

TUMI Call for Action

Fighting the SARS-COV-2 in Transport



“Placing the vision for sustainable and resilient mobility at the heart of our response”

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Today, the global sustainable mobility community came together to discuss the impact of the pandemic on the transport sector with focus on developing countries and emerging economies. We agree on the need to accelerate our joint work to put sustainable mobility at the core of our socio-economic systems.

The Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative and its partners,

- Recognizing that the SARS-COV-2 pandemic has become a global threat to public health, affecting almost all countries,
- Recognizing a sharp drop in demand for mobility provoked by lockdowns
- Acknowledging that public transportation is a vital and crucial part of mobility at pandemic peak and for socio-economic recovery, particularly for vulnerable groups, such as low-income users, women, girls, and people with disabilities.
- Recognizing the achievements of women and men in the logistics sector, managing to uphold global and local supply chains in challenging times as well as recognizing all essential workers who have been guaranteeing public transport service to ensure the mobility of many other essential workers,
- Acknowledging that the lack of transport has a negative impact on farmers, workers, and producers of different economic sectors,
- Welcoming that the transport community is implementing innovative ad-hoc measures and sharing knowledge to help flattening the curve of infection and ensuring essential services
- Stressing that sustainable mobility must be at the core of a resilient green socio-economic recovery

are calling for bold action and investment on sustainable mobility as part of the response to the SARS-COV-2 pandemic .

Therefore, **the signatories commit to** support climate-friendly mobility for all based on an extended Avoid-Shift-Improve approach and to support cities globally to strengthen resilience of their transport systems, and hence overall socio-economic resilience:

Avoid

The signatories support measures to reduce individual motorised transport demand - both in the short term while combatting the coronavirus epidemic and towards the critical ongoing goals of reducing carbon emissions, air pollution, accidents and congestion. The signatories take good

note of the impact of teleworking on mobility demand and a re-focus on nearby leisure activities. The signatories will engage with urban and land planners and urban sustainability practitioners to promote compact, liveable cities with sustainable mobility and public health for all

Shift

The signatories support measures to direct users to safe, low-carbon, low-risk means of transport for freight and passengers in the wake of the SARS-COV-2 pandemic. Relentlessly, promoting forms of active mobility such as walking, cycling and other micromobility modes recovering trust in public transportation by ensuring it is reliable, accessible, affordable, low-risk and safe.

Improve

In the short term, the signatories support draw attention to improve payment systems especially contactless payment. Signatories also support disaggregated data analysis to improve the match of demand and supply of public transportation and the quality of operations and services, especially in public transport, in order to avoid crowding and remain attractive and safe. An improved quality of spatial planning and infrastructure for biking and walking will help to will help to provide people accessible low-carbon mobility options.

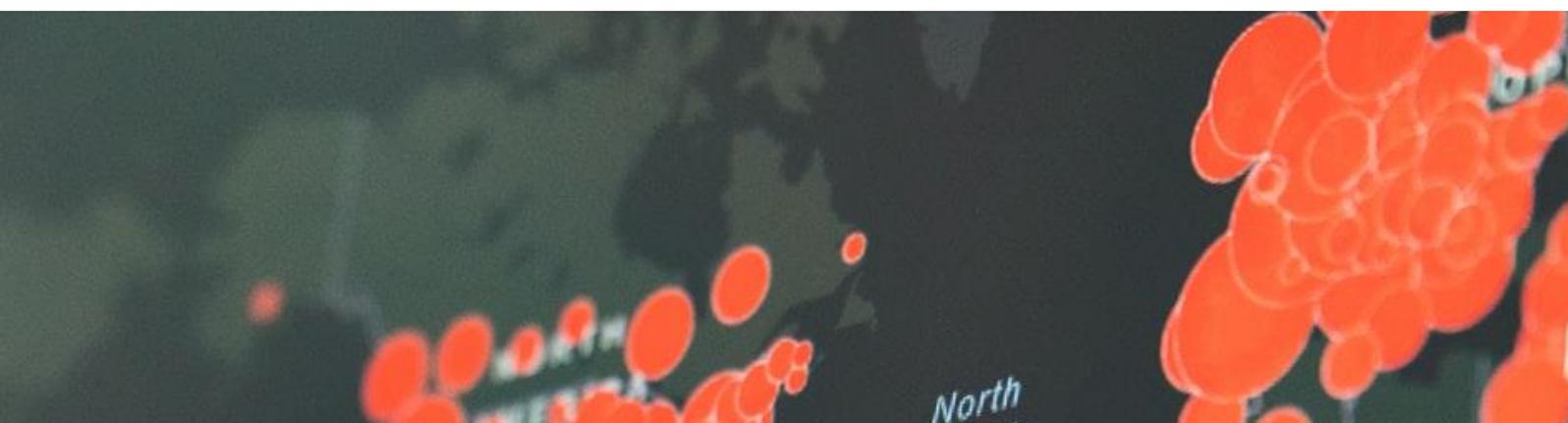
In the long term, technological innovation i.e. e-mobility and digitalisation should be bolstered.

Digitalisation also has positive effects on the acceleration and scaling up of Avoid and Shift strategies.

With this systemic vision, the signatories pledge to harness the learnings of this global health crisis to create an even better mobility for the future, that enables sustainable development, climate protection and global health.

As TUMI Initiative, we are committed to support partners world-wide in tackling the impact of the SARS-COV-2 pandemic through technical and financial support as well as international capacity development.

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