

Sustainable Urban Transport and its Contribution towards Promoting Equitable and Inclusive Urban Development

EcoMobility Days, Habitat III

OMU – Urban Mobility Observatory for Latin America

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Context and objectives

1. Lack of reliable information on urban mobility (weak public institutions + unregulated public transport)

2. Severe limits to inform policy decisions

Proposal: OMU – Urban Mobility Observatory





OMU – General information (2014)

Urban areas	29
Countries	12
Population	130,351,562

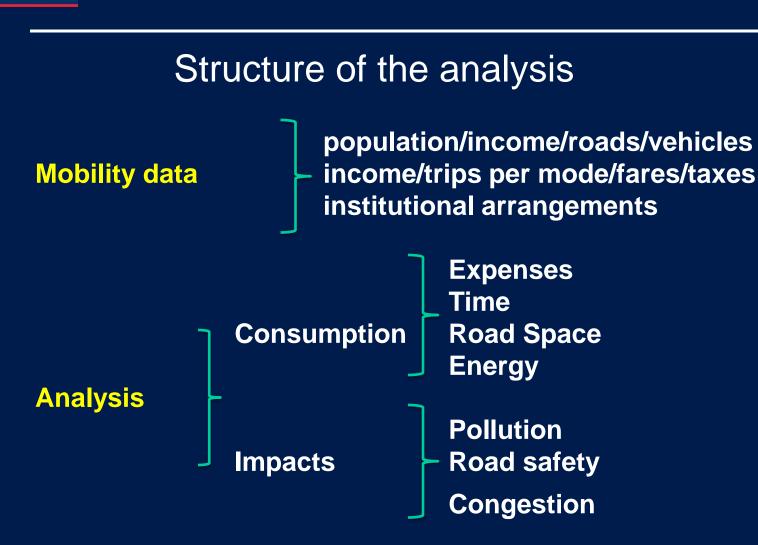
FleetAutomobiles35,264,511(increase 4%/y)Motorcycles7,168,997(increase 13%/y)Buses/vans367,959

Trips/day

288 million (2.2/inhab.)

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Main findings

Modal split: 42% public 32% private 26% walking/cycling Walking and cycling: poor infrastructure, comfort and safety Public transport: low-quality vehicles and services, long travel times Monthly expense with bus fares: 15% to 25% of minimum salary

Road space: private transport consume 85% Energy: private transport consume 66%

Fatalities: 52% pedestrians and cyclists CO₂ emissions: private transport responsible for 72% of total





Main challenges

- Include the most vulnerable in the decision process
- Provide sidewalk and cycling networks + road safety actions
- Ensure quality and reliability of public transport with proper

regulation and using subsidies if necessary

• Limit excessive and inadequate use of the automobile + charge for social and environmental costs