/ motorcycles - please specify)

☐ Insufficient recharging points for electric vehicles or e-bikes (please specify)

☐ Insufficient or unsafe park-and-ride facilities

☐ Not enough sustainable mobility choices

☐ Other (please specify)

☐ I don’t know/no opinion

Please specify here:


4. Are you planning to change your mobility habits e.g. having gotten used to more working from home?

• I will use public transport (bus, train, tram etc.)
  ☐ more often
  ☐ less
  ☐ about the same
* I will use my car
  - more often
  - less
  - about the same

* I will use my bicycle
  - more often
  - less
  - about the same

* I will use shared car
  - more often
  - less
  - about the same

* I will use shared bicycle/scooter (or similar personal mobility device)
  - more often
  - less
  - about the same

* I will use on-demand/ride-hailing services (taxi etc.)
  - more often
  - less
  - about the same

* I will walk
  - more often
  - less
  - about the same

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* 5. In the future, with likely more work from home than in the past, what mobility-related measures do you want to see the most?

* at most 5 choice(s)

15-minute city: A concept to improve the quality of people’s lives by providing access to the basic needs within a 15-minute walking/cycling distance from their home

Shared mobility: It refers in this document to shared use of transport modes, such as sharing of vehicles for rental (e.g. bikes, scooters, cars), ride-sharing/car-pooling (i.e. shared space within a vehicle) as well as transport-
on-demand services (e.g. ride hailing services like taxis).

Active mobility refers to active ways of moving from place to place, such as walking, cycling, running, skateboarding, etc.

- Fewer restrictions and more space for cars (roads, on-street parking)
- Lower cost of driving a car in the city (e.g. parking is too expensive)
- Better and more reliable information about the actual emissions, fuel consumption and other costs of owning a car in cities
- Parking policy that discourages or restricts the use of private cars in the city
- Better availability of recharging for electric or hydrogen vehicles
- More frequent public transport services
- Greener, cleaner and more hygienic public transport (vehicles and stations)
- Cheaper or free public transport
- Better integration of mobility options through a digital service (e.g. Mobility as a Service – MaaS)
- Better information on the mobility offers (e.g. on public transport, availability of charging points etc.)
- Better park & ride facilities at the outskirts of the city
- Better infrastructure and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, including cycle lanes separated from road traffic
- More green/recreational areas incentivising walking and cycling
- Low or zero emission zones or charges on the use of more polluting vehicles to improve air quality (please specify)
- Restrictions or charges on the use of private vehicles to reduce congestion
- More shared mobility possibilities (specify which: shared (e)bikes/cars/ (e)scooters (or similar micro mobility devices)
- More focus on road safety (e.g. 30 km/h zones, better enforcement)
- More innovative mobility solutions such as self-driving buses or shuttles, drones or flying taxis (please specify)
- Introduction of new concepts like Low Traffic Neighbourhoods or the 15-minutes city
- Employers to (financially) support sustainable commuting of their staff
Better collective transport options (e.g. shuttles) for the areas surrounding the city
Better accessibility of public transport for persons with disabilities or reduced mobility
Better local and regional railway connections

If you have other ideas/wishes (please specify)
I don’t know/no opinion

Accessibility of public transport is still the biggest problem for persons with disabilities when moving around in cities. A much stronger (European) policy and legislation is required to improve access to metros, light rail, buses, trams, and shared mobility solutions. However, other accessibility issues should not be forgotten either: availability of parking spots designated for persons with disabilities, a strict policy on abuse of blocking parking spots of persons with disabilities, accessibility of the city's walking and cycling infrastructure including quality and accessibility of pavements, secure and accessible road crossings, a policy on restricting blocked pavements e.g. by restaurant terraces, parked e-scooters, or business signs, etc.

6. Do you experience problems with the connectivity between a city and the surrounding (rural, peri-urban) areas, or related issues?

Yes, insufficient public/collective transport options to/from the city
Yes, not enough or too expensive parking facilities for cars in the city
Yes, I cannot easily leave my car outside the city to come in with bike or public transport (lack of park and ride facilities)
Yes, insufficient active mobility options (such as cycling routes) to/from the city
Yes, I experience congestion and pollution because of people coming from those areas to the city
No, I don’t experience any problem when driving (car/motorbike)
No, I don’t experience any problem when using public transport
No, I don’t experience any problem when walking/cycling
I don’t know/no opinion
Other (please specify)
Yes, I experience insufficient accessibility of public/collective transport for persons with disabilities or reduced mobility.

Please specify here:

7. Public transport can play an essential role in reducing congestion and meeting climate and environmental targets. Which solutions below can help increase your use of public transport in urban areas? (at most 3 choice(s))

- More frequent service; enlarged network; more convenient hubs/stations
- More reliable service (e.g. departure and arrival times); better information (real time, connections etc.)
- Cheaper tickets
- Easier to buy a ticket (including online)
- Zero-emission (electric/hydrogen buses)
- More accessible, comfortable and safer buses/trams
- Free travel in city centres; free travel at peak hours
- Season-ticket paid by the employer; loyalty schemes for season-ticket holders
- Priority lanes for public transport by bus; priority for trams/buses in traffic
- More accessible stations and vehicles for persons with disabilities and reduced mobility
- More/better park&ride schemes (to combine public transport with private cars)
- Better link between public transport and ‘last mile solutions (e.g. bicycles, scooters etc.)
- Better link between public transport and starting point/destination thanks to on-demand transport options (e.g. taxi, private hire vehicles, etc.)
- Increased safety and/or security measures
- Effective dispute resolution mechanism for complaint-handling
- Other (please specify)
- I don’t know/no opinion
Please specify here:

Besides better accessibility of transport vehicles and stations, which is crucial for persons with disabilities, the new mobility framework also has to consider aspects beyond infrastructure. Websites and mobile applications of transport providers have to be accessible, too, also to buy tickets. Also the information at stops and stations and in the vehicles has to be accessible - it sounds self-evident, but for example buses of "DeLijn" which serve the region of Flanders and parts of Brussels in Belgium do not have any real-time announcement of upcoming stops - neither visual nor audio. This should be a basic requirement for all new transport vehicles and when renovating stops and stations. Urban transport has been neglected by the EU's regulatory framework and while there is already a package of Passengers' Rights for long-distance transport modes, this is missing in urban transport.

8. What would encourage you to walk or cycle more often?

at most 3 choice(s)

- [x] More dedicated infrastructure (e.g. more pavements, pedestrian zones, bicycle lanes, cycling streets)
- [x] More green spaces (e.g. street vegetation)
- [x] Pedestrian and cycling infrastructures of better quality (e.g. wider, well-maintained pavements; coherent, safe, well-maintained bicycle lanes)
- [x] More benches, parking and other pedestrian and cycling facilities
- [x] More accessible pedestrian infrastructure (e.g. dropped/lowered kerbs)
- [x] Traffic rules/management system prioritising pedestrians and cyclists (e.g. priority when crossing a street)
- [x] More areas with calmed-down traffic
- [x] Default 30 km/h speed limit
- [x] Cleaner streets, bike lanes and pavements
- [ ] Reduced motorised traffic/less cars
- [ ] Better road safety
- [ ] Better air quality
- [ ] Less noise coming from traffic
- [ ] IT solutions such as phone apps helping to choose the optimal route
- [ ] Financial (or other) incentives (e.g. from employer, local authorities, school)
- [ ] Other (please specify)
- [ ] I don't know/no opinion

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For accessibility of walking and cycling, dropped kerbs and secure road crossings are only one element that needs to improve for persons with disabilities. Better quality of walking infrastructure in general benefits everyone but is essential for persons with disabilities - it is difficult to drive a wheelchair over cobblestones or a pavement full of potholes, and it is dangerous to do so if you have difficulties walking or keeping your balance. Obstacles placed on pavements are a tripping hazard for persons who are visually impaired. If there are not enough cycle parking facilities, bikes are often parked blocking the pavement. And benches are important to rest for somebody who can only walk short distances. In cities like Brussels it is at the moment impossible to use the pavement because of the reasons mentioned above which results in dangerous situation for pedestrians and cyclists with disabilities.

9. Car sharing and transport on demand (e.g. taxis and private hire vehicles with driver) services can help tackling some urban mobility problems. What can make them more sustainable, i.e. reduce their air pollutant and CO2 emissions?

  at most 2 choice(s)

☐ More charging infrastructure for electric vehicles
☐ Reducing journeys without a passenger (e.g. abolish local rules on return-to-garage)
☐ Mandatory requirements for the use of zero-emission vehicles in taxi and private hire vehicle fleets
☐ Integration with public transport services
☐ Low- and zero-emission zones
☐ Financial incentives to use zero-emission vehicles
☐ Other (please specify)
☐ I don’t know/no opinion

Please specify here:


10. How satisfied are you with the accessibility for persons with disabilities or reduced mobility of the transport infrastructure?

☐ 1

11. Which current or future transport modes are the most suitable for e-commerce or home deliveries of the future?

  at most 3 choice(s)

Urban freight logistics: refers to the delivery of goods to customers, shops, factories, etc. in a city
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**12. Would information on the impacts of your home delivery, such as carbon footprint (CO2 emitted), make you try to choose a more environmentally friendly delivery option?**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- I don’t know/no opinion

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**13. What actions (existing or potential) to deal with congestion and emissions in cities do you particularly agree with?**

*At most 3 choice(s)*

- More accessibility and choice of low- and zero-emission mobility solutions
- Quicker uptake of automated vehicles
- Low or zero emission zones (please specify)
- More pedestrian and cycling zones
- Urban tolls (e.g. on congestion or emissions)
- Speed limits
- Parking restrictions
- Congestion charges
- Increase in park & ride facilities
- Diesel bans
- More/better car sharing services
- Limited traffic zones
More/better bike- and scooter-sharing services

Public transport improvements

Integrated offer for public transport and shared mobility services (Mobility as a Service)

Quicker uptake of zero-emission vehicles

More education of road users / communication / awareness raising

No further actions needed

Other (please specify)

I don’t know/no opinion

Please specify here:

Persons with disabilities rarely have the choice regarding the mode of transport they use - they have to take whatever is the most accessible. Often this only leaves one option: a private car which can be adapted to their needs. Therefore it is crucial to make public transport and other low/zero emission solutions accessible because otherwise 100 Million persons with disabilities in the EU simply cannot choose for more environmentally friendly modes of transport.

14. Do you encounter difficulties with urban vehicle access regulations like low or zero emission zones?

- YES
- NO

If yes, what is your biggest difficulty?

- Rules are unclear or not understandable
- Information about the rules is difficult to obtain
- Rules seem to differ in different cities even in the same country
- Registration process is difficult
- Payment process is complex
- Problematic for persons with disabilities and older persons
- Rules are restricting access to public and healthcare facilities for persons living in peripheries with no public transport services
- The fines are disproportionately high
- Other (please specify)
- I don't know/no opinion

Please specify here:
For persons with disabilities who are relying on their personal car because public transport is not accessible or more difficult to use this could be a problem. Exceptions need to be possible, also for persons who are only visiting or occasionally going to the urban zone. However, we do not have any statistical evidence to show that this is a problem at the moment and if yes, at what scale. More research needs to be done in this area.

15. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being the least and 5 being the most), which new mobility service can help reduce congestion and brings environmental benefits in urban areas?

Micromobility solutions (e.g. free-floating e-scooters and other personal electric wheelers) :

1

Bicycle and e-bicycle sharing :

1

Car sharing, car pooling :

1

Ride hailing :

1

Measures (e.g. apps) encouraging walking and/or cycling :

1

Digital services integrating all mobility options (e.g. Mobility as a Service) :

1

16. What are the three most important innovations currently missing from your municipality that will improve urban mobility ?

Smart traffic lights that manage congestion and traffic flow
Dynamic information on public transport, including on the real-time position of buses, trams, trains etc.
Innovative ways of financing urban mobility projects
Public space re-design and street-space reallocation
Automated vehicles  □  Intelligent parking management (seamless parking)  □
Delivery by drones or robots  □  Apps to buy easily tickets  □
More use of technology to reduce speeds of road users in different areas  □  Other (please specify)  □
Innovation in governance (e.g. citizen and stakeholder engagement or creative public-private cooperation)  □  I don't know/no opinion  □

Please specify here:

We represent a large and diverse group of persons with disabilities but the answers selected are the most common ones, lacking the accessibility element.

17. How will increased digitalisation of mobility (e.g. bike/car sharing apps, real time traffic information etc.) affect your mobility choices?

- Make me a lot less likely to use these services  □  Will increase the likelihood I will use these services  □
- Make me a little less likely to use these services  □  Will increase a lot the likelihood I will use these services  □
- Will make no impact on my mobility choices  □  I don’t know/no opinion  □

18. Road safety in urban areas is a particular concern regarding vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists). Which actions do you think would be of greatest benefit to increase the safety of vulnerable road users (with 1 being of the smallest benefit and 5 being of the greatest benefit)?:

Default 30km/h speed limits (i.e. higher speed allowed only where it can be shown that it is safe) :

1

Speed enforcement measures (e.g. traffic calming ramps, speed cameras or radars, visible police presence...)

1

Safe footpaths and cycle lanes that are separated from motorised traffic :
Footpaths and kerbs accessible for persons with disabilities or reduced mobility:

Low/no traffic zones:

Truck safety features (e.g. direct vision, turning assistance systems):

Road users education:

Other (please specify):

Please specify here:

19. Micromobility devices such as e-scooters are becoming more common on Europe’s urban streets. Which elements do you think are most important for their safe use?

- Road user separation (e.g. they should only be able to use cycle paths)
- They should not be allowed on the pavements or reduced in their speed in pedestrian areas
- Speed should be more restricted generally
- Functioning safety equipment (brakes, lights, horns)
- Technical condition of the vehicles
- Rider training
- Mandatory use of protective equipment (helmets, reflective clothing)
- Raising the age at which it is permitted to use e-scooters
- Indicated areas where to park
- Other (please specify)
- I don’t know/no opinion
Please specify here:

Rules for parking the scooters in safe places where they do not become obstacles on the pavement and tripping hazards for pedestrians.

20. Are you aware of a sustainable urban mobility plan (SUMP) or similar comprehensive transport plans in your town, city or region?

SUMP: Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan, a strategic plan designed to satisfy the mobility needs of people and businesses in cities and their surroundings for a better quality of life

- Yes
- No
- I don’t know/no opinion

21. Do you think the EU should make SUMP's mandatory for cities?

- Yes, for all cities irrespective of size
- Yes, for cities with at least 50 000 inhabitants
- Yes, for cities with at least 100 000 inhabitants
- Yes, but only for the biggest cities (above 1 million inhabitants)
- No, it should not be mandatory
- I don’t know/no opinion

22. What is your opinion about car-free days (a highlight of European Mobility Week)?

- It’s a great idea and such days should be organised every month
- It’s a great idea and such days should be organised 2-3 times per year
- It’s a great idea but should be done on a working day (to encourage modal shift)
- I like it and the current frequency (1/year) is sufficient
- I don’t like the idea but I don’t mind the day
- I don’t like the idea and it should not be organised
- I don’t know/no opinion

23. A mobility management plan is a plan to promote sustainable transport and therefore reduce emissions by encouraging the change of mobility habits. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being not important...
and 5 being very important) how important it is that the following organisations adopt their own mobility management plan:

Schools with over 1500 students :

All primary and secondary schools :

Universities :

Businesses with over 200 employees :

Businesses with over 50 employees :

Shopping centres / retail areas :

Hospitals / major health institutions :

Big events :

Other :

Please specify here:

24. Is there anything relating to urban mobility that was not covered by this questionnaire, that you would like the EU to look into?

- Yes (please specify max 100 words)
- No
Please specify here:

SUMPs should be obligatory and they should include accessibility requirements. Persons with disabilities and their representative organisations should be consulted systematically both on a local and national level about their needs;

Intersectional approach to urban planning: it is important to consider other barriers which person with disabilities can encounter when trying to access public transport. For example in cities like Brussels, the fact that self-ticketing machines are not accessible for all persons with disabilities can result in a financial loss for passengers with disabilities because it is more expensive to buy a ticket from the bus driver than a ticketing machine at the stop. So, affordability of accessible public transport is also important. Women, LGBTI or racialized persons with disabilities can face further barriers due to public harassment or personal safety concerns when using public transport.

Public procurement: This is partly covered by the Public Procurement Directive but there should be clearer rules for accessibility requirements of public transport vehicles, infrastructure, and ticketing machines. Currently, each city procures its own vehicles and the requirements are not harmonized or aligned, resulting in the purchase of inaccessible vehicles and waste of public money. The wheel does not have to be re-invented every time, the technical solutions exist but there is a mismatch between the specifications in the call for tenders, the manufacturers’ proposals, and the reality of persons with disabilities that needs to be fixed.

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