

LEPT eBulletin – March 2019

Welcome to the LEPT eBulletin!

SPOTLIGHT ON

INRIX's congestion score. For the second year in a row, London is ranked 6th most congested city in the world.

EU FUNDING & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Learning and exchange opportunities

Traffic Management as a Service (TmaaS) – Replication programme

The EU project TmaaS is developing a mobility management tool in Ghent. The project is [looking for other local authorities to join](#) and apply the developed tool. An opportunity to learn how to take control of your data and make the best use of it. The deadline to apply is 30 June 2019.

Autonomous Vehicles to Evolve to a New Urban Experience (AVENUE) – Replication programme

The EU project AVENUE has been testing out autonomous shuttles for passenger transport in four European cities. It is now [looking for other local authorities to join](#) and trial this new mobility solution in their own streets. The full details of the application will be available later in March.

Share your knowledge on public procurement

The European Partnership on Public Procurement recently published a survey inviting anyone to respond to build knowledge on sustainable and innovative procurement. You can respond [here](#).

Contribute to the European Transport Safety Council (ETSC)'s survey on road safety

Please [contact us](#) if you wish to know more about this opportunity to contribute to shaping the road safety agenda by our European partners Polis and the ETSC.

Funding opportunities

URBACT Action Planning Networks

The objective of Action Planning Networks is to make 7 to 10 cities come together to test out common solutions to a specific urban sustainability challenge. For this call URBACT has invited authorities that haven't in the past been involved with the programme to join. Read more [here](#). The call is open until 17 April 2019.

Interreg North West Europe

Join a call for proposals around 'innovative products, processes and technologies contributing to CO2 reduction and the green economy'. Read more [here](#). The call is open until 14 June 2019.

Horizon 2020

Some calls for Horizon 2020 projects are still open, see [our website](#) for details.

NEWS

Scotland to distribute £462,000 to promote e-bikes

The Scottish eBike Grant Fund granted 27 groups various levels of funding to increase the uptake of electric bikes. Transport for Edinburgh received part of it and will be rolling out 37 eBikes on its shared cycle scheme, and some organisations have partnered up to allow different types of individuals to get the full benefits of the scheme, like the Shetland Community Bike Project and NHS. Read more [here](#).

LEPT attends Polis workshops in Brussels

In late February, two officers from LEPT attended workshops organised by the Polis network, focusing on the regulation of new mobility services and low-emission zones across Europe. You can request a summary of those by [contacting us](#).

Ford trialling a ‘warehouse on wheels’ digital delivery service in London

Partnering up with Gnewt, a sustainable delivery service, the constructor has developed an automatic software. It detects the ideal drop-off point for the Gnewt electric van to hand over the parcel to be delivered to another deliveryman using a sustainable travel mode (pedestrian, cycling). Read more [here](#).

For the first time, the EU is ready to set standards to reduce pollution from trucks

A [provisional agreement](#) was reached on 18 February by the European parliament and the Council to introduce EU legislation on truck emissions. That measure is part of the wider agenda set by the EU on climate neutrality. It will require trucks to pollute 30% less in 2030 than today.

Company Citymapper to launch subscription service for London transport network

The firm just announced it will launch in March 2019 a contactless payment card combining the city’s public transport network, Santander bikes and Citymapper rides. For £31 a week, users will be able to access the public network, when TfL’s offer stands at £35.10. The first subscription has users buy into a 4-week subscription. [Wired’s article](#) details the company’s wish to expand across cities.

£48 million funding goes to 263 new ultra-low emission buses in the UK

The Department for Transport announced earlier this month the names of the successful bidders benefitting from new low-emission buses. Cardiff, London and West Yorkshire were amongst [the winning bidders](#).

On-demand bus services on the rise

London’s TfL and Paris’ Ile de France Mobilités both recently announced the launch of on-demand bus services. On-demand buses are a growing trend for public transport operators as they adapt to the new transportation market where flexibility plays a major role. They can be a solution for areas where demand is scarce or concentrated on certain hours.

UITP launches ‘Mobility on top’ manifesto

The international organisation launched in February a manifesto calling for European decision-makers to prioritise the sustainable mobility agenda. You can read it [here](#).

WHAT LEPT IS READING

[The effects of transportation on early childhood development](#) – Institute for Transportation and Development Policy

A brief article underlining the ways in which transportation planners can design spaces for children and caregivers to use.

[The emergence of interoperability standards in IOT](#) – Smart Cities World

The European Telecommunications Standards Institute is currently working on developing a standardised API for smart cities. This could mean that tomorrow, European cities would use

a common format for the data allowing for live collection and optimisation of things as varied as parking or lighting. The API used would also ensure complete respect of GDPR.

Electric cars are already cheaper to own and run, says study – The Guardian

Using the Volkswagen Golf and its three versions as a test, a study by the ICCT has found that electric cars have now become cheaper to own than diesel or petrol.

Public transport and business: empowering our cities – UITP

This policy brief by UITP provides local authorities with keys to increase efficient and useful dialogue with business to work towards the common agenda of increased sustainability in mobility.

What's it like to live in a city without Uber or Lyft? – Slate.com

Strong levels of cycling and car-sharing, attractive public transit, Vancouver is one of the only Northern American cities without ride hailing services. The city is currently preparing itself to change that. An opportunity for public authorities to observe the effects of such an introduction by comparing modal shares post-introduction with other places.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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