



## DECARBONISING PATHWAYS FOR URBAN MOBILITY IN CENTRAL ASIA

Case studies for Tashkent and Ulaanbaatar

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## About ITF

#### An Intergovernmental Organisation

- 66 member countries on five continents
- Administratively integrated with OECD, politically independent
- An interactive forum at the cross-road of policymakers, private actors, academia and beyond
- Bridging gaps and sharing best practices for enhanced cooperation

#### A Think Tank

- Policy-relevant research and analysis (more than 60 reports per year)
- Modelling, data and statistics
- Identification of best practices for enhancing connectivity, governance, financing among others

#### **The Annual Summit**

- The world's largest gathering of transport ministers
- The premier global transport policy event





ITF Summit 2023 https://www.itf-oecd.org/ itf-2023-summit

May 24-26, Leipzig, Germany



### **SIPA overview**

# What is the Sustainable Infrastructure Programme in Asia (SIPA)?

- A four-year program supporting the development of cleaner infrastructure in Central and Southeast Asia
- Led by the OECD and funded by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of Germany's Ministry for the Environment
- The ITF leads transport-related studies. It aims to provide transport policy guidance with a focus on decarbonisation and enhanced connectivity by:
  - Producing an assessment of transport infrastructure at both regional and national levels
  - Providing policymakers with simulation tools to assess the impact of policy options and identify effective decarbonising measures

#### Sustainable Infrastructure Programme in Asia – Transport (SIPA-T)





### **Central Asia national studies**

#### What is the national roadmap study for Central Asia?

The national roadmap studies developed **decarbonising pathways** for **urban passenger transport** in the capital cities, Tashkent and Ulaanbaatar. They emphasised the role of public transport and its development. They comprise four parts:



Understanding the urban transport context in the capital city: data collection, analysis of policy priorities

2 Developing a public transport improvement plan (Tashkent only): strategies to meet Uzbekistan's goals regarding sustainable mobility 3 Quantitatively assessing decarbonising pathways for the capital city: tailor the ITF modelling tool to estimate carbon emissions under three different scenarios (Baseline, Current Policy, Climate Ambition)



Disseminating best practices for low-carbon transport systems

#### **Study timeline**





# POLICY DIRECTIONS FOR URBAN MOBILITY

**Public Transport** 

**Service** 

CO<sub>2</sub>

**Planning and** 

**Financing** 

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Supporting

**Mobility** 



## Improving planning and financing

### **Current situation**

 Inefficient governance process, with a limited degree of transparency, integration, responsibility allocation and institutional capacity

**Policy recommendations** 

transport provision with minimal incentives for better performance

**Fragmented public** 

- Insufficient financing system leading to limited economic support for public transport
- Lack of integration of landuse and transport planning undermining the importance of mobility in sustainable urban development



Restructure governance and establish a Metropolitan Transport Authority (MTA)



Adopt a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP)



Improve and **diversify funding streams** for public transport



Modernize procurement by introducing **Quality** Incentive Contracts



Adopt data-driven transport planning and policymaking



Integrate land-use and transport development







## **Enhancing public transport service**

### **Current situation**

- Imbalanced network coverage that lacks optimisation – no hierarchy with overlapping and lengthy routes
- Insufficient level of service with **unsatisfactory reliability**, convenience and user-friendliness
- Insufficient bus fleet with low fuel efficiency and a significant share of ageing vehicles
- Outdated fare system with no support to targeted users and multimodal trips

### **Policy recommendations**



Create a **hierarchical** and **intermodal public transport** network to increase ridership and meet future demand



**Transform informal public transport services** to strengthen transport supply and improve connectivity



Implement a **new fare structure** with single ticket for seamless trips









### **Current situation**

- Suboptimal legislation, working conditions, and weak enforcement lead to low-quality taxi services
- **Unorganised parking** in the city resulting in extra congestion and compromised road safety
- Application of digital solutions and
  Intelligent Transport
  Systems (ITS) is at the early stage
- Underdeveloped micromobility is not yet a feasible transport alternative

### **Policy recommendations**



Formalise the taxi market and reduce its competitiveness



Leverage **micromobility**, **shared mobility** and **digitalisation** for convenient multimodal integration



**Regulate private mobility** to maximize the benefits of sustainable urban mobility







## **Policy scenarios for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction**

The ITF designed three distinct scenarios to assess the  $CO_2$  reduction potential of different policy pathways. The scenarios explore alternative futures, their impacts on the transport system and their externalities.



- **Baseline scenario:** no measures are implemented for sustainable mobility
- 2 Current Policy scenario: expected and planned measures are implemented



**Climate Ambition scenario:** planned measures are enhanced, and new measures are introduced







## **Policy scenario composition**

The exact selection of measures and their degree of implementation depends on the scenario.







## **Overall CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**



#### Main findings

- Baseline scenario, strong population and income growth and shift towards private vehicles result in a sharp increase in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- Current Policy scenario, planned policy actions reverse the emission trajectory; however, they are not sufficient to achieve Tashkent's and Ulaanbaatar's climate goals.
- Climate Ambition scenario, effective policy measures allow for cutting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions further and achieving decarbonisation goals.

#### **Evolution of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 2020 to 2050**

	<b>Current Policy</b> Where we are heading	Climate Ambition How far we must go		
ashkent	-24%	-68%		
Jlaanbaatar	+86%	-58%		





### Mode share



#### Mode share in 2050 by scenario

#### Main findings

- Baseline scenario, income and area growth leads to a noticeable increase in private vehicle ownership
- Current Policy scenario, investments in active mobility, public transport infrastructure and service improvement favour a shift to sustainable modes
- Climate Ambition scenario, additional measures boost modal integration as well as target private vehicles allowing for a further decrease in the usage of carbon-intensive modes

#### Share of sustainable modes\* by 2050

	Baseline Business as usual	Climate Ambition How far we must go		
Tashkent	46%	87%		
Ulaanbaatar	27%	82%		

\* sustainable modes include walk, bicycle, public transport and shared mobility





### Tank-to-wheel vs Well-to-tank CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



#### Tashkent tank-to-wheel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from private vehicles remain almost unaffected by the current policies, contributing to approximately 80% of the total emission volume in 2050.

#### Tashkent well-to-tank CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are expected to rise with the current policies. Stricter upstream measures are needed to reduce the carbon intensity of fuel production and distribution.



## **Breakdown by policy direction: Tashkent example**







## **Comparison and summary**

	Vehicle Technology Development	Infrastructure Expansion	Public Transport Promotion	Shared Transport Promotion	Restrictive Measures	Pricing Measures	Other Measures		
Tashkent 2050*									
Current	-19%	-22%	-8%	-0.2%	-4%	-2%	0%		
Ambition	-27%	-34%	-15%	-9%	-5%	-9%	-13%		
Ulaanbaatar 2050*									
Current	-36%	-15%	-2%	-8%	-1%	-2%	-4%		
Ambition	-62%	-20%	-3%	-9%	-9%	-3%	-7%		

#### **Policy priorities**

- ✓ Begin with "soft" measures requiring less time and resources to implement while planning for "hard" structural changes
- ✓ Develop a hierarchical and integrated public transport network that will become the backbone of urban mobility
- ✓ In parallel, introduce and enhance shared and micromobility to further support public transport
- ✓ Following the establishment of sustainable modes as a feasible alternative, target the use of private vehicles

\*The sum does not equal to total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reductions as the analysis by individual policy direction does not account for combined effects





### **Other non-measured benefits**







### **Download study materials**



More information and study materials are available on the **ITF website**:

- Decarbonising Pathways for Urban Mobility in Uzbekistan
- Decarbonising Pathways for Urban Mobility in Mongolia
- <u>Sustainable Infrastructure</u> <u>Programme in Asia – Transport</u> (SIPA-T)









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