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The Bikeshare Planning Guide

The Bikeshare Planning Guide has become one of our emblematic publications. It provides in-depth guidance for city officials, practitioners, and other stakeholders about planning and implementing a successful bikeshare system. The Guide encourages cities to position bikeshare as a critical piece of their transportation network, and plan—and expand—systems that prioritize transit integration, equity, and a high-quality user experience.

Over the past decade, bikeshare has contributed significantly to sustainable mobility in cities: providing first-last kilometer solutions, replacing short trips made by cars, and offering a unique way for residents and visitors to explore their surroundings. As bikeshare continues to evolve—integrating pedal-assist e-bikes, dockless bikes, and multi-operator models—cities have to understand the opportunities and risks such innovations present, as well as how to define success and measure system performance over time.

Pedestrians First: Tools for a Walkable City

As the urban share of the world’s population is expected to reach 70 percent by 2050, ITDP is introducing a new tool to help governments, city planners, NGOs, and developers make cities more equitable, healthy, safe, and vibrant. The simple solution? Walkability. The new tool, Pedestrians First: Tools for a Walkable City, will help leaders understand and measure the features that promote walkability in urban environments around the world. More consistent and frequent measurements of urban walkability will empower decisionmakers to enact policies that create more walkable cities.

Available in English, Spanish, and Chinese

Streets for Walking and Cycling: Designing for Safety, Accessibility, and Comfort in African Cities

Walking and cycling are healthy and pollution-free forms of mobility that are fundamental to life. Many African cities are dependent on these modes as their primary means of transport. Streets for Walking and Cycling is a quick reference street design guide to help create a safe, usable, and accessible environment for pedestrians and cyclists. The local and international best practices presented in the guide highlight street design techniques that have proven successful across cultures and contexts.
Street Design Manual for Mexican Cities

This manual was created with the Inter American Development Bank and IDOM (a Spanish urban design and development firm) for the Mexican Office for Agrarian, Land and Urban Development. It is the federal reference for the design and project management of streets—the base of all mobility systems. Its use will help to prioritize people over cars and improve the quality of road projects in Mexico.

Available in Spanish

Women and Children’s Access to the City: A Case Study of Recife, Brazil

Women and children face greater challenges than men to access work, educational, and leisure opportunities in cities. To shed light on this issue, ITDP Brazil focused on Recife to develop Women and Children’s Access to the City. This report focuses on women, particularly those who are child caregivers, between the ages of 17 and 70, and who live in low-income areas.

Focus groups and discussions helped ITDP Brazil formulate gender-sensitive indicators and recommendations for nine major areas: walking and land use, cycling, road safety, public transport, housing and urban infrastructure, childcare, management and public policies, transport financing, and sexual violence and harassment.

Available in Portuguese and English

Women and Transport in Indian Cities

While different levels of government address women’s safety in public transport, urban transport investments are largely gender blind. There is a limited understanding of the relationship between gender and transport inequities. Sustainable urban development will remain elusive without integrating measures to improve conditions for women and girls in urban transport. The ITDP India Program and Safetipin address this in Women and Transport in Indian Cities, the first paper of its kind. This paper outlines the broad issues faced by women and girls when using or accessing urban transport and recommends key measures to enable equitable access. The brief recommends gender-responsive indicators, service level benchmarks and guidelines for comprehensive mobility plans, as well as walking, cycling, public and intermediate public transport.