



Sustainable Transport: The Core of Prosperous Cities



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Cities are key to transformation

Over half of the world's population lives in cities—and by 2050, that will rise to nearly 70%.

Cities make global goals local, driving climate action, health, equity, and economic prosperity.

They are hubs of connection—shaping how people live, work, and care for one another.



Urban transport challenges



Urban transport is the largest single source of transport-related emissions—23% of total energy emissions in 2010.

Without strong mitigation, this could rise to 12 Gt CO₂ annually by 2050.

Public transport as a solution

Public transportation is essential to fulfilling the promise of prosperity and dreams that cities offer.

It's not just about movement—it's about access to education, healthcare, jobs, green spaces, and culture. It enables fundamental rights.



SOURCE: Noble Studios

40 Years of ITDP





ITDP's mission is to promote sustainable and equitable transportation in cities worldwide.

- Bus Rapid Transit systems adopted in nearly 200 cities, more than 5,800 km
- More than 700,000 battery electric buses
- Over 3,000 bikeshare systems
- Urban cycling has grown fourfold in major cities

Leaders acknowledge the importance of clean, safe public transportation and cities are responding.

Among the organization's many resources, ITDP has developed the Sustainable Transport Award program.

Sustainable Transport Award



Tianjin, STA 2024 winner.
SOURCE: Runjie Huang

Sustainable Transport Award



Since 2005, the STA has celebrated cities that implement transformative mobility projects improving access, safety, and quality of life—while cutting emissions and fostering equity.

The STA committee evaluate nominations and decide on the STA winner and the honorable mention.

At ITDP, we develop case studies and webinars focusing on the winners and honorable mentions as tools to inspire other cities to adopt sustainable practices.



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STA Past Winners



STA 2019 Winner

Implemented complete streets, improved road safety, and cut emissions with low-cost, replicable interventions through public-private partnerships.



SOURCE: DFortaleza City Hall

STA Winner 2021

Shifted from car-oriented planning with the JakLingko system—integrating fares and modes for seamless, affordable travel.



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**STA Winner in 2005
and 2022**

Pioneered BRT and
bicycle integration,
expanded cycling
infrastructure during
COVID, and improved
safety through speed
management.



SOURCE: Jonathan Ramos Guillén

STA 2025 Winner

Building Africa's first all-electric BRT—18 km, 23 stations, 121 e-buses—combining electrification with equitable access and Transit Oriented Development policies.



STA 2026 Finalists



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STA 2026 Finalist

The 50 km network now serves over 100,000 passengers daily, plus 42,000 through feeder routes.

Amman's focus on integration and accessibility marks a bold step toward sustainable transport in the region.

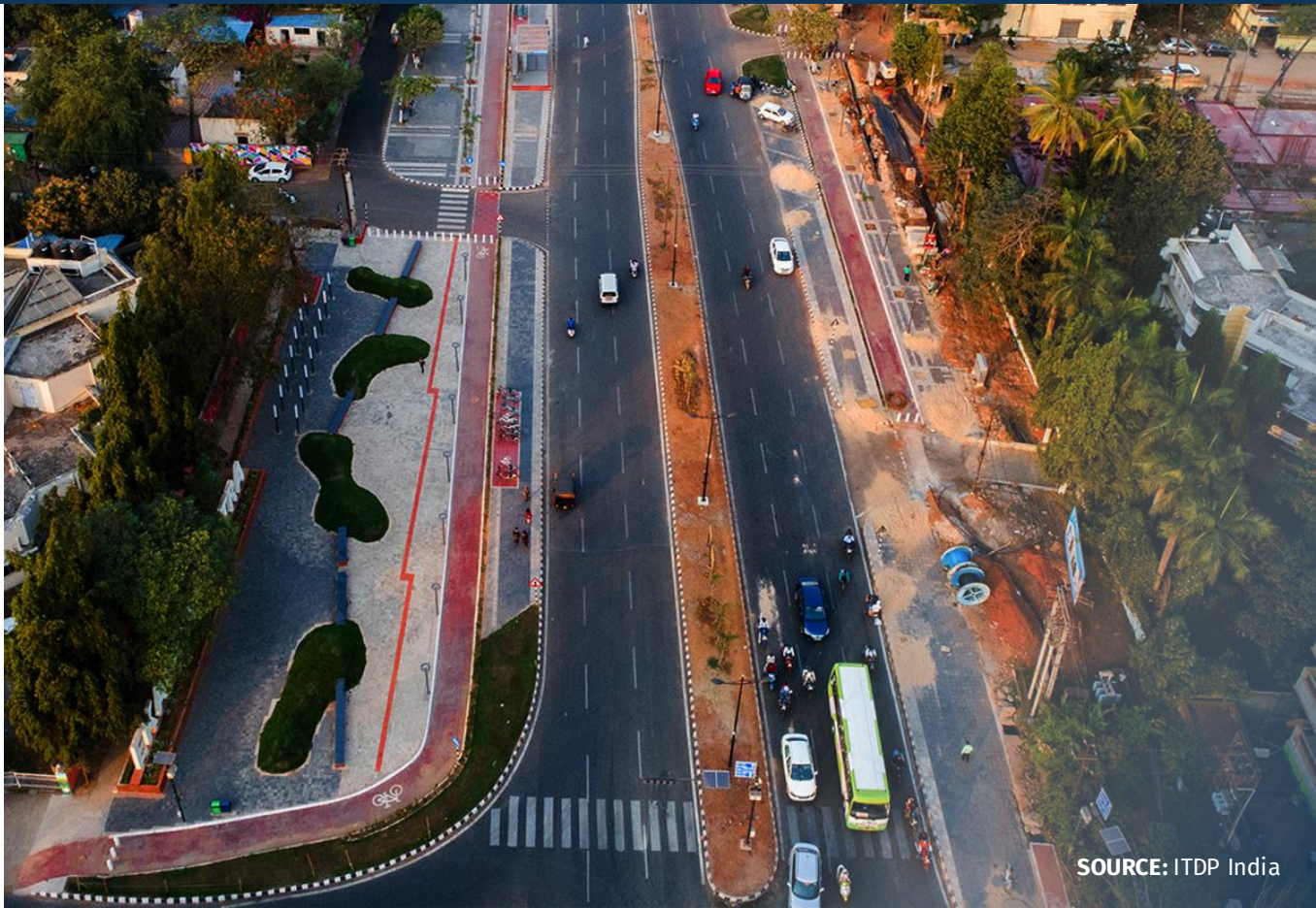


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STA 2026 Finalist

Capital Urban Region
Transport (CRUT)
currently operates 290
electric buses, serving
270,000 commuters daily,
with 42% of its fleet
electric.

An estimated 85% of
riders have transitioned
from two-wheelers, while
15% have transitioned
from private cars or ride-
hailing services.



STA 2026 Finalist

The Kochi Water Metro connects more than ten island communities through sustainable, affordable ferry service.

This project also brought in **transport integration** by connecting services to metro and bus systems, improving daily access for thousands.



SOURCE: Kochi Water Metro

Salvador, Bahia

STA 2026 Finalist

New BRT stations feature recharging infrastructure, elevators, and better pedestrian crossings.

Improved accessibility links electric buses with bike and walking paths.

Salvador unites electrification and equity, redefining the city's transport system.



STA 2026 Finalist

Santiago is transitioning to a 100% electric bus fleet.

Integrated bidding, legal reforms, and public management ensure a sustainable system.

The city is setting a replicable model for clean, inclusive transit worldwide.



SOURCE: Cristian Silva
Villalobos via Shutterstock



The STA 2026 Winner will be announced in January 2026
New call will be open in February 2026

A group of diverse school children, mostly of African descent, are seated on a bus. They are wearing white school uniforms and are smiling and waving their hands enthusiastically. The bus interior features yellow handrails and orange triangular hanging grips. The scene is bright and cheerful, capturing a moment of joy and gratitude.

Thank you!

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