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**Jakarta, Indonesia to Receive the 2021 Sustainable Transport Award**

*Jakarta is the First Southeast Asian City to Win the Sustainable Transport Award.*

*This win was based on groundbreaking work and transformation by the city of Jakarta, including major improvements to intermodal integration under the Jak Lingko scheme.*

New York (February 24, 2021) – Jakarta, a city of 10 million, whose transport network serves 30 million in the greater metropolitan area, is the winner of the 2021 Sustainable Transport Award (STA). The award will be presented on February 25, 2021 at 7PM WIB and 12PM EST and will be broadcasted on STAward.org.

Jakarta’s win is the culmination of years of groundbreaking work and transformation by the city. In February 2020, Transjakarta hit a major ridership goal of moving one million passengers per day, mostly due to its innovative work to integrate services. Nine months into the pandemic, Transjakarta, the longest BRT in the world, continues to provide a consistent, safe, and accessible transit in the modern history of Jakarta, shown through its ability to function during a major Java Island power outage in 2019.

The city has taken concrete steps to shift its car-oriented city planning paradigm and provide seamless mobility through the "Jak Lingko'' scheme, an interconnected transit trip for the passenger. Fare integration allows passengers to use almost all road-based transit which operates under Transjakarta within a three-hour window with just one fare, and the city wants to expand that to rail. The city is also improving physical integration between modes, starting with four key stations to ensure an easier and safer transfer for passengers; with 44 more to follow. All of these help with reducing the cost for people, especially those with complicated trips. These interventions have also resulted in a substantial increase to 83 percent in service coverage of frequent, rapid road-based transit and an increased ridership on both informal transit and BRT.

Jakarta has also led the country by bringing cycling to the streets, repurposing space for cars to spaces for people, and implementing pedestrianization of the Kendal Tunnel in Southeast Asia. Investments in the walking environment have resulted in 205 kilometers of sidewalks being built. The city is also working to provide at-grade access options to Transjakarta, instead of requiring pedestrians to use overpass bridges, which can add 14 times the distance. Finally, with the goal of integrating cycling into the transit network, a pilot bike-sharing system with 120 bikes and six stations was implemented, bike parking was built at some transit stations, and a 63 km bicycle lane was established and a 200 km long protected bicycle lane is currently being developed. As in many cities around the world, cycling during the coronavirus has taken off, as has the city’s investment in pop-up bike lanes. During June and July, as Jakarta began to ease its large-scale social restrictions, cycling increased by 500% citywide. In high-volume travel areas, such as near Dukuh Atas station along Jl. Sudirman, ridership grew by 1,000%.

“The public enthusiasm for cycling in Jakarta should be a wakeup call for municipal governments everywhere that just building for cars is no longer good enough,” says Heather Thompson, ITDP CEO. “Whether it’s a pandemic, a climate-change related weather event, or an air quality crisis, Jakarta’s success shows us the value of having all options for transit available to keep the city moving.” Thompson continued, “The bicycle can be a tool for a movement that allows for distance from others and doesn’t contribute to already breathtaking traffic congestion. This period of such change offers an opportunity for improvements and a shift to a new normal that must be more equitable and more sustainable than before. We are thrilled to celebrate Jakarta over this next year, and we hope to inspire cities around the world to follow in their footsteps.”

The 2021 Sustainable Transport Award Ceremony will be held virtually for the first time in celebration of two amazing cities, the 2021 Sustainable Transport Winner, Jakarta, Indonesia, and Honorable Mention, Lviv, Ukraine. We will have welcome remarks by Heather Thompson, Chief Executive Officer for ITDP and a keynote address from the 2015 Sustainable Transport winner, Mayor Eduardo Paes, City of Rio de Janeiro. Receiving the 2021 Sustainable Transport Award on behalf of the city of Jakarta is Anies Rasyid Baswedan, Governor of Jakarta, Indonesia and receiving the 2021 Honorable Mention on behalf of the city of Lviv is Orest Oleskiv, Head of Transport Office for the city.

The **Sustainable Transport Award Program** is the annual celebration of select cities implementing innovative sustainable transportation projects in the preceding year.

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