

## LEPT e-bulletin – June 2020

### Welcome to the LEPT e-bulletin!

#### SPOTLIGHT ON

The 2020 edition of the [European Mobility Week](#) will be taking place from 16 to 22 September 2020. It has been announced that the [Urban Mobility Days](#) which were due to take place in Brussels over the same period, from 29 September to 1 October will now be held as an online only event. Registrations to join will open soon.

#### EU FUNDING & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

##### Call for speakers

##### [UITP Global Public Transport Summit](#)

UITP has launched a call for speakers for their upcoming summit. The chosen theme for this edition is ‘Mobility for Life’, with topics such as financial sustainability or health and safety. The summit will be taking place in Melbourne, Australia in June 2021.

##### Learning opportunities

##### [LOW-CARB Exploitation Workshop – 25 June 2020](#)

The partners from the Interreg Central project LOW-CARB will be presenting a series of action plan measures and tools that can help a low-carbon transition such as smart bus stations or cargo-bike sharing. The webinar will take place from 09:00 to 13:00 CET and include breakout ‘matchmaking’ sessions.

##### Awards

##### [9<sup>th</sup> EU SUMP Award – apply until 31 October 2020](#)

The call launched on 15 June with the theme “Zero-emission mobility for all”. This award is designed to highlight local or regional authorities’ excellence in sustainable urban mobility planning. The winners of the two previous editions were Brussels (2019) and Greater Manchester (2018).

#### NEWS

##### **New Transport Commissioner appointed in London**

Andy Byford, who was previously the President and Chief Executive Officer of the New York City Transit Authority, [will be joining TfL](#) in late June 2020. The current Commissioner, Mike Brown, will be standing down on 10 July.

##### **UK Department for Transport announces the introduction of green number plates for electric cars**

[The measure will be in place from autumn](#) and is being introduced as part of a series of measures to drive a green recovery in the UK. The plates will enable easy identification of zero emission vehicles.

##### **The European Cyclists Federation (ECF) releases a “European COVID-19 Cycling Measures Tracker”**

The measures, be they national or local, are [compiled in a dashboard](#). They include details on a number of characteristics like types of infrastructure, scale, implementation date.

##### **London Lorry Control Scheme (LLCS) Enforcement**

Following suspension of the LLCS for a period of nearly three months, enforcement and administration resumed on 15 June 2020 after a two week period of issuing warning notices. Full details can be seen [here](#).

## WHAT LEPT IS READING

### **Coronavirus: Swap cars for e-bikes to reopen UK, researchers say – The Independent**

This article by the Independent draws on a study from University of Leeds researchers who found that using e-bikes outside of urban areas could have an impact on lowering transport carbon emissions. The paper also provides recommendations to policymakers.

### **Life after COVID: Europeans want to keep their cities car-free - Politico**

The article looks into polling data from 21 cities across six EU countries which show strong citizen support in favour of air pollution reducing measures (low-emission zones, car bans...). The survey was commissioned by two NGOs, Transport & Environment and the European Public Health Alliance.

### **‘Corona Cycleways’ Become the New Post-Confinement Commute – The New York Times**

Using Paris as a case study, this article looks at the role bikes are playing in the recovery of European cities, with the rise of a new category of cyclists and the creation of supporting infrastructure.

### **Supplementary guidance on school streets – Transport for London**

This guidance has been designed by TfL to help boroughs design school streets. It has been published as part of the London Streetspace plan and provides guidelines to design school streets as emergency measures whilst also considering the transition of these to longer term solutions.

### **14th Annual Road Safety Performance Index (PIN) Report – European Transport Safety Council**

On 17 June, Estonia was awarded the 2020 European Transport Safety Council Road Safety Performance Index Award. Overall, the numbers published by the ETSC show that the EU is likely to miss its road safety target for 2020 with a reduction in deaths that might not be important enough.

### **Transport in the UK will never be the same, it must be better – Sustrans**

Sustrans have started publishing briefings as part of a “Life after lockdown” series. The first one of these looks into the impact lockdown has had on the country, the future likely trends as well as a series of recommendations.

## EVENTS ATTENDED

In May and June, the LEPT team attended webinars organised by the Polis team on European cities and regions responses to the Coronavirus crisis. Summaries of these can be found on the [Polis website](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note that due to the spread of Covid-19, events are currently being cancelled, rescheduled or held as online only meetings. Some available webinars are outlined above.