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BACK TO BETTER MOBILITY: GIVING OUR CITIES TO THE PEOPLE WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORT



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The coronavirus pandemic spread rapidly across the globe, causing a complete halt in our daily activities and giving new meaning to what's considered "essential" in life.

Despite the nearly 90% drop in public transport ridership around the world, the sector has stepped forward into **the front lines to help fight COVID-19.**

Now as cities and countries look to move beyond the lockdown, we must ensure that **we don't move to a life of gridlock.**

This is an opportunity to give **our cities to the people:** This is our chance to **build back better.**

So what does the **future of public transport look like post-pandemic?** How will we **Breathe better. Move better. Work better.** How will we get **Back to Better Mobility?**

UITP is setting out a brand new focus on better mobility with **our dedicated digizine,** the latest **Policy Brief "Cities For People: Public Transport for Better Lives"** and a drive towards

our global membership, the sector and the world as we look toward going **Back to Better Mobility**.

Public transport, as **the backbone of urban mobility**, is fundamental to **building resilient cities, combating climate change, preventing the 'bounce back' of air pollution, encouraging healthy, active lifestyles, and boosting local economies** leaving no one and no place behind.

“As our cities look to life beyond lockdown, we must consider what this means for public transport post-pandemic. We cannot return to times of gridlock, we must give people cities that are healthy, active, socially inclusive and easy to move around: cities should be for the people. Public transport improves our lives in so many ways, and by making better mobility a focus for UITP and our global membership, we can see less cars on the roads, more action on climate and an agile approach to movement. Together we can move Back to Better Mobility.”

Mohamed Mezghani
UITP Secretary General

If we return to before, restarting urban life with insufficient mobility options will worsen the climate crisis.

A future **without public transport** is **a future without clean air**.

A future **without public transport** is a future where **active travel and free movement in cities will be limited and congested**.

A future **without public transport** will **further damage the economy**.

Breathe Better. Move Better. Work Better. Back to Better Mobility.
Our future is in your hands!

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[Cities For People: Public Transport for Better Lives Policy Brief](#)

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