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Two Years of Cycling Cities

With great enthusiasm, we are thrilled to announce a significant milestone on our journey—the Two Year Anniversary of the Cycling Cities campaign! As we reflect on the past two years, we are overwhelmed by the positive impact this initiative has had on communities and the environment worldwide.

Since our campaign's launch, we've achieved remarkable progress:

- **34 Cohort Cities across 6 continents**
- **47 Pledge Cities**
- **47 Partner Organizations**
- **400+ KMs of protected cycle lanes**

These milestones represent substantial steps towards our overarching goal: ensuring that 25 million more people have access to safe cycling lanes by 2025. With the dedication of our diverse coalition of cities, partners, and advocates, we are shaping the future of urban living, one pedal at a time. We look forward to celebrating further achievements and advancing our mission to create cycle-friendly cities for all.

Read the Cycling Cities anniversary blog post >>
Watch the Cycling Cities Stories: Two Years of Action anniversary event >>

Cycling Cities at COP28

The annual COP climate conference kicks off at the end of November in Dubai. ITDP leadership is excited to represent Cycling Cities during the conference by participating in several side events focused on the climate benefits of more cycling, and finding opportunities to meet with city and partner representatives committed to elevating cycling in the transport and climate agendas. We will share more information on COP28 events soon!

Recent Events



Transforming Public Space in Paris

In this technical webinar, part of ITDP's Sustainable Transport Award series, STA winner Paris shares how important a connected, protected network of bicycle lanes has been to the city's transformation. Velib, the city's iconic bikeshare system, was also cited as a critical level for expanding access to bicycles and growing ridership on the streets.

View the webinar recording here >>



Launch of the Walk and Roll to School Guide

In celebration of this year's Walk and Roll to School Day, ITDP Mexico, with support from Cycling Cities campaign partner FIA Foundation, introduced the "Guide for Walk and Roll to School Celebrations." The ITDP Mexico team unveiled this guide to assist Mexican cities in organizing the Walk and Roll to School celebrations while emphasizing the importance of safe and healthy school environments. Although the guide primarily targets Mexican cities, its insights and lessons can be applied to various countries and regions, making it a versatile and adaptable tool for promoting safer and more active school commuting. Celebrations of Walk and Roll to School Day in cities across Mexico t ook place in October and November.

Read more about the guide here >>

Watch the launch webinar for the guide here >>

Download the guide here >>



Car-Free Day Opening Forum in Shekou, Shenzhen, China

On 23 September, ITDP-China presented at the Car Free Day Opening Forum orchestrated by the esteemed Shekou Community Foundation. At this engaging forum, the ITDP team highlighted the pathway to crafting pedestrian-friendly communities. Their presentation focused on how to transition communities to car-free zones, nurture child-friendly neighborhoods, and foster community engagement that champions the interests of all residents. Various news media channels broadcasted the event to a broad audience. Following the Forum, in mid-November, a sprawling four-lane road in Shekou was closed for a car-free event, where ITDP China amplified the Cycling Cities campaign.



Cycling Cities represented at the PATH Symposium

In September, ITDP's leadership participated in the inaugural PATH symposium titled "Walking and Cycling: Effective Actions Essential to Reaching the Climate Goals." During the event, ITDP CEO Heather Thompson shared insights in a panel discussion focusing on the role of walking and cycling within climate discussions, emphasizing how Cycling Cities has worked to elevate cycling at the global, regional, and local levels. This symposium provided attendees with the chance to hear from several PATH partners advocating for active travel and exploring opportunities to finance and scale walking and cycling initiatives in anticipation of COP 28.

Watch the full panel here >>>



"Cycling Cities Stories: Building Awareness and Support for Cycling" Webinar

In the second session of ITDP's Cycling Cities Stories webinar series, speakers from cohort city Niteroi, Brazil, and India shared strategies for garnering public and political support for cycling initiatives, emphasizing participatory planning and national-level campaigns. The webinar highlighted lessons learned in gathering support for cycling across different stakeholder groups.The session provided valuable insights into overcoming barriers and promoting cycling as a sustainable transportation option.

Watch the webinar here >>>



Mastering the Cycling City: From Learning to Action Workshop

The 2023 Mastering the Cycling City course challenge was a success! In the workshop, we united participants from the course challenge, fostering a platform for networking and mutual learning. This workshop served as an opportunity for attendees to seek clarifications, pose questions, and delve deeper into topics covered during the course. It showcased practical applications of key course takeaways through a case study of Buenos Aires in conversation with speaker Andres Meiss, who shared valuable insights and experiences.

Check out the workshop materials here >>>

Cycling Cities New Releases



Navigating China's Return to Cycling

China's reign as the 'Kingdom of Bicycles' in the 1980s declined with urban expansion and the rise of private vehicles. However, in its pursuit of carbon neutrality, China is now witnessing a resurgence of cycling. This revival faces challenges like reclaiming streets from cars and adapting to electric bikes and expanding bike share systems, paving the way for a greener and more sustainable urban future in China.

Read Part 1 of the blog post here >>

Read Part 2 here >>

Read Part 3 here >>



Course: "Mastering the Cycling City"

"Mastering the Cycling City" is live! This self-paced course for city planners, practitioners, and advocates is made up of three modules that provide context, guidance, and case studies to improve urban cycling. The course is available to Cycling Cities members and pledge-signers only.

Access the course here >>

Updates from Campaign Cohort Cities



Addis Ababa launches cycle network plan

The Addis Ababa Transport Bureau, in collaboration with ITDP and UN-Habitat, launched the Addis Ababa Cycle Network Plan. The plan's objective is to create a comprehensive, user-friendly, and safe cycling network in Addis Ababa. It evaluates the current cycling infrastructure in the city and outlines a phased approach to establish a top-quality cycle network in the short, medium, and long term. The resulting network will offer stress-free cycle facilities accessible to people of all genders, ages, and abilities.

Learn more and view the plan here >>



Buenos Aires continues "Everything is repaired" workshops

Buenos Aires' "Everything is Repaired" program offers workshops on bicycle repair, electrical appliance maintenance, and woodworking. The initiative, backed by the Ministry of Public Space and Urban Hygiene, emphasizes environmental awareness and reuse. The "Reparamóvil" workshop truck operates on weekends, promoting sustainable mobility and teaching repair techniques. Participants learn about the impact of transportation on the environment, reducing waste from electrical devices, and working with wood while reflecting on natural resource preservation.

Learn more about the program here >>



Bogotá celebrates "Semana de la Bici" in September

Bogotá celebrated its XVI Bicycle Week to promote cycling and emphasize road safety and well-being citywide. The event began with a Neon ride and the declaration of the bicycle as "Intangible Cultural Heritage". The city also commemorated the first year of its bikeshare system, with over 1.2 million registered trips. Academic panels featured experts from Latin America and beyond discussing cycle infrastructure and efficient modes of transportation. Local activities, bike tours, service fairs, and educational events were held throughout the week.

Read more about the event here >>



Fortaleza's "Pedala Mais Fortaleza" program takes off

Fortaleza launched the "Pedala Mais Fortaleza" program with the goal of doubling the number of daily cyclists to a total of 470,000 within the next decade. With support from Bloomberg Philanthropies and Cycling Cities partner Global Designing Cities Initiative, the program aims to expand the cycling network to 600 km by 2026. This initiative aligns with the city's Municipal Traffic Safety Plan, dedicated to improving road safety and reducing traffic injury.

Read more about the program here >>

New Cohort Cities & Partners



New Cohort City: Lima, Peru

The Municipality of Lima, in partnership with international organizations such as the German Financial Cooperation and the World Bank, is working to enhance and expand its cycling infrastructure. Lima has been selected as one of the Top 10 cities by GDCI to join the 'Streets for Kids' program. The city's plan includes revitalizing a central intersection in the historic downtown area to promote active mobility, particularly for nearby schools. The city is also actively promoting cycling through educational initiatives in schools, universities, and workplaces through training and promotional activities to encourage ridership.

Read more about Lima >>



New Cohort City: New York City, USA

In October, New York City leadership initiated a historic expansion of the city's greenways, with plans for 60 miles of greenway corridors in the outer boroughs. This expansion will include over 40 miles of new protected bicycle infrastructure, aiming to improve transportation options in Queens, Staten Island, Brooklyn, and the Bronx. The project focuses on equity and community involvement, filling gaps in the greenway network, enhancing safety, and providing access to jobs. This initiative builds upon the city's existing network of over 644 lane miles of protected cycle lanes and 33,000 bikeshare bicycles, the largest system in the United States.

Read more about New York City >>



Highlight on Partner City: Surabaya, Indonesia, under the Cycling Friendly Program

Since its kick-off in June 2022, followed by pledge signing by the Government of Surabaya on March 2023, the "Surabaya Ramah Bersepeda" program, led by a group of local communities concerning cycling and public transportation matters (The Consortium Team of Surabaya Kota Ramah Bersepeda), has conducted workshops that involved locals, community members, and the City Government in reaching a consensus on how to achieve a cycling-friendly Surabaya, and developed concepts for the development of cycling infrastructure in the city. The team is preparing for the tactical urbanism intervention at one of the kampongs in the Old Town of Surabaya this November 2023 by conducting a handlebar survey with the locals and a workshop with the City Government before the intervention to identify issues and gather perspectives for design references. For the final activities, the team will conduct monitoring and evaluation as a wrap-up to develop a full roadmap document.

City + Partner Logos

View a full list of campaign cities and partners >>

Cohort Cities

Addis Ababa, Bengaluru, Bogota, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Chandigarh, Cuenca, Fortaleza, Glasgow, Guadalajara, Istanbul, Jakarta, Kampala, Kigali, Kisumu, Kohima, Kolkata, Lima, Los Angeles, Merida, Mexico City, Monterrey, New York City, Niteroi, Primpri-Chinchwad, Rajkot, Recife, Rio de Janeiro, Rionegro, Santiago, Surat, Wollongong, Zapopan

Pledge Cities

Agartala, India · Albuquerque, USA · Amwaj Islands, Bahrain · Arapongas, Brazil · Asunción, Paraguay · Athens, USA · Bandung, Indonesia · Bauru, Brasil
Budapest, Hungary · Cambé, Brazil · Campina Grande, Brazil · Cape Town, South Africa · Carmel, USA · Delhi, India · Gainesville, USA · Gibraltar, Gibraltar
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Partner organizations

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