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At the end of this week the 11th ECOMM will have taken place. On the [EPOMM website](#) we will inform you shortly after the conference on the most striking findings. For this ECOMM, ten experts from ten countries have reported on the state of the art of Mobility Management in their countries. At the same time, the [MAX research project](#) is finalising its State of the Art report - the most comprehensive research effort in MM to date. We're looking forward to present you these combined efforts in the next e-news.

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Street design manual to encourage of sustainable transport



The 'Manual for Streets' is a joint publication between the [Department for Transport and Communities and Local Government](#). This manual emphasizes the importance of residential streets in the creation of places in which people want to live. It aims to reduce the impact of vehicles on residential streets by asking practitioners to plan street design intelligently and proactively, and gives a high priority to the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and users of public transport.

It urges practitioners to use street design to encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport, such as walking, cycling and public transport. Manual for Streets promotes street designs which naturally encourage low traffic speeds by geometry and layout rather than relying solely on physical traffic calming measures. It does not set out new policy. Rather it presents guidance on how to do things differently within the existing policy, technical and legal framework

The full press release can be read [here](#). For more information, visit the [website Manualforstreets](#).

Seville hosted the 5th European Conference on sustainable cities & towns



The 5th European Conference on sustainable cities and towns (21-24 March 2007), took place in the city of Seville, Spain. The conference highlighted local sustainability in Europe by sharing a debate with mayors, officials and experts from European local governments committed to the [Aalborg Commitments](#) and local sustainability.

'Sevilla 2007' aimed to inspire local governments by providing examples of successful implementation of the Aalborg Commitments. As a result, over 1500 delegates from European local governments committed to act and implement advanced policies for local sustainable development. The local governments have engaged to adapt policies and actions. Also, they will set indicators and undertake monitoring reviews to assess their progress. Citizens and other stakeholders will be engaged in this process to ensure progress in local sustainability.

Due to this commitment to advance the implementation of the Aalborg Commitments, the conference in Seville represents a major milestone in the pursuit of a sustainable Europe.

The aim is to inspire and motivate more cities and local authorities to enter into the Aalborg Commitment process.

For more information, visit the [conference website](#). On the website of [Seville](#), you can find more information about the city (only in Spanish). More general information concerning sustainable cities can be found [here](#).

More mobility in Valence (Nord-pas-de-Calais)



Starting April 2nd 2007, holders of a [Transvilles](#) network subscription are allowed to travel freely by bus, tram or TER in the agglomeration of Valence. Merely validation of their subscription, at the entrance of the station, will be necessary. This new benefit represents the transition to the next phase in the project concerning the 'tramway de Valenciennes'.



The agreement was signed on March 20th 2007 and will be effective for 3 years. The objective is to encourage the use of alternative transport modes in expense of the car.

SITURV and 'le conseil regional Nord-Pas-de-Calais' have communicated to Transvilles (bus-tramway network) and SNCF (TER network) to start the implementation of a procedure to enables the integration of the tariffs. So, in the agglomeration of Valence, TER network subscriptions as well as Transvilles network subscriptions will be accepted for trips by bus, tram or TER.

A committee of representatives of the different stakeholders has the responsibility to analyse and evaluate this project.

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Four Years of Sustainable Transport: In Sweden, Sharing the Lessons Learned



At the [Future Urban Transport Academic Workshop](#), supported by the Volvo Research and Educational Foundations in Göteborg, Sweden, and held April 2, 2006, [EMBARQ](#) Director of Research Dr. Lee Schipper interpreted EMBARQ's experiences after four years of working with developing cities to implement sustainable transport in a pragmatic manner.

After working closely with cities such as Mexico City, Hanoi, Pune, Xi'an, and Shanghai, EMBARQ is convinced that sustainable urban transport requires a vision, clearly defined goals, and recognition of challenges, together with good-quality measurement of trends that would enable transparent alternative systems analysis. The private sector and political support both play important roles. Successful implementation of sustainable urban transport requires the involvement and engagement of many different stakeholders, which EMBARQ has facilitated in all its partner cities. All presentations of the workshop can be found on the [conference website](#).

Talked about...



"Within the next 25 to 30 years, about 75% of the world's population will be living in urban areas. This trend generates increasing demands for efficient and sustainable transportation systems - for people and goods alike. If these demands are not met, the result will be unmanageable congestion, environmental problems and accidents. In the developing countries, road traffic is already one of the leading causes of injury and death."

Volvo Research and Educational Foundation, April 2007.



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