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# PLANNING LOW EMISSION ZONE IN THE CORE AREAS OF INDIAN CITIES



# CONTEXT OF INDIAN CITIES

**10%**

Yearly Increase  
Exponential growth  
of personalised  
vehicles

Dependency  
on private and  
intermediate  
public transport

**42** Indian cities

Among top 50  
polluted cities in  
world

India ranking  
3rd in World's  
most polluted  
countries in  
2023

Rising  
proportion of  
fatalities in  
road crashes

**25-27**

Kmph  
Yearly Increase

Worsening  
congestion

**87%**

Transport sector

Rising GHG Emission  
from Transport (222  
million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>)

**Deteriorating quality of life**

Source: Road Transport Yearbook (2020).; Tomtom Index; <https://www.iqair.com/us/world-most-polluted-countries>; Our World in Data. (2023). Retrieved from <https://ourworldindata.org/emissions-by-sector>; ICCT, FACT SHEET INDIA – Health Impacts of Air Pollution From Transportation Sources in Delhi (2010 – 2015)

# CONCEPT OF LOW EMISSION ZONE

**Low Emission Zone is a regulatory measure to tackle air quality challenges, in which access is restricted in a defined area for polluting vehicles.**

Vehicles with higher emissions

- cannot enter the area, or
- must pay higher charges for access.

## London

Charges polluting vehicles to access the city



## Kevadia

Restrict polluting vehicles to protect environment

The first **e-vehicle-only zone** - coming soon in India in the Kevadia district of Gujarat

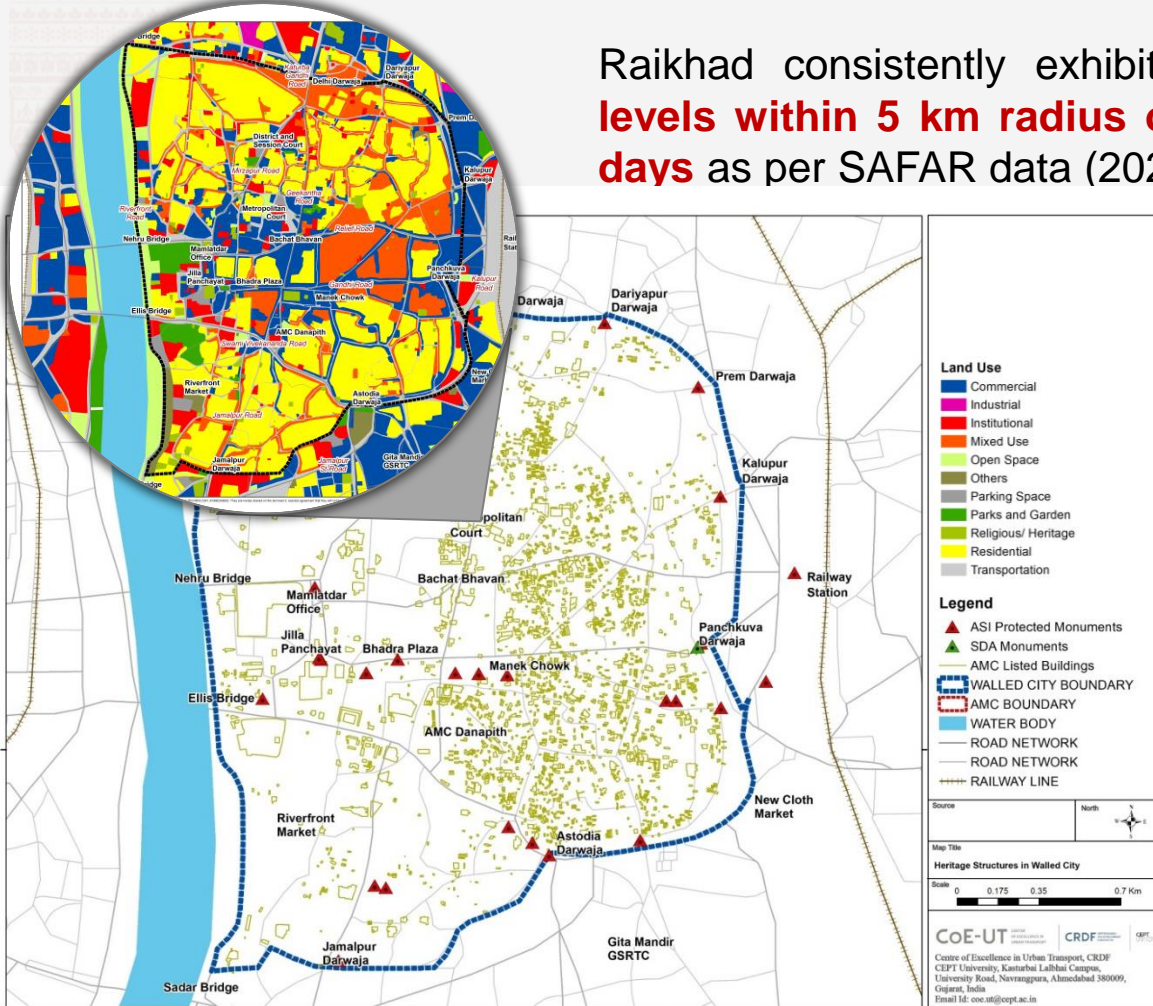


Source: SLOCAT Quick Wins on Transport, Sustainable Development and Climate Change  
ITDP. (2023). The Opportunity of Low Emission Zones: A Taming Traffic Deep Dive



# LEZ IN INDIAN CITIES – CASE OF AHMEDABAD

Raikhad consistently exhibits the **highest daily PM 2.5 levels within 5 km radius of the city for 100 out of 150 days** as per SAFAR data (2023-24).



**UNESCO's World Heritage City** with presence of 2,700 historic buildings

**Hub of economic activity** – traditional markets, wholesale and retail, key transportation nodes

**Kalupur Railway Station Redevelopment** - Ongoing investments

**How do we make core city attractive and liveable?**

# CHARACTERISTICS OF WALLED CITY



Walk trips account for 64% of internal trips with average trip length of 1.2 km



Mode Share of PT and IPT, for Walled city trips is 24% while in AMC 16%



Two-wheelers accounting for 42% of trips in the walled city



Three-wheeler goods vehicles dominate the freight operations by 60% of incoming trips during 11 a.m. to 5 p.m

# POSSIBLE INTERVENTIONS

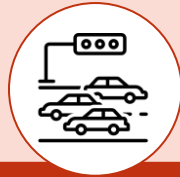
## Avoid



### Managing Freight Movements

- Plan efficient routes and timings

## Shift



### Mobility Management

- Improving walkability
- Management of vehicular movement
- Parking management



### Enhancement of Public Transportation

- Enhancing service quality and quality
- Integration of PT, IPT and NMT
- Improving last mile connectivity

## Improve

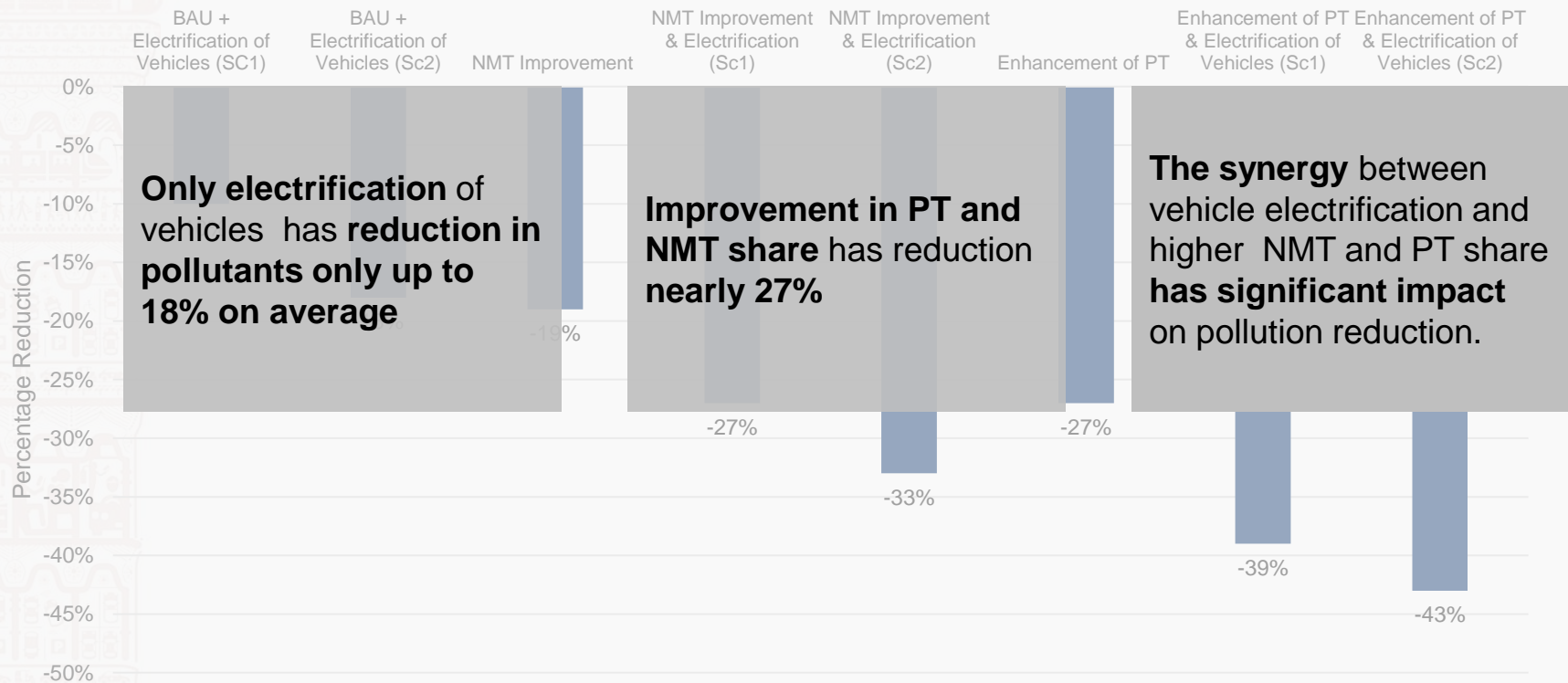


### Vehicle Technology Intervention

- Phasing out highly polluting vehicles
- Electrification of two-wheelers, passenger and goods three-wheelers and LCVs.
- Awareness creation
- Infrastructure development

# IMPACT OF INTERVENTIONS

Air Pollutants (avg. reduction compared to BAU) – CO, HC, Nox, PM CO2



# KEY QUESTIONS

Q1. How should **LEZ** be defined in the context of Indian cities? Should it include vehicle technology improvements and entry regulations only?

Q2. What will be the **role of technology** in LEZ implementation and regulation

Q3. What should be the **first steps** towards LEZ implementation?



Thank you