Sustainable Transport and COVID-19: Response and Recovery

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1. Impact of COVID-19 on Transport & Travel

Numbers tell

✓ Over 4 billion people so far directly impacted by the lockdown
✓ Over 96% of all world destinations disconnected by travel restrictions
✓ Public transport ridership in many cities decreased by over 90%

ITF estimates

✓ Global passenger transport will drop by 16% on average in 2020, with the highest impact on int’l passenger transport (- 48% for surface and - 42% for air transport)
✓ Global freight transport will decrease by 25% in 2020, with the highest impact on int’l freight transport (- 37%)
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Change of perception

✓ Health, a new major factor in transport
✓ Connectivity: from ‘good’ to ‘can be dangerous’
✓ Public transport: from ‘good’ to ‘conditionally good’

Importance of transport in the economy

✓ Areas severely affected: airlines, airports, travel agencies, hotels, restaurants, etc.

Positive discovery

✓ Transport sector contributes to the society in various ways during the crisis
2. Impact of COVID-19 on People

A new normal

- More flexibility in work (teleworking, teleconferencing, etc.): more flexibility in transport (less travel, more personal mobility devices, etc.)

Contactless travel

- Machine-oriented approach, digitalization, etc.

Awareness of the importance of personal sanitary measures

- Social distancing, mask, etc.
3. Sustainable Transport in Recovery Period

Extended and coordinated notion of sustainability

- Harmonization of the following 4 factors: economic, green, inclusive, safe (this used to be rather a mechanical notion, but now a sanitary dimension should be added)

Effective public-private partnership

- Important strategy in terms of resilience and intermodality: balance between public and private roles in the society
- Respacing cities + reasonable (de)regulations

Positive disruption for environment & transport system

- The mother nature needs to take a rest
- Existing transport system needs a fundamental checkup on a regular basis
Covid-19 Transport Briefs

✓ How Transport Supports the Health System in the Corona Crisis - 6 April
✓ Electric Mobility: Taking the Pulse in Times of Coronavirus - 27 April
✓ Global Container Shipping and the Coronavirus Crisis - 29 April
✓ Re-spacing Our Cities For Resilience - 3 May
✓ How Badly Will the Coronavirus Crisis Hit Global Freight? - 11 May
✓ Restoring Air Connectivity Under Policies to Mitigate Climate Change - 20 May
✓ Drones in the Era of Covid-19 – 19 June

* Also coming soon...
- Gender, Transport and Covid-19
- Covid-19 Could Reduce Global Passenger Transport up to 20% in 2020

Updates on Covid-19-related measures in ITF member countries

Exchange of related links with international partners
Thank you!

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