

WEBINAR 1 – Post Covid 19 & Inclusive Recovery

Event 1: Post Covid 19 Mobility : Bringing Back City Transport

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Owing to COVID-19, public transport ridership took a free fall while private vehicles grew unabated. However, the accessibility to public transport was seen to be different across different regions. In India, the per capita availability of public transport is less thereby negatively impacting women and the lower income communities. In the recent past, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs have initiated campaigns to inspire cities and get cities the help they need to collaborate with stakeholders to do better in walking, cycling and public transport for all.

"Better Streets, Better Buses, Better Lives."



Thomas Kiwitt Director Planning Verband Region Stuttgart, Germany

While the Stuttgart economy is heavily dependent on the automobile industry, they continue to invest in a way that high frequency of public transport is maintained with quality and seamless service to promote public transport as the backbone of their development.

"Focus on providing public transport accessibility to the hinterland since that is what makes the city run".



Prof. Jago Dodson Director, Centre for Urban Research RMIT University, Australia

Melbourne, being a city, which is heavily car dependent is seeing a shift towards sustainable local travel through cycling and walking and street reclaiming by businesses. As the city slowly returns to post COVID-19 life, planning and building for long term capacity provision of public transport and thereby reshaping the city structure is in the pipeline.

"Capitalise on the opportunities that Covid has provided us and thereby enable local travel and living while also investing in major public transport infrastructure."

This webinar focused on the ways to reinstate public systems and non-motorized means as better means of city transport in the context of the covid 19 induced reduced ridership.

> In order to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, we need to focus investment on nonmotorised transport and increased capacity in public transport (buses/rail) which are interconnected, reliable, safe and clean

