GREEN FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES

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CHALLENGES OF URBAN LOGISTICS

- Globalization: decentralized production
- Urbanization: total dependency on outside energy, food and materials
- Urban areas are complex systems
- Urban logistics is a relatively unexplored policy and business area

CHALLENGES OF URBAN LOGISTICS

- There are many ideas about urban logistics, but few have been tried and even less experience has been shared
- Many different stakeholders are involved aside from city government, but not regarded as a priority
- Urban logistics is a no-man's land, often invisible to decision-makers and citizens who wake up after goods are delivered, and go to sleep before trucks return to the urban area

CHALLENGES OF URBAN LOGISTICS

- Urban logistics are a "poor cousin" of urban mobility and transport policies and plans for people
- Often, business-owners are resistant to change, even if change will improve the situation given the chance
- It can be hard to find physical space to accommodate supporting facilities.

LOGISTICS PROVE A CHALLENGE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE...



Smart Freight Centre (2017). Smart Freight Leadership, based on data from ITF Transport Outlook 2017 and SLoCaT 2016

... AND AIR POLLUTION



WHAT IS GREEN FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS?

- reduces the environmental, climate and public health impacts through reduced air pollution and greenhouse gas emission intensity;
- improves social conditions, including road safety, and health and working conditions of people involved in freight movement; and
- enhances economic development through improved energy efficiency, fuel security, and efficiency and competitiveness of the freight and logistics sector overall

Punte, Sophie, Sudhir Gota and Glynda Bathan. 2013. Position Paper: Preparation for a Regional Agreement on Green Freight in Asia. Draft for Discussion at the 7th EST Forum.

BEST PRACTICES IN GREEN FREIGHT

1. Visioning Green Freight

Develop Vision with
 Stakeholders

Assess Current Scenario

2.

- Typology of green freight
 development
 - Current barriers
 - Freight data

3. Identify & Implement Green Freight Measures

- Identify suitable measures
 - Priority Projects
 - Implementation
 - Monitoring
 - Evaluation

4. Green Freight Program

- Define clear objectives, scope & plan of action
 Financial
 - mechanisms
 - Recognition Program

Source: Gota and Earley, 2015 Asian Development Bank

VISION

Defines the optimal desired future state of what you wants to achieve over time and provides guidance and inspiration

GOALS

States an ambitious commitment to address a single challenge in support of an overarching vision



Measure progress toward defined goals and should be relevant, comprehensive, transparent, and feasible to measure

MEASURES FOR GREENER FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS

Vehicles & Fuels	Freight Movement	Transport System
 Cleaner fuels Cleaner and efficient technologies Cleaner and efficient vehicles Inspection and maintenance 	 GPS & ICT Driving behavior Fleet management Increase load factor Reduce empty runs Reduce trips Logistics centers and warehouse management Asset management and sharing Restructure supply chains 	 Multi-modal freight optimization Shift from trucks to trains, barges, motorbikes, cargo bikes Infrastructure transport, fuels, ICT



Transport for London

The state

London Freight Plan sustainable freight distribution: a plan for London

MAYOR OF LONDON

Transport for London

CITY OF PORTLAND OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION

London

• "...the safe, reliable and efficient movement of freight and servicing trips to, from, within and, where appropriate, through London to support London's economy, in balance with the needs of other transport users, the environment and Londoners' quality of life…"

CITY VISIONS Seattle

 "A vibrant city and thriving economy, connecting people and productions within Seattle and to regional and international market"

ALMADA, PORTUGAL

- Historic Mid-Sized European City tourism and pedestrian oriented
- Initial mobility plan moved cars off the street, but freight vehicles still needed to access businesses, and local businesses demanded service
- Developed an Zero-Emission Vehicle Zone and a local distribution area a shuttle's ride away from the pedestrian zone



ALMADA, PORTUGAL

- Approach to be followed in 2012:
- Only 2 vehicles allowed to circulate: electric mini-buses from the flexible bus service – FLEXIBUS, Mobility Inclusive Service of Almada
- Central part of the street reinforced to support the weight of the minibuses and goods delivery vehicles (ZEVs)
- Logistic system will be based on a centralized freight center, (ICT) allowing the consolidation of goods in a nearby hub
- Logistics scheme studied in the framework of an European funded project: ENCLOSE, ENergy efficiency in City LOgistics Services for small and mid-sized European Historic Towns

OUTCOMES OF GREEN FREIGHT PLANNING

- Freight is given a role in the urban discussion
- A picture of freight and urban logistics is clear to all stakeholders
- Each stakeholder can be heard and challenges can be avoided in this uncertain and new field
- Green freight means less local pollution, less contribution to climate change, less traffic and better access to services
- In times of emergency, there is a clear understanding of challenges and weaknesses, resources and opportunities – and a social network on which to cooperate.

GREEN FREIGHT CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!

Let's work on it together

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