# SOCIAL INCLUSION TOOLKIT FOR URBAN TRANSPORTATION

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AIM

The research paper aims to design a mechanism for evaluation of inclusivity of our public transportation systems in the form of a toolkit which can be utilized by local authorities to monitor progress and make informed policy decisions.

#### **Inclusive Transportation system** Why? Whom? What? How? Where? Study of **Evaluation** Equal User Context framework opportunities Centric **Parameters** Establish Development Application of Define scope of Analyze types of parameters of evaluation frameworkthe research users and nature and indicators framework pilot study proposal of issues based on for study inputs

# Role of Social Inclusion in Transportation

### SOCIAL EXCLUSION----WHY?

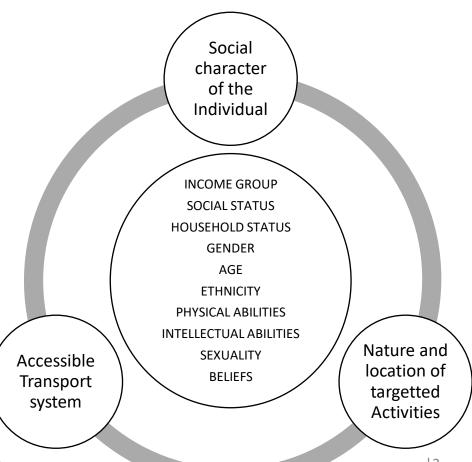
**Preston and Raje (2007)-** not due to a lack of social opportunities but a lack of access to those opportunities.

**Pickup and Guiliano(2005)-** poor access to services, places of employment, education, shopping, or amenities/recreation

Boschmann(2008), Holzer (1991)-Low-skilled, low-wage, and minority workers are often more likely to experience problems of inadequate transportation to overcome the spatial separations between their residential location and places of work opportunities, resulting in higher levels of unemployment and compromised wages

A. Church et al, 2000 -personal and sociocultural characteristics of an individual determine his/her ability to access the transport systems for fulfilling their activity targets.

The World Bank defines social inclusion as "The process of improving the terms for individuals and groups to take part in society."



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Toolkits can aid in:

- ✓ Implementation of priority projects
- ✓ Uniform platform for management and governance
- ✓ Local government self-assessment tool
- ✓ Appropriate for financing mechanisms

Greed C. et al (2003)- Gender mainstreaming toolkit as a means to fulfill the equality standards in the planning process.

The toolkit aspires to cast a gender lens on proposed and existing policies by means of a compendium of questions applicable at every stage of the planning process.

ICCT's Transport policy toolkit- comprehensive information source on energy and environment regulations in transportation; stops short of providing any mechanism.

NISTO -toolkit for practitioners to evaluate small scale mobility projects. The toolkit operates at three levels of sustainability assessment, stakeholder preference assessment as well as suggesting alternative policy interventions. The toolkit however is more suitable for use at the early stages of project planning.



AIM	HOW TO ACHIEVE		
What we want	Vision Socially Inclusive Transport system		
What we have	Inventories Assessment Need to conduct an audit		
How to get what we want	Strategic Plan	Formulate Goals, Objective and	
		Actions	
How to work	Implementation Plan		
How to maintain	Monitoring Plan		

The structure of the toolkit may be visualized as:

### FORMULATION OF A FRAMEWORK FOR AUDIT

Development of metrics and indicators of performance that can be used to monitor progress and inform policymaking and planning.

#### **AUDIT REPORTING**

Scorecard for inclusion Sensitivity Indices for various stakeholders

### STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

Framework for decisionmaking

Design-centric Solutions

Governance/

**Administrative Solutions** 

Campaign centric solutions



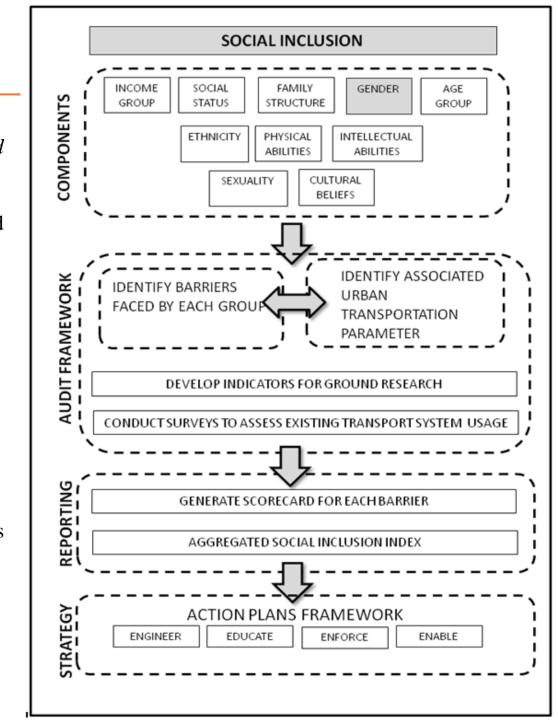
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The action plans fit in the generalized approaches of *Engineer, Educate, Enforce and Enable*.

- •The *Engineer Approach* centres around design centric policy solutions including build construct and up gradation initiatives.
- •The *Educate approach* will be mainly Campaign centric, such that programmes and campaigns are taken up to create awareness drives to enlighten the citizens and integrate them in the planning process
- •The *Enable approach* looks at removing barriers to social inclusion which may stem from cultural, family based or economic issues.
- •The *Enforce approach* will be Governance Centric calling for specific revision in policies or introduction of new policies controlled solely by administrative actions



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The social inclusion toolkit conceptualized above is an amalgamation of ten diverse components. For each component, a scorecard may be generated based on the selected indicators and actual conditions in the area. These specific scorecards when aggregated together can become a benchmarking tool for cities or identified zones within cities. It can become a basis for comparison, resource allocation and prioritization of planning projects across cities/zones.

We have,

Comprehensive Social inclusion (CSI) Score=

 $\sum_{i=1}^{r} (Component sensitivity score)$ 

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Where,

Component sensitivity score =Score achieved by a particular component in achieving social inclusion; calculated based on survey data on selected indicators

r= Total no. Of components included and operationalized in the overall social inclusion toolkit.



The second part of the paper selects gender Inclusion as a primary target and develops an audit and evaluation module for the same. This is a sample module which can be followed in principle for other components as well.

Anand, A, Geetam T., 2006	Women's ability to contribute to the alleviation of their standard of living and their			
., , , ,	status in society is severely curtailed by their limited mobility and the constrained			
	accessibility to the transport system of the city			
Kwan MP (1999)	Women have lower levels of access to urban opportunities than men, suggesting the			
Kwan wii (1999)	significance of gender-based differences in domestic responsibilities, as well as			
77 177 17 1 70011	unique individual constraints in travel behavior.			
Yael H ,Marianna P,2011	Women take more trips per day, but travel shorter distances. Women's travel is also			
	characterized by trip chaining. Women travel more during off-peak hours and travel			
	less after dark			
Hamilton, Kerry, 2002	Overcrowding on public transport involves invasion of personal space which many			
	find distressing, and which renders women vulnerable to sexual abuse. Fear of			
	narassment and attack produces high levels of anxiety.			
Andrew, Caroline, 2000	planning is one of the ways by which these boundaries imposed on women in the			
	public sphere can be challenged. Examines the use of safety audits as a suitable			
	planning process for the gender cause			
Hamilton, Kerry, 2002	Public Transport Gender Audit			
Viswanath, K, Surabhi T,	Jagori, a Delhi based women's rights campaigner conducted a series of safety audits			
2007	across the city of Delhi during the period August 2005-July 2006.			
Duchene, C. ,2011	Access to different modes of transportation, the cost of transportation, Trip			
	characteristics (modes, frequency, distance, reasons for the trip); and Transportation			
L	quality- parameters which impact interactions between gender and transportation			

Basic	Do you travel	Is public	Is public	How often	Do you feel	Do you	Can you
Question	alone?/	transport	transport	do you	comfortable	feel	afford using
	Are you allowed	available?	accessible?	travel by	in public	safe?	public
	to travel alone?			public	transport?		transport
	to traver attente.			transport?			regularly?
Parameter	Psychosocial	Infrastructure/	Ease of	Usage	comfort	Safety	Economic
identified	barriers	Mass transit	access	pattern		&	S
		accessibility				securi	
						ty	

Identification of basic parameters for Gender Sensitivity score



PSYCHOSOCIAL BARRIERS	EASE OF ACCESS	SAFETY AND SECURITY
Social restrictions	Waiting time at transit stop	Driving at day/night
Accompanied travel	Mode/line changes required	Walking on road
Police vigilance	Routes available by bus	Using bus/metro
Public vigilance	Routes available by metro	Using mass transit at night
INFRASTRUCTURE	Convenience of finding auto	Using foot over bridge
Footpaths	Distance to bus/metro stop from home	Using subways
Foot over bridge	Distance to auto stand from home	Crossing the road (level)
Subways	USAGE PATTERN	Using public toilets
Streetlights	Trip rate by women	At mass transit stop
Street furniture	COMFORT	In crowded streets
Toilets	Comfort levels in public bus	In crowded bus/metro
Ramps	Comfort levels in metro	In empty streets
Weather shelters	Comfort levels in auto	In empty bus/metro
Signages	ECONOMICS	Walking towards bus/metro stop
Parking lots	Bus/metro fare	Walking towards auto stand
Electronic vigilance system	Auto rickshaw fare	With co passengers in mass transit
	Vehicle ownership	Dealing with auto rickshaw drivers
	Average income of user groups	Using parking lots(surface)
		Using basement parking lots



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### STUDY OF PARAMETERS

		Study Indicators					
		ECON	IOMICS	LOCATION	ACCESSIBILITY	SAFETY PERCEPTION	INFRASTRUCTUR E
		Trav	el fare	Distance to	Waiting time	Night travel	Footpath
		1	ehicle	transportation node	Mode change Route to	Footpath use	Streetlighting
		ownership		<u> </u>	destination	Mass transit	Foot-over Bridge
			erage   sehold	Average distance to	Trip rate  Last-mile	use at night  Road crossing	Toilets
		Household income		destinations	connectivity	Public toilet use	Ramps
				Frequency of travel	Distance to	` <u>-</u>	Weather Shelters
					transportation node	Walk / Last-mile connectivity to	Signages
		Time taken for travel		Frequency of public transport	destination	Parking Lots	
DATA COLLECTION S	,		 !		Time of travel	Crowded Transit	Waiting zones/
User Feedback and	Infrastructure Safety Perce	ception Cro		wdsourcing		Crowded Street	Level Crossing
Perception Based System	Accessibi			Feedback devices		Parking lot use	Drinking water & basic amenities
Survey based	Infrastruct Econom		-	rs of Transport		Travel comfort	Electronic Vigilance
	Leonom						Seat Availability
Mapping based	Location Connectiv		1	ors of Transport systems			Maintenance
	Connectiv	ну 	I				Barrier free design



Basis for satisfaction scores for selected attributes

Survey Conducted	Parameter	Indicator	Scoring Sc	ale 
	Infrastructure	Att	Extremely	5
	Comfort	A11	Satisfied	2543
	Safety All		Very Satisfied	4
Satisfaction survey	Economic Bus/metro/auto fare		Satisfied	3
	Psychosocial barrier	Police/ public vigilance	Moderately Satisfied	2
	Ease of Access	Route Availability	Not satisfied	1
			0-20%	1
			20-40%	2
Vehicular Ownership	Economic	Vehicle ownership	40-60%	3
pattern study	**************************************	5.0 A ARCO AN REACHDOL ROBERT TO DESCRIPTION ■ 6.	60-80%	4
			80-100%	5
			0-20%	1
	Psycho-social Barriers	Social restrictions  Accompanied travel	20-40%	2
Yes/ No Pattern			40-60%	3
			60-80%	4
			80-100%	5
		1	> 15 mins	1
			10-15 mins	2
Waiting time data from survey	Ease of Access	Average waiting time at transit stop	5-10 mins	3
Hom Survey		at transit stop	2-5 mins	4
			0-2 mins	5
			> 3 changes	1
		Number of mode/line	per of mode/line 3 changes	2
Mode change data	Ease of Access	Ease of Access changes to reach final destination (including last mile connectivity) 1 changes	2 changes	3
from survey			1 change	4
			None	5
	2	Distance to transit	sit A <=D	
Mass transit –	-	stop from home (km)	A-D<1	3.75
Accessibility survey	Ease of Access	rase of Access	1 <a-d<2< td=""><td>2.5</td></a-d<2<>	2.5
		D=Desired)	A-D>2	1.25



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The Gender sensitivity Score (GSS) is devised as a measure which would reflect how close a city system is towards fulfilling the objectives of gender inclusiveness.

Where

Wi= weightage of the attribute

<u>Ci</u>= satisfaction score for the attribute based on User perception surveys in the city calculated as per scales mentioned

N= no. of attributes selected for study

➤ In a pilot survey conducted as a part of our ongoing work on Gender sensitivity scorecard for Hyderabad city, Users were asked to rate the importance of these factors on a scale of 1 to 5.

➤ It was found that users' response was ineffective in deciding the weightage for the critical factors

➤ Users' indecisiveness may be attributed to the fact that these are factors which affect each user in a different manner. Responses are greatly swayed by their experiences and expectations from the city transport system

Rank order method in order to rate the importance of the factors under consideration. Under this method, the respondents were asked to rank their choices. The total ranks received by the factors were then transformed into numerical weightages using a defined scale.



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The Gender sensitivity score and its parameters can be used to devise a detailed action plan where key actions are listed based on the indicators.

Action Plan for Implementation of toolkit	Parameter	Indicators	Key Actions based on sensitivity score (weightage x satisfaction)	Data Sources/ Reporting Mechanisms		
	Infra- structure	1. Footpaths 2. Footover Bridge 3. Subways 4. Streetlights 5. Street Furniture 6. Toilets 7. Ramps 8. Weather shelters 9. Signages 10. Parking lots 11. Electronic vigilance	1. Engineer- Zone-wise mapping of defunct physical infrastructure 2. Engineer-Proposals for restoration and fixing of infrastructure. 3. Engineer-Mapping of zones without basic infrastructure amenities as per survey inputs 4. Engineer-Proposal for new amenities in localities where absent 5. Enable / Engineer-Develop financing mechanism for project 6. Engineer-Planning for an Intelligent Transport System	Pilot routes and survey users Survey of Public perception of urban transport & services Data on existing infra		
	Psycho- social barriers	Social restrictions     Accompanied- Travel     Public Vigilance	Educate- Run campaigns to create awareness amongst general public and incorporate confidence-building measures     Enable- Conduct neighbourhood audits together with the public	Identify zones with less women capacity assessing public transport. Refer to project and progress reports		
CODATU 2017  04 - 06 NOVEMBER 2017 . HYDERABAD / INDIA CODATU XVII  INTELLIGENT, INCLUSIVE & SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY		4. Police vigilance	Educate-Training for gender sensitivity / special attention to single female traveler.	Existing crime reports		

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Contd. Action Plan for
Implementation of toolkit

rarameter	indicators	(weightage x satisfaction)	Reporting Mechanisms	
Ease of Access	Waiting time at transit stop     Mode change required     Trip rate	Enable-Plan for improvisation of accessibility and frequency of travel based on footfall calculations     Enable-Propose for alternative	Pilot routes and physical mapping.	
	<ol> <li>Route available by bus</li> <li>Route available by metro</li> <li>Convenience of finding auto</li> <li>Distance to bus/ metro stop from home</li> <li>Distance to auto-stand from home</li> </ol>	routes wherever possible relying on traffic flow data and financing mechanism	Pilot routes and survey users Cordon surveys	
	<ol> <li>Comfort in public bus</li> <li>Comfort in metro</li> <li>Comfort in auto</li> </ol>	Enable-Identify zones and criteria causing discomfort (evaluate social causes or physical infra)     Enable-Base plan on inputs and suggestions from users	Survey of Public perception of urban transport & services	
Economics	<ol> <li>Bus/metro fare</li> <li>Autorickshaw fare</li> <li>Vehicle ownership</li> <li>Average income of user group</li> </ol>	1. Enable-Analyse trends based on relationship between income, fare method of transport and distance travelled.  2. Enable-Propose for innovative methods for financing	Survey of Public perception of urban transport & services	



### **CONCLUSIONS**

#### Operationalising the toolkit on a digital platform

The GSS is one of the modules of the proposed social inclusion toolkits. A similar format may be used to develop indicators and indices for all other components of social inclusion. Such an exercise is possible only on a digital platform where data regarding all the components can be fed in to generate comprehensive results for policy making.

Further, the concept of the toolkit is feasible at the micro/ neighbourhood level, but larger areas and metropolitan regions require large datasets and uniformity across all density zones. Physical mapping and household / cordon survey can be a seemingly massive task. This task can be simplified by the use of crowd-souring techniques in data collection. One way of making this feasible is by an application that gathers inputs from smart-phone users accessing the websites of the local authorities.

Such a digital platform can be of immense use to urban local governments as the toolkit takes them one step closer towards the goal of social inclusion in urban transportation systems.

#### **CHALLENGES**

- Limited to the conceptual development of a framework for inclusive transportation systems.
- The analytical modeling of data and making predictions through analytics are open to further research.

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