Leading Transport Transitions is a tailored leadership programme to support city leaders transform urban mobility. Recognising unprecedented motorisation, persisting congestion, new risks of social exclusion and record levels of transport-related carbon emissions, this executive education programme helps city leaders build context-specific strategies for transitioning to affordable, safe, low-carbon and inclusive urban mobility.

The programme is organised and delivered by a strategic partnership between the Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI), the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). This collaboration combines TUMI’s urban mobility expertise, C40’s global networks for accessible and low-carbon transport, and LSE’s policy-oriented research and education, to enhance societal well-being as a leading global social science university.
The Leading Transport Transitions programme will convene 15–20 mayors and high-level urban transport leaders from different parts of the world. The main objective of this programme is to enhance the capacities required to increase access to affordable, safe, low-carbon and inclusive urban mobility.

This goal will be achieved by building on the participants’ experience, directly engaging with leading urban transport experts and by employing the expertise of LSE’s faculty. Hosted by LSE Cities, the programme has been developed based on the centre’s pioneering practice-based programmes for executive education aimed at mayors, senior officials and city leaders from around the world.

- Developed as an executive education short course with a peer-learning orientation, the diverse capacity-building formats establish bridges between policy-oriented sessions and sessions focusing on urban leadership skills and management.
- Policy-oriented sessions range from the fundamentals of sustainable urban transport, technology, transport equity and street design to a dedicated focus on transport data, planning and finance.
- Leadership skills sessions cover critical aspects of implementation tactics, stakeholder analysis and negotiation as well as narrative development, campaign building and media training.
- A dedicated Transitions Lab will be a core vehicle for engaging with the diverse contexts of participants’ cities. It will invite participants to work on a transport policy challenge of their choice, be joined by their international peers and be supported by LSE faculty.
- Taking participants to London – the home to Oyster Card, evolving cycle hire schemes and Cycle Superhighways and the Congestion Charge – site visits are a key programme component.

The programme is delivered through LSE Cities’ innovative blended learning format based on two modules: An online module with contents provided on a digital learning platform combined with live virtual meetings with the LSE Faculty in spring 2024. This is followed by a 3-day, in-person module in London.