RELEASE: The Kaohsiung Strategies for the Future of Urban Mobility provide a roadmap for city leaders to shape the future of urban transport

5 October, 2017 - The EcoMobility World Congress 2017 was held 2-4 October in Kaohsiung alongside the Third EcoMobility World Festival. The three-day Congress was jointly organized by the city of Kaohsiung and ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability. The Congress brought together 1200 registered participants including representatives from 53 cities, international organizations, research institutions, and the private sector along with technical experts, to discuss the future of urban mobility.

Among the main outcomes of the EcoMobility World Congress 2017 are the launch of the Shared Mobility Principles for Livable Cities and the adoption of The Kaohsiung Strategies for the Future of Urban Mobility.

The Kaohsiung Strategies for the Future of Urban Mobility

The Kaohsiung Strategies provide a guide for city leaders to shape the future of urban transport in their communities, and ensure safe, clean, affordable, accessible, environmentally-friendly, intelligent and connected mobility options and transport systems for their residents.

The Kaohsiung Strategies strengthen ecomobile solutions; walking, cycling, public transport, shared mobility and their interconnectivity as the backbone of urban mobility in the future. The Strategies are based on the Shared Mobility Principles but take these principles a step farther and translate how cities and local governments the world over can turn them into action.

The Kaohsiung Strategies take up emerging trends and technologies and encourage city leaders to review these critically when designing and implementing mobility policies. They also provide a guide for cities to link their transport planning to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as they aim to build livable, shared and intelligent cities.

The Kaohsiung Strategies will be presented at COP23 - the upcoming United Nations Climate Conference in Bonn, Germany November 2017 as the defining guide to implementing sustainable urban mobility that contributes to global climate goals.

The Kaohsiung Strategies express the following commitments:

- We plan our cities and their mobility together.
- We prioritize people over vehicles.
- We support the shared and efficient use of vehicles, lanes, curbs, and land.
- We promote equity.
- We support fair user fees
- We lead the transition towards a zero emission future and renewable energy.
- We work towards integration and seamless connectivity.
- We support that autonomous vehicles in dense urban areas should be operated only in shared fleets.
- We protect the air space of our cities.
- We apply sustainability principles for moving goods: Green freight and ecologistocs.
• We engage with stakeholders.
• We prepare our local governments for mobility in the future

“The Kaohsiung Strategies send a message of determination. Local and regional governments are willing and ready to transform their cities. These strategies will support them in putting sustainability and climate first when thinking about the future of transport.”

-Ashok-Alexander Sridharan, Mayor of Bonn and First Vice-President of ICLEI

“The Kaohsiung Strategies are built on 10 fundamental principles of shared mobility. They describe the new paradigms for local decision-making, prioritizing people centered urban mobility focused on walking, cycling, public and shared mobility instead of prioritizing the automobile.”

-Monika Zimmerman, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

Shared Mobility Principles on Livable Cities

The Shared Mobility Principles on Livable Cities were developed between C40 Cities, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport (SloCat), Rocky Mountain Institute and WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities and more, based on the initiative of Robin Chase, founder of ZipCar.

These 10 principles are the fundamental building blocks of creating sustainable urban transport systems of the future that are agreed upon by all of the above organizations and can be applied across diverse regions, cities and communities. See more on this initiative at www.SharedMobilityPrinciple.org

“Too often today, the discussion has focused too narrowly on fair competition. For Shared Mobility to be a truly sustainable transport option, we must put the needs of people at the heart and center. These Principles move us in the right direction by, for the first time, laying out a practical framework for ensuring public benefits. We hope governments, private companies, and civil society can use these Principles as a framework toward more efficient, clean mobility and more equitable, livable communities.”

-Clayton Lane, CEO, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP)

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