

## **UITP report shows how public transport stimulates healthy low carbon cities**

Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt – The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) released its summary report for COP27 on ‘public transport for healthy low carbon cities’ on 14 November. The report outlines four priority actions that local, regional and national decision makers can take to improve health, stimulate development and bring human benefits through public transport.

The climate crisis continues to make people sick and jeopardises global health. In order to create healthy, inclusive, economically competitive and decarbonised urban areas, cities need an integrated approach to land-use and transport planning.

Philip Turner, UITP Head of Sustainable Development: “Ensuring public transport as the backbone of urban mobility systems reduces the risk of traffic injuries. Not only is public transport the safest mode of travel, it also combats inactive lifestyles, air pollution and noise pollution.”

### **Breathing clean air thanks to public transport**

Air pollution is the greatest threat to health worldwide and is estimated to cause 6.7 million deaths each year. Urban transport is a significant source of urban air emissions, responsible for around a quarter of particulate matter globally and principally caused by private vehicle traffic.

Almost the entire global population (99 percent) live in places where air pollution levels exceed WHO guideline limits. Not a single country managed to meet the latest air quality standard in 2021. Well-designed public transport policies and investments will significantly reduce carbon emissions and health risks.

Increased use of public transport improves air quality. It produces far fewer quantities of air pollutant per passenger kilometre than individual motorised mobility. With the increase in decarbonised busses, public transport makes our cities cleaner every day. The cleaner air resulting from a stronger use of public transport benefits every single person across the globe.

**The full report is available here:** [https://cms.uitp.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Summary-report\\_Public-Transport-and-Health\\_COP27.pdf](https://cms.uitp.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Summary-report_Public-Transport-and-Health_COP27.pdf)

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