German-Malaysian Project: Approaches for Reduction of Air Pollutants, Sustainable Urban Traffic Systems - Kuala Lumpur as a case -

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# How to learn from 50 years of tradition in urban traffic congestion and air pollution?



## Pollution Control Lesson Learnt in the US: Clean Technology is not enough



- More than 30 years of emission reduction by tightened standards in U.S. do not guarantee healthy ambient air
- Increasing car traffic and travel distances result from
  - unreasonable land-use
  - poor public transport
  - low gas prices
  - loss of urban livability

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### Integrated Clean Air Strategy in Transport - Experiences can be applied to ghg reduction -

Control of Vehicle-km	Control of Emissions per Vehicle-km
Urban Transport Planning	Inspection & Maintenance Program
Priority for Public Transport Investment	Standards for New Vehicles
High-Density Development	Fuel Standards
Mixed-Use Development	High-Use Fleet Improvement Programs
ABC / Key-Site Development	Tax Incentives for Clean Vehicles/Fuels
Road Pricing, Fuel Taxes	Education of Drivers, Law Enforcement

## **Traffic Spiral**

- Feedback system between
  - road construction,
  - sub-urbanisation
  - vehicle increase
- Results are
  - Fuel consumption
  - Air pollution
  - More congestion
- Int'l experience: Not sustainable



## A Problem: Ring Roads

- Ring /circular roads initiate suburban development
- Relocation of businesses, housing
- Lower density of land-uses
- Car-oriented, higher distances

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### 100 Years of Sub-Urbanisation

#### Typical Urban Region 1900

#### Typical Urban Region 2000





#### Vision: Turn Back Sub-Urbanisation

#### Typical Urban Region 2000 - Typical Urban Region 2100?





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#### Kuala Lumpur - Putrajaja: How can sustainability mobility be supported (= car dependency be reduced)

- Control new investments
- Classify areas according to transport access
- Example e.o. Dutch ABC Concept)
  - A: Locations around train / bus station (shopping centers, large office buildings etc.)
  - B: Good/average accessibility by PT (housing, work places, leisure facilities)
  - C: Outside near highway ramps (facilities with low numbers of visitors)
- Coordinate local/regional planning



# KL: Why the car and not p.t.

- Rational reasons mentioned: Travel time and access
- Not mentioned: Differences between various buses types / rapid rail
- Not mentioned: Social status
- Public participation needed

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#### Table 1: Factors that encourage the use of the car

No.	Statement	Percent
1	Less Travel time	44.1
2	Desirable Routes not covered by public transport	33.8
3	Comfortable	2.5
4	If its save	2.0
5	Infrequent public transport services	17.6

## Table2: Factors Discouraging car users fromusing public transport

No.	Statement	Percent
1	High risk to road accident involving	17.0
2	High traffic congestion and delay	36.6
3	It is not cheap and no cost saving (fuel and tool)	14.4
4	It is no economical to maintain	10.9
5	Parking and maneuver problem	23.7

## Table 3: Likelihood of car users switching to public transport.

No	Statement	Percent
1	Vehicles usually arrive on schedule	37.2
2	Fare is low	28.0
3	Vehicles are not too crowded	3.2
4	Vehicles are clean	2.0
5	The route is more accessible	29.6

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#### KL: Public transit competing with private car use -Importance of system integration and land-use planning

- Strong co-ordination between pt services
- Joint tariffs between transit operators
- Urban development supporting p.t.





LRT SYSTEM 2 ALIGNMENT

Bark & Ride





#### Land-use and transport closely related Integrated concepts needed to reduce transport emissions

#### **Urban Land-Use**

- Mixed-use areas
- No disperse settlements
- Population density
- City center residents
- Urban architecture to attract walking
- High-use locations transit-orientated

#### Urban Transport System

- Balanced use of road area
- Priority for public transport and for NMT
- Transport management for sustainability goals
- Time losses for PT travelers are cost.
- All travels have to be paid by the traveler.

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