

LEPT eBulletin – December 2018

Welcome to the LEPT eBulletin

SPOTLIGHT ON...

[Streetmix](#), a website-based tool making road design friendly and accessible, give it a try you might find being a road planner is quite fun!

EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

CIVITAS SUMP's-Up: Call to join a SUMP learning programme

A call to join the SUMP learning programme opened on 28 November 2018 and will close on 11 January 2019. The Expert Group of 90 cities is looking for 25 new partners to join its 6 months programme starting in May 2019. The focus of the programme will be on implementation, financing and procurement. More details can be found [here](#).

URBAN INNOVATIVE ACTIONS (UIA): Closing of call on 31 January 2019

The fourth call for proposals will be closing on 31 January 2019. Two topics are of interest for boroughs: the digital transition and the sustainable use of land and nature-based solutions. LEPT produced a detailed [briefing](#) on that call, and more details can be found on [UIA's website](#).

URBACT: Call to open in January

A new call will open on 07 January 2019 for Action-planning Networks. Examples of past Action-planning Networks include Freight TAILS, led by the London borough of Westminster. LEPT will keep you updated, and the information regarding the call will be available [here](#) from January on.

Opportunities to join ongoing projects or current bids.

Please [contact us](#) if you wish to hear more on current opportunities to join calls.

NEWS

Annual Polis Conference in Manchester

On 22-23 November, the Polis Annual Conference took place in Manchester with a record number of delegates in attendance. LEPT attended and presented at the conference, where all things relating to sustainable transport and the future of urban mobility were discussed, ranging from the use of data in transport planning to using behaviour change techniques to promote active mobility. You can find more information [here](#).

Enhanced powers for councils to monitor parking in cycle lanes

The UK Department for Transport announced its intention to allow councils to use cameras to prevent drivers for parking in mandatory cycle lanes and impose fines, up to £130 in London. Read a Times article [here](#).

Commission calling for a climate-neutral EU by 2050

The European Commission (EC) presented at the end of November its vision for a climate-neutral economy by 2050. The detailed strategy includes a section on transport, as it is underlined that it represents a third of the energy consumption in the EU. The strategy focuses on an integrated approach to transport, combining sustainably fuelled vehicles and green infrastructure. It also reflects on the possible future importance of automated vehicles for urban centres. Read more on the EC's [website](#), and find the detailed strategy [here](#).

Mayor of London confirms the TfL fares freeze for 2019 and launches five Low Emission Bus Zones to reduce air pollution

Read the Mayor's press release on fares [here](#), and on Low Emission Bus Zones and their location [here](#).

The European Parliament committee for Transport and Tourism gets insights from young Europeans

Three European Youth Event "idea givers" presented the committee with six ideas to innovate in the transport field. The emphasis was put on free transport, sustainable tourism or Emissions Trading Systems. Whilst supporting the sustainable tourism agenda, the MEPs did not agree with the idea of free transport, based on the Tallinn model. Read more [here](#).

WHAT LEPT IS READING

[The value of data for the public transport sector](#) – UITP

In this policy brief, UITP provides public bodies with concrete recommendations on the handling of data. A strategic approach to it allows for a reduction in costs, higher flexibility and increased user benefits.

[Shared ebike potential in London and New-York](#) - Steer report for Uber

This report, ordered by Uber, identifies that 48% of trips within Greater London could be switchable to shared ebikes. The trips made using a vehicle have the highest rate of convertibility with 59% potentially convertible, it is 30% for public transport and only 20% for walking and cycling. According to the analysis, the percentage of trips that would actually switch is around 10% of all potential ones, only amounting to a 4.2% modal share of ebikes. The methodology as well as the results are detailed in the report and worth reading beyond the simplified results presented here.

Uber has recently acquired JUMP, a shared ebike service.

[Don't blame the users, blame the lack of bike parking](#) – The Conversation

Australian academics' take on dockless bikes in cities across the country.

[Benefits of parking management in London](#) – London Councils

This report estimates the value of parking services in London at £3.58 billion per year. For each pound the city spends on parking, it benefits from a return of £10. Eight main benefits of parking management are identified, amongst which improved air quality and better local economy.

[Autonomous Vehicles Are Coming and There's No Roadmap \(Yet\)](#) – Next City

An extract of Sam Schwartz's book on AVs, *No one at the wheel. Driverless cars and the road of the future*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Details of both free and paid upcoming events can be found on [LEPT's website](#).