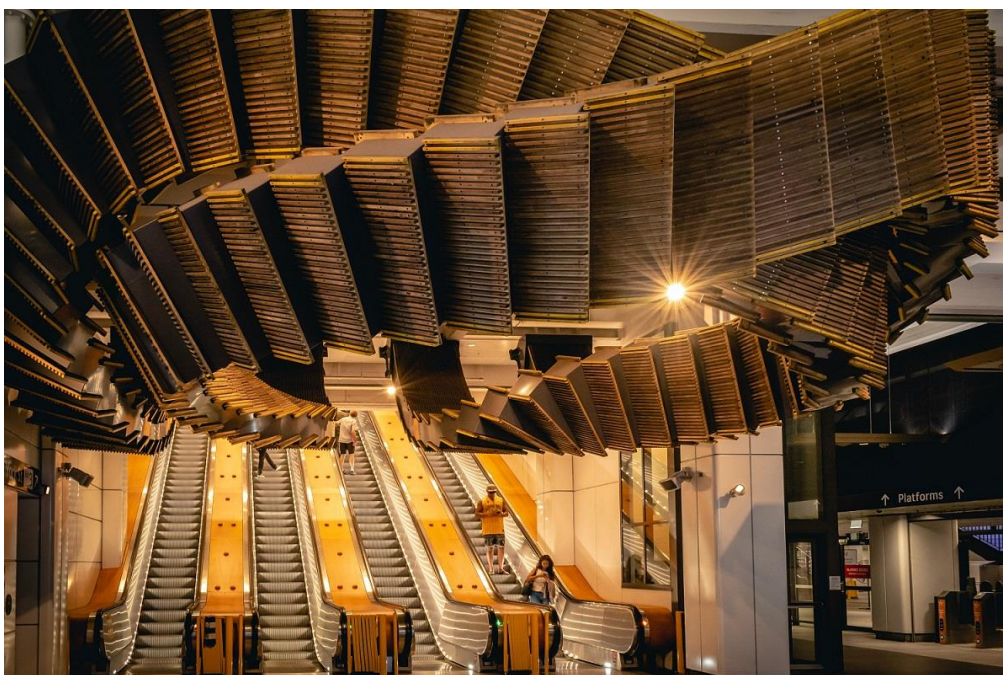


PRESS RELEASE

STATIONS OF THE FUTURE: UITP TAKES A HUMAN-CENTRIC LOOK AT STATION DEVELOPMENT



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Placing a spotlight on more inclusive, multimodal and attractive stations

As an essential part of urban life, public transport is the best way to move around our cities: but what is the role of stations in the conversation on city living?

No longer simply considered a spot to board a vehicle, all public transport journeys pass through a station.

Whether by bus, (shared) bike, tram, train or boat, stations bring together all types of passengers, for many different purposes, and bring to the forefront vital components to a city's planning, functionality, aesthetics and character.

To support the public transport sector in keeping on track with station development and design, UITP is proud to launch its new project **Stations of the Future**.

Stations of the Future helps making stations future proof

The project will investigate how stations are changing and can be designed or adapted to best foster their central place in our cities.

UITP is conducting the research in cooperation with the Major Projects team of KONE, a global leader in the elevator and escalator industry. KONE Major Projects is a team of experts focusing on demanding, large-scale projects, such as in the infrastructure segment.

A joint study will focus on how to make stations future-proof: from connecting modes, people, and places, to facilitating commercial and social activity, stations are complex and vibrant places.

“Stations are vital places to attract more users towards public transport – they quite literally can be the starting point to more sustainable mobility. With Stations of the Future, UITP and KONE will provide important recommendations how stations can get ready for the future on multiple aspects such as accessibility, sustainability and urban planning and design, and why it is important to pay special attention to its design and governance.”

Daria Kuzmina, Rail Manager, Knowledge and Innovation at UITP

The project will look at how stations should change and evolve in the short and mid-term future, and how design and development can play a key role in making public transport more resilient in terms of sustainability, safety, efficiency and accessibility.

UITP and KONE will provide guidelines on how the sector should conceive a Station of the Future in different contexts and city dimensions and at worldwide level.

From the passenger to the planning: looking at stations from all angles

How do passengers experience stations, and how can their journeys be made more attractive, accessible and safe?

The project will report on how PTAs and PTOs should and would consider stations, taking into account aspects such as integration of transport modes, people movement and guidance, energy and asset management, or resilience against climate change.

“Improving the flow of urban life is our mission at KONE, and safe, efficient and accessible public transport stations are crucial elements of the smart and sustainable cities the world needs. We believe close collaboration between all stakeholders is the only way to improve the increasingly complex ecosystems public transport networks are becoming. Partnering with UITP for this project aims to identify the latest trends and surface the needs of PTOs and PTAs to develop even further their operations and services.”

Călin Hera, Global Business Development Manager, Major Projects, KONE

UITP and KONE are looking for Ambassadors to participate in the project's Working Group. The group is open for those who want to contribute with their knowledge and expertise on station design and development. Interested? Please contact daria.kuzmina@uitp.org.

FOR EDITORS

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