

## **Organisation of sessions:**

In each session, time will be allocated as follows. The **Chair** will:

- Introduce the session (no more than **5 minutes**).
- Invite the **Expert** to make a keynote presentation (**12 minutes**)
- Invite each speaker to make initial remarks (no more than 8 minutes). It is absolutely essential that speakers finish their presentations within the given time limit. For this reason, there will be **no power point presentations**. It is absolutely essential that panellists respect the allotted time. The Chair is responsible for ensuring that this is respected so that all panellists have their fair share of speaking time.
- Invite questions and comments from the panellists in response to the initial presentations.
- Open the session to questions and comments from the audience.
- Make final remarks (no more than **5 minutes**), highlighting a couple of key points that emerged from the discussion. It is not necessary to summarise the whole session.
- Ensure good timekeeping -- all sessions will be stopped at the end of the allocated time, and it is necessary to allow sufficient time for discussion.

The **Chair** should endeavour to make the session as lively and interactive as possible, for example by:

- Putting one or two key questions to all the panelists for their initial presentation -- see "Issues for Discussion" below.
- Commenting on the content of the presentations and asking follow-up questions;
- Asking questioners from the floor to introduce themselves and to limit themselves to short comments or questions (no long speeches) and focussing the audience discussion.

### **Panel Discussion II: Costs and benefits of mitigation actions**

#### **Session II-A – Transportation**

**9 October, from 14:30 – 16:00**

For more information on the Chair, Expert, and participants in this session, visit [www.oecd.org/gov/urbandevelopment/milanconference](http://www.oecd.org/gov/urbandevelopment/milanconference) under the headings “Speakers” and “Programme.”

## **Issues for discussion:**

While mobility of people and goods is central to the life of a city, the transportation sector accounts for a large and growing share of greenhouse gas emissions, is a major source of air pollution, and in many cities, paralyzing traffic congestion is a major detriment to quality of life and economic efficiency. Municipal leaders thus have a strong motivation to advance smart, energy efficient transportation systems. This includes managing demand for private vehicle travel in cities through pricing and other means; promoting high-quality public transportation, encouraging use of non-motorized transport means (i.e..cycling and walking) as well as use of energy efficient vehicles and low-carbon transport fuels – particularly in public fleets; and supporting organization of car-sharing and telecommuting programs. It also includes steps to steer land use and urban planning towards developments that minimize the need for travel. Such policy initiatives not only make a huge

difference in reducing a city's carbon footprint, but also can greatly enhance a city's attractiveness, overall efficiency, and thus competitiveness in the global arena.

### **Key questions**

- What have we learned about the effectiveness of policies to discourage the use of private vehicles in urban core areas (such as congestion pricing schemes)?
- What are the biggest opportunities and the biggest challenges facing cities in their efforts to expand mass transit systems?
- What types of programs and infrastructure changes are most effective for making a city more pedestrian and bicycle friendly, and for encouraging citizens to choose these options?
- How do sprawling development patterns affect travel behavior and CO2 emissions; and how can regional spatial planning and smart growth principles be used to minimize sprawl?
- How can city governments promote the use of low carbon emitting vehicles and fuels, for instance, through policies governing the purchase of municipal vehicle fleets and influencing the vehicle choices of city residents and local businesses and industries?

In order to facilitate your intervention and the dialogue within the session, we propose that you send us three key questions related to the main theme of the session that the Chairman may ask you. We would be grateful if you could send these three questions to:

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Conference sessions are designed to be a lively and interactive discussion, and we do not provide facilities for speakers to use PowerPoint, slides or overhead projections. However, we can post the text of your remarks or a PowerPoint presentation on the conference website after the session. Please send me such documents at the same time as your questions, or as soon as possible next week. This will help the chairs, moderator and interpreters in preparing the session.

Please note that simultaneous interpretation will be provided in: English, French, Italian, or Spanish.

On the day of your session, we request that you arrive at least one hour before your session starts. On arrival, you will be met by the OECD Protocol Team and escorted to the "Speakers' Lounge" where you will meet the other speakers for the final preparations for your session.