Integrating Health into Berlin’s Urban Transport Planning

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Berlin today

- Poly centric „city of short distances“ of about 900 km²; 3.5 million inhabitants
- Attractive urban areas for walking and cycling, high quality public transport
- Dense research environment → push innovations
- Excellent infrastructure for transport (all modes)
- 1.5 million bicycle trips per day
- Nearly 30 % of all trips in Berlin are on foot
- Growing and changing urban society
But: Significant negative effects of traffic...

... concentrated esp. to the (less motorized) inner city
Strategic reaction and approach: Berlin’s Urban Transport Development Plan

• Provides the strategical framework for the next 15 years → „road-map“ for Berlin’s transport policy

• Integrative Approach
  • Linking transport to other fields of urban development, like environmental issues, health, climate change, ...
  • Integrating all transport modes
  • Addressing national and European requirements
  • Coupling long-term visions with short- and medium-term measures

• Consultative planning process
  (Round table, scientific advisory board)
Challenge:
Increasing number of accidents with cyclists

**Situation 2012**

- 42 people died in traffic
- every 31 minutes a critical event
- every 2 hours a cyclist gets injured ...
- every 4 hours pedestrian gets injured ...
- Uneven risk to get injured for pedestrians and cyclists

→ Turning of vehicles is the major cause for accidents!
Public consultation cycle safety: Citizens had the chance to...

- Take part in a 4 week dialog (12.11. -10.12.2013)
- Give the individual feedback on critical spots / locations / junctions
- Give comments on other ideas or support them
- Get information about cycling in Berlin

Result:
- 35,000 visitors
- 332,000 page visits
- 4,800 references, often incl. detailed problem descriptions, partly providing ideas to solve the situation
- 3,700 additions to the references
Thank you!
Merci!
Danke!

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