



## OSLO CLOSING IN ON VISION ZERO GOAL WITH NO PEDESTRIAN OR CYCLIST DEATHS IN 2019

Oslo, Norway is getting closer to achieving a Vision Zero goal, with zero pedestrian or cyclist deaths last year. The city's lone traffic death occurred when a driver ran his car into a fence this summer — a decline from five traffic fatalities in 2018, according to Norwegian news outlet Aftenposten.

Anders Hartmann, who works for Oslo's transportation and environment department, said in a tweet that while the city has made big strides, there is plenty of work still to be done, especially to make sure things get even better in the coming years.

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## CYCLING IN GERMANY IS BOOMING

Be it as a mode of transport for the journey to work or for leisure time or holiday activities: the bicycle is more popular than ever in Germany. More than 80 percent of Germans use bicycles.

Especially if their journey is 15 km or less, more and more people are doing without their car and using a bicycle instead. Good thing! Cycling is good for the environment and increases personal fitness. Moreover, the bicycle is an important technology platform: it is at the forefront of electric drivetrains, and digitalization is making it even more attractive.

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## CARDIFF TO BUILD 'FULLY SEGREGATED' CYCLE NETWORK BY 2026

Cardiff has become the latest UK city to commit to delivering safer walking and cycling routes, as it looks to 'revolutionise' transport options.

Increasing levels of walking and cycling is a key aspect of the plan, and the council pledges to 'significantly enhance opportunities for active travel' – describing the current infrastructure as 'fragmented and incomplete'.

Councillor Caro Wild, cabinet member for strategic planning and transport, said: "Cardiff's current transport network was designed half a century ago for a city of 200,000 people. We want to deliver a greener, healthier, less congested city, with an affordable public transport system that works for everyone. Cities that get transport right – work. They make life easier and better for residents, commuters and visitors".

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## ROAD SAFETY CHARTER CELEBRATES BEST SAFETY INITIATIVES

A Dutch insurance company's app to prevent drivers from becoming distracted behind the wheel and safe cycling lessons for Romanian schoolchildren are among the six winners of the 2019 European Road Safety Charter award.

The awards, announced on 9 October at the Vaudeville Theatre in Brussels, recognize road safety actions taken by civil society targeted at drivers, motorcyclists, university students and children.

The event marked 15 years since the Charter was created. Each of the six Road Safety Charter award winners was called onto the stage, where the host of the evening, DG MOVE Deputy Director General Matthew Baldwin described the winning projects and interviewed the project representatives.

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## ZERO TOLERANCE COULD HELP PREVENT UP TO 5,000 ALCOHOL-LINKED ROAD DEATHS A YEAR IN THE EU

The European Union should introduce a zero-tolerance drink-driving limit in 2020 as part of a package of measures to help prevent up to 5,000 alcohol-linked road deaths every year, according to the European Transport Safety Council, authors of a new report.

The EU has recently set a target to reduce deaths and serious injuries on the road by half by 2030 (1). A quarter of the 25,000 EU road deaths each year are likely to be linked to alcohol, according to European Commission estimates. Therefore more progress on tackling drink driving is essential to reaching the overall target.

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## FIA LAUNCHES DISABLED PARKING ADVOCACY VIDEO “WOULD YOU?”

Supported by the FIA Disability and Accessibility Commission, the video aims to raise awareness and build taboo around the misuse of disabled parking places.

As part of the FIA Disability and Accessibility Commission’s work on every-day mobility issues for those with reduced mobility, the Commission has produced “Would You?”, an advocacy video targeting the misuse and abuse of disabled car parking spaces.

The purpose of “Would You?” is not only to illustrate the impact this act has on disabled drivers, but also to reinforce taboo around this issue by comparing the misuse of disabled car parking spaces with other anti-social behaviours.

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## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

At some point in the day, everyone is a pedestrian, and unfortunately pedestrian fatalities remain high. There was a more than 3% increase in the number of pedestrians killed in traffic crashes in 2018, totalling 6,283 deaths — the most deaths since 1990. NHTSA raises awareness of the dangers to pedestrians by providing safety tips, educational material and other resources.

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## CAN NEW URBAN MOBILITY CUT ENERGY USE AND CO2 EMISSIONS?

This report examines the climate impact of personal and shared electric kick-scooters, bicycles, e-bikes, electric mopeds, as well as car-based ride-sharing services. Users in cities across the globe are rapidly adopting new mobility forms, helped by digital connectivity and electrification technologies. New urban mobility services are often sold as “green” solutions. But what is their real impact on energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions?

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## 70% OF ROAD DEATHS IN EUROPEAN CITIES ARE PEDESTRIANS, CYCLISTS AND MOTORCYCLISTS

Tackling urban road safety must be a key priority for the European Union and European countries over the next decade, according to the European Transport Safety Council, authors of a new report. According to the data revealed today, road deaths on urban roads decreased at around half the rate of those on rural roads over the period 2010-2017.

Pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists – the three most vulnerable road user groups – represent 70% of those killed and seriously injured on urban roads.

One of the key challenges for cities is enforcing safe speed limits. Among the countries that monitor levels of speed compliance on urban roads countrywide, between 35% and 75% of observed vehicle speeds in free-flowing urban traffic are higher than the 50 km/h limit.

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## ZERO CAR GROWTH? MANAGING URBAN TRAFFIC

Managing the growth of urban traffic is vital for improving the liveability of our cities. This report examines how governments can encourage citizens to use alternatives to private cars in order to reduce car-dependency, regardless of how they are powered or who drives them. The report analyses fiscal policies and other instruments for managing urban traffic and correcting current policy biases that favour automobile travel over more sustainable and affordable transport options.

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## ROAD SAFETY IN THE MEDIA

### Vietnam bars offer drinkers a ride home

Bars in Vietnam have come up with a creative way to get patrons home safely since tough new drink-driving laws came in over the New Year. Beer halls have started to offer their own transport services, as many drinkers are wary of the hefty fines they face if they take to their cars, motorbikes or even bicycles while under the influence, the Tuoi Tre newspaper reports.

The new law stipulates that drivers must be "completely sober while operating vehicles", on pain of much higher fines than before, as well as running the risk of having their driving licenses revoked for up to two years.

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### 28-month prison sentence for serial driving theory test impersonator

A Coventry man has been sent to prison for 2 years and 4 months for trying to sit theory driving tests for other people at 12 locations across England.

Theory centre staff reported the incidents to the Driver and Vehicles Standards Agency's (DVSA) fraud investigation team after having suspicions that he was impersonating the genuine candidates whilst taking the tests.

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### Time-saving road marking robot makes it a happy new year for drivers

A clever little robot is saving drivers on England's busiest roads from hundreds of hours of disruption.

Ordinarily, pre-marking road markings is a time-consuming job, calculating the positioning of the markings and walking several miles to spray or chalk them on the road. By using the robot, road workers spend far less time in the road and are at less risk of an accident - around 250 drivers illegally drive into roadworks every month, putting workers' lives at risk. Bending down to pre-mark roads by hand can also raise the risk of back injuries. The robot also boasts improved accuracy and can mark the road faster.

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## ...CLEVER PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Motorists in Québec are being reminded to give pedestrians priority at crossings through social media video.



The government of Québec has launched a pedestrian safety campaign by pulling a clever stunt at a crossing. In the short film, which has been posted on social media, pedestrians can be seen waiting at a designated crossing.

At first, people can be seen getting annoyed at motorists who don't stop to let them pass. However, this particular crossing has been modified to raise in front of drivers to ensure they stop to let pedestrians cross. When the yellow bars are lifted, they display the message: "Les passages protègent les piétons. Merci de vous arrêter," which loosely translates to mean "This crossing is for pedestrians. Thank you for stopping."

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