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Flowchart to promote the energy efficient urban passenger transport system planning and implementation in China

- Propose a policy recommendation for central government;
- Perform a demonstration project together with local government;
- Hold two workshops: a best practice and demonstration project symposium;
- Promote to launch a national policy white book.

Key points for recommendation 1. Land Use and Urban Planning

Regional (not local) planning is key For all newly developed towns and major expansions, mandate:

- Integration of transport with all types of land uses
- Mixed land use (residential, working and commercial)
- Limits on size of new residential buildings
- Promotion of walking and biking

**Tie land use and urban planning decisions to "Eco-City" goals in current 5-year plan – e.g., compact urban design

2. Mass Transit

- Increase number and capacity of BRT systems
- Increase capacity of current bus systems
- **Need to provide adequate and attractive alternative transportation options in order to entice people out of their cars!

3. Set Clear Priorities for Roads

Roads management and development should give priority to the following:

- 1. Walking and biking
- 2. Mass Transit
- 3. Electric bikes (separate lane, speed limits?)
- 4. Cars (promote electric, smaller cars)

4. Influencing Behavior

Discourage car use & encourage walking/biking and use of public transit by:

- Limiting parking (e.g., capping the number of parking spaces for residential and commercial developments) or charging higher fees
- Introducing congestion charging
- Improving capacity of and accessibility to public transit
- Requiring housing maintenance fees to include transport passes
- o Increasing popularity of bicycling through social media (e.g., highlight health effects, fun)

5. Demonstration in 1 city

- Potential candidate: Changsha
 - Medium size (~2 million people)
 - Good transport infrastructure
 - Leadership interested in transport policy
- Process
 - Create expert group
 - Develop comprehensive transport and land use plan
 - Secure significant co-funding with local gov. and/or international funding institution
 - Implement plan
 - Publicize results