

# CITY MANAGERS COMMUNITY 2022

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**Welcome and  
housekeeping**

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- Please keep your camera on to be seen and heard.
- The session is being recorded mostly for documentation purposes, and not for full public disclosure.
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# Welcome address

Jordi Vaquer, Metropolis Secretary General

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**Introducing ourselves**

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Warm-up

**In your opinion, what will be the prevailing means of transport in your metropolitan area in 2030?**

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**Opening up the discussion:  
Common challenges in financing  
metropolitan transport**



# Metropolis City Managers Community 2022

## Road-map



**Today**

### **Online preparatory meeting**

Set the scene

Present and learn from the state-of-affairs

Discuss and delimit the topic further for our main activity

**14 November**

### **Full-day interactive workshop in Barcelona (AMB HQ)**

Share experiences in an environment of trust

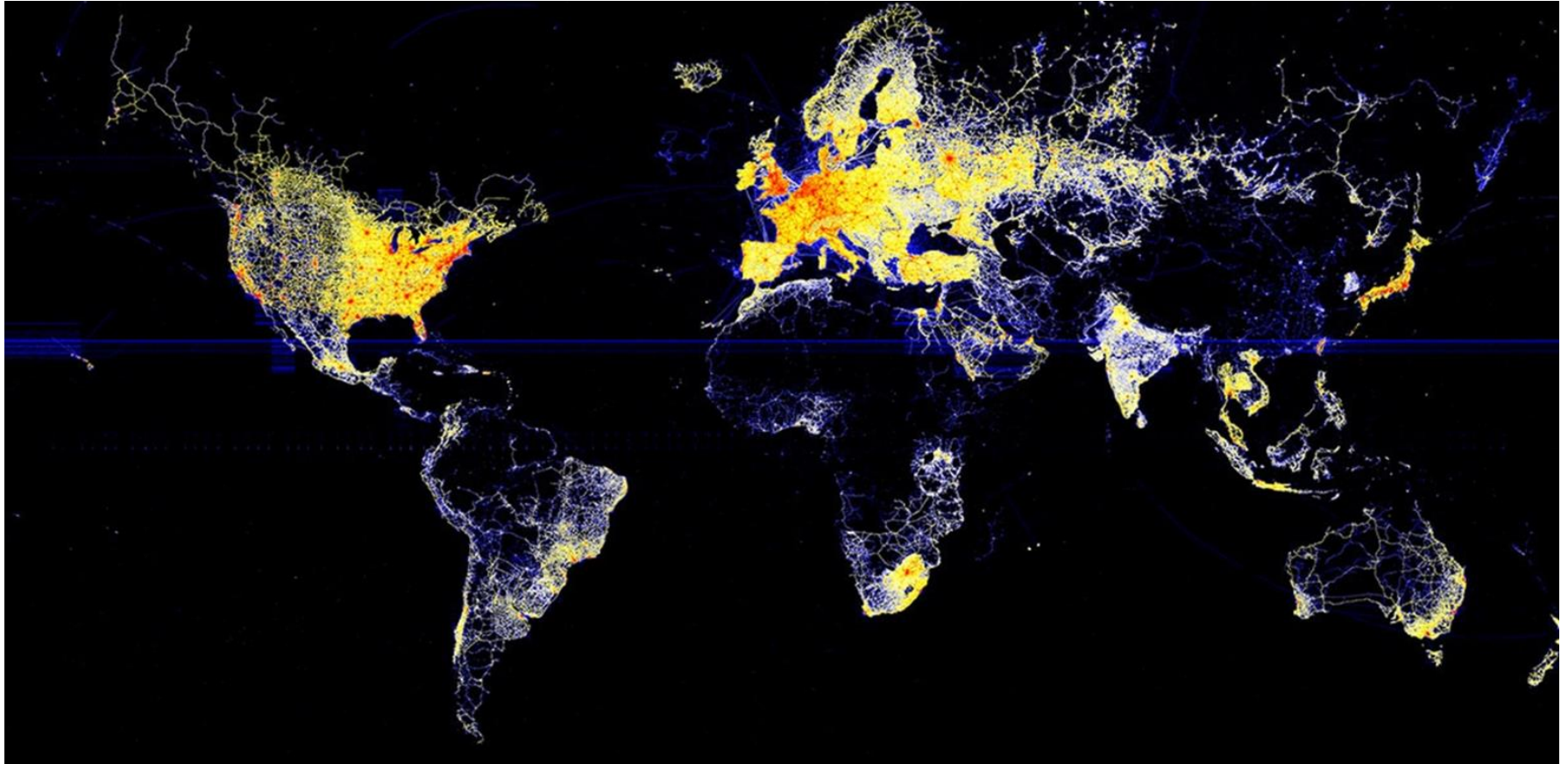
Foster the collective elaboration of innovative and creative solutions

Field visit to the facilities of AMB

**15-17  
November**

Smart City  
Expo World  
Congress  
in Barcelona

# World map of traffic density and congestion



Source: Real-time traffic data /TomTom

# State-of-affairs: common challenges



- (Post) **Covid-19 quarantines** caused a steep decline in public transport patronage, leaving some analysts wondering whether the normalisation of home-work, environmental concerns, worries over the reliability of energy sources, might stabilize low public transport usage relative to pre-2020 levels.
- The **climate emergency** alerts us that the development of car-centered infrastructures is no longer a viable solution
- **Rail** is becoming more dominant as a change in mobility, i.e. an increase of individual means of transport, may also require different infrastructures, e.g. bike and/or e-scooter lanes instead of bus lanes

# Heading towards new patterns of (sustainable) mobility

- A better use of **integrated planning**: public transport will “work as a network of connecting services” with “fluid interchanges with other transport modes” (UNECE).
- **Financing public transport** and its financial sustainability have to be approached in the context of constraints owing to **environmental policies**, as well as funding sources earmarked for **green energy** and **net-zero CO2 emission goals**.
- If citizens lose mobility (as well as purchasing power), the **social consequences** can be severe!!!

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# Next steps on the agenda today



**The interest of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona in how to finance safe, affordable and sustainable metropolitan transport (10min)**

*Diego Fernandez Belmonte, Director, Metropolitan Area of Barcelona*

**Presentation of metropolitan transport finance in the different metropolises**

*(50min in total; 3 min each):*

*What are your current transport systems and which finance models do you apply? Are they affordable for people and self-sustaining for the public administration?*

**Next steps towards 14 November – “homework” (5min)**

*Lia Brum, Research & Policy Officer, Metropolis Secretariat General*

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**Over to the managers**



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**Barcelona  
(metropolitan area)**

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Next steps

# Follow-up questions

## 1. Content

- Which future changes in mobility do you foresee in your metropolitan area?
- How are these changes likely to affect the budget of your institution?

## 2. Logistics

Please confirm your participation at on-site workshop in Barcelona on 14 November

Responses to: **[lbrum@metropolis.org](mailto:lbrum@metropolis.org)**

**DEADLINE: Friday, 7 October 2022** — World Metropolitan Day, by the way ;)

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**Thanks and see you in  
November in Barcelona!**