

# Tackling the Traffic Challenge in Nairobi

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# Why the concern?

- Cities are increasingly involved in trading patterns on a global scale - Efficiency of transport systems critical.
- Nairobi - Economic hub of the East African region playing host to a number of major multinationals.
- Efforts at decongesting the City and attaining free traffic flow faced with challenges.
- Work towards sustainable urban transport.



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- ▣ Nairobi - fastest growing city in Africa behind Dar-es-Salaam with population growing at an estimate 500,000 people a year - *Global Initiatives Report 2018*
- ▣ Transport sector ranks as the second contributor to GDP in Kenya at 8% behind agriculture, forestry and fishing which contributes 34.2% - *KNBS, 2019*



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- Analysis of the share of commercial banks bills, loans and advances to the private sector indicates that the transport sector received 8.8%.
- Traffic jams in Nairobi costs Ksh. 50 million in lost productivity a day – World Bank



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- ❑ Projected the number of vehicles in Nairobi alone is likely to be more than 1.35 million in 2030, going by the current rate of registration - *NTSA*
- ❑ NTSA registers around 7000 vehicles monthly and 90,000 every year in Nairobi - Growing middle class and easy accessibility of credit - *NTSA*



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- ❑ Nairobi Integrated Urban Development Master Plan (NIUPLAN) focuses exclusively on building road and public transportation infrastructure
- ❑ Provide accessible and efficient access to transportation services for residents





# Recommendation

- ❑ Coordination of land use and transport infrastructure and service planning, to ensure provision of adequate and well-structured road space as the city grows
- ❑ Improved development control
- ❑ Address the challenge of road decay
- ❑ Recognize and plan for non motorized transport - formulation of a national strategy for NMT as a facilitating framework for local plans
- ❑ Encourage public transit



# Recommendations

- ❑ Focus traffic management on improving the movement of people rather than on improving the movement of motorized vehicles
- ❑ Encourage use of public transport by all class of people
- ❑ Broad master plan
- ❑ Rail transport
- ❑ Parking lots for public service vehicles – matatus
- ❑ Congestion pricing scheme

