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MESSAGE

Undoubtedly, the urban transportation plays critical role for the growth of urban economy. This sector permeates the lives of every person living in urban centre. This is also critical for successful operation of other economic sectors available in urban agglomerations.

Citizens should be provided with affordable, multimodal and accessible mobility options. For this purpose a plethora of urban travel options should be available so that users can choose among public and private transport modes and adopt the fastest/cheapest way of reaching their destination at any time, with focus on making public transportation more attractive. NMTs must be encouraged through transformation of car-centric locations into public spaces for physical activities. Accessible and compact destinations is the need of hour through "15-minute city" concept to reduce dependency on private vehicles.

In order to comprehend and deliberate over decisive necessities of the urban commuters, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) organises Urban Mobility India (UMI) conference, annually. UMI aims to create and provide a forum for sharing ideas and experiences among transportation professionals, policy-makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of Government, industry, and academic institutions to solve India's mobility challenges. Similar to the 13th edition of UMI that was organised last year, the 14th UMI conference is also being arranged online, due to COVID pandemic.

As Officer on Special Duty (Urban Transport) in the Ministry and Director General of Institute of Urban Transport (India), I convey my best wishes to the organizing team for the successful conduct and conclusion of the event.

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