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Objective and themes of the conference

Secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development:

- kick start a **green economy** in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication
- assess **progress** to date and remaining **gaps in implementation**



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Green Economy



- Low carbon, productive, resource efficient and socially inclusive - pathway to sustainable development
- Delivered by investing 2% of GDP in greener alternatives (UNEP)
- 7 priority areas - jobs, energy, cities, food, water, oceans and disaster readiness
- Policy instruments for the green economy include public investment in sustainable infrastructure – inc transport



Green Economy & Importance of Transport



In 2025:

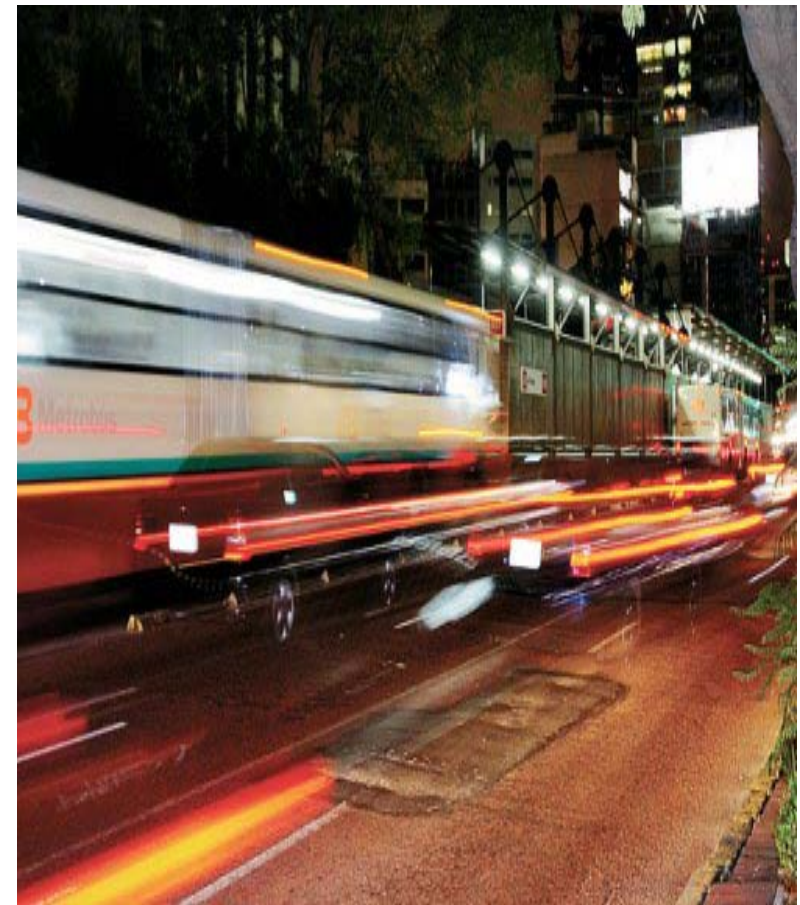
- 60% of the world population will live in urban areas
- Mobility will have increased by 50%
- The number of trips made by private motorised modes up by 80%.
- Emissions would increase by 30%, along with annual urban traffic fatalities and city streets would be gridlocked



Rio+20's Vision for Transport



- UN's draft negotiating text for Rio+20 made 1 reference to transport – in a city context:
“We commit to promote an integrated and holistic approach to planning and building sustainable cities through support to local authorities, efficient transportation...”
- Risk that transport would again be ignored – 10 years earlier at the last global sustainable development conference transport was absent from the agenda



UITP's Vision for Transport



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*Connecting the world of
public transport*

Public transport: the smart green solution
Doubling the market share of
public transport worldwide by 2025

2025=PTx2

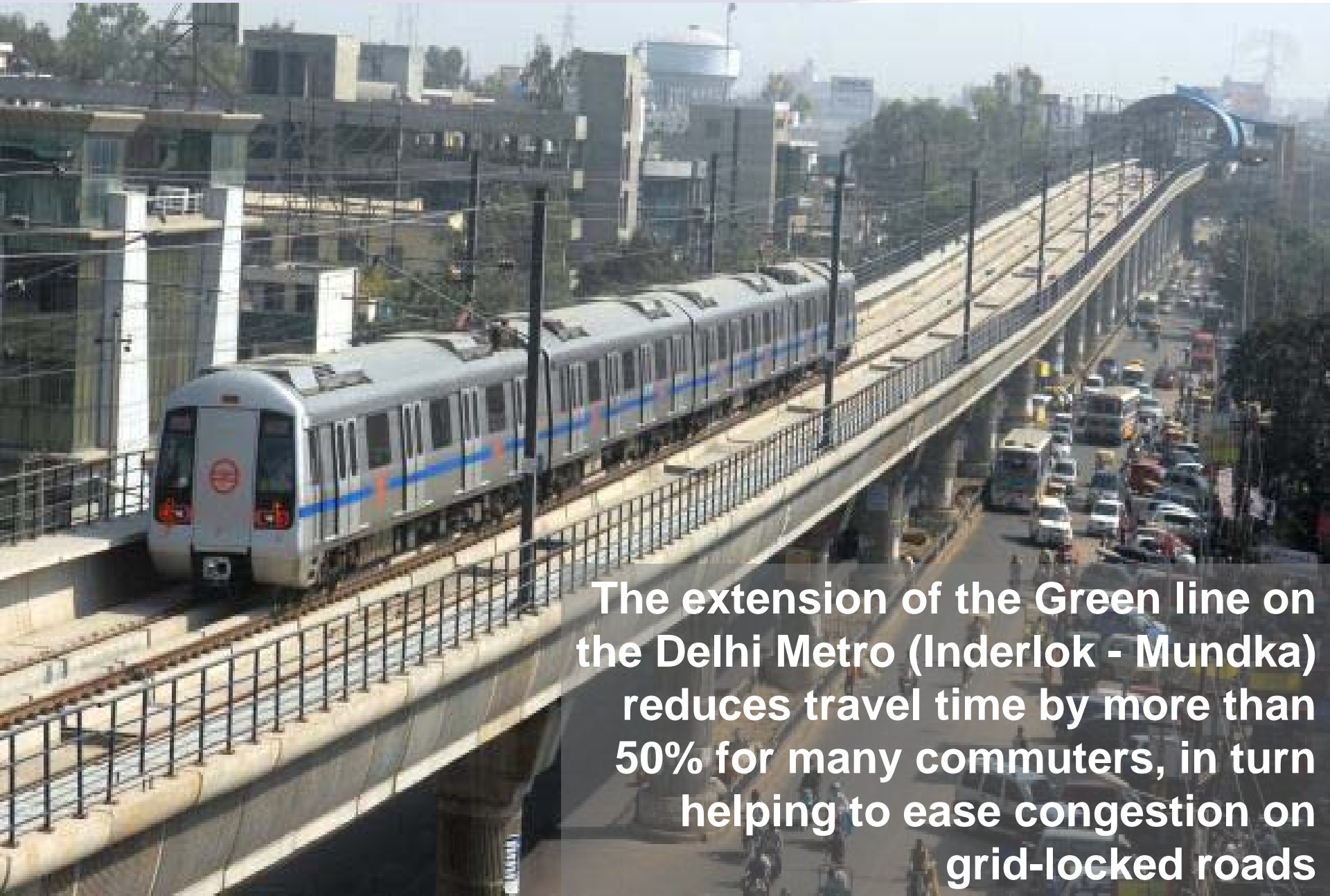
Alleviates congestion

Empowers the economy

Helps the planet to breath

Brings everyone everywhere

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The extension of the Green line on the Delhi Metro (Inderlok - Mundka) reduces travel time by more than 50% for many commuters, in turn helping to ease congestion on grid-locked roads

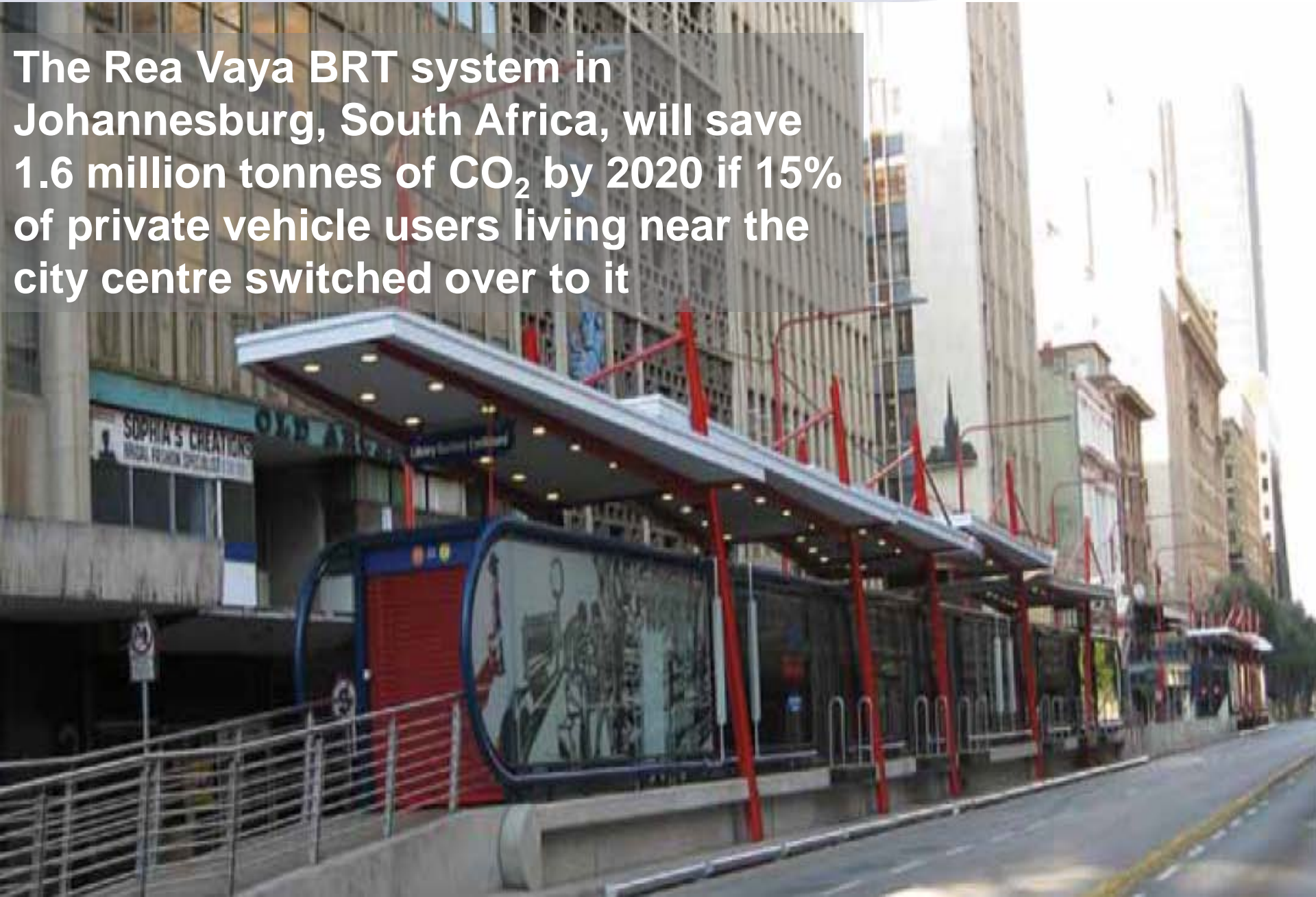
Empowers the economy

A job created at Public Transport of Geneva (TPG) means 3.3 additional workplaces in the regional economy



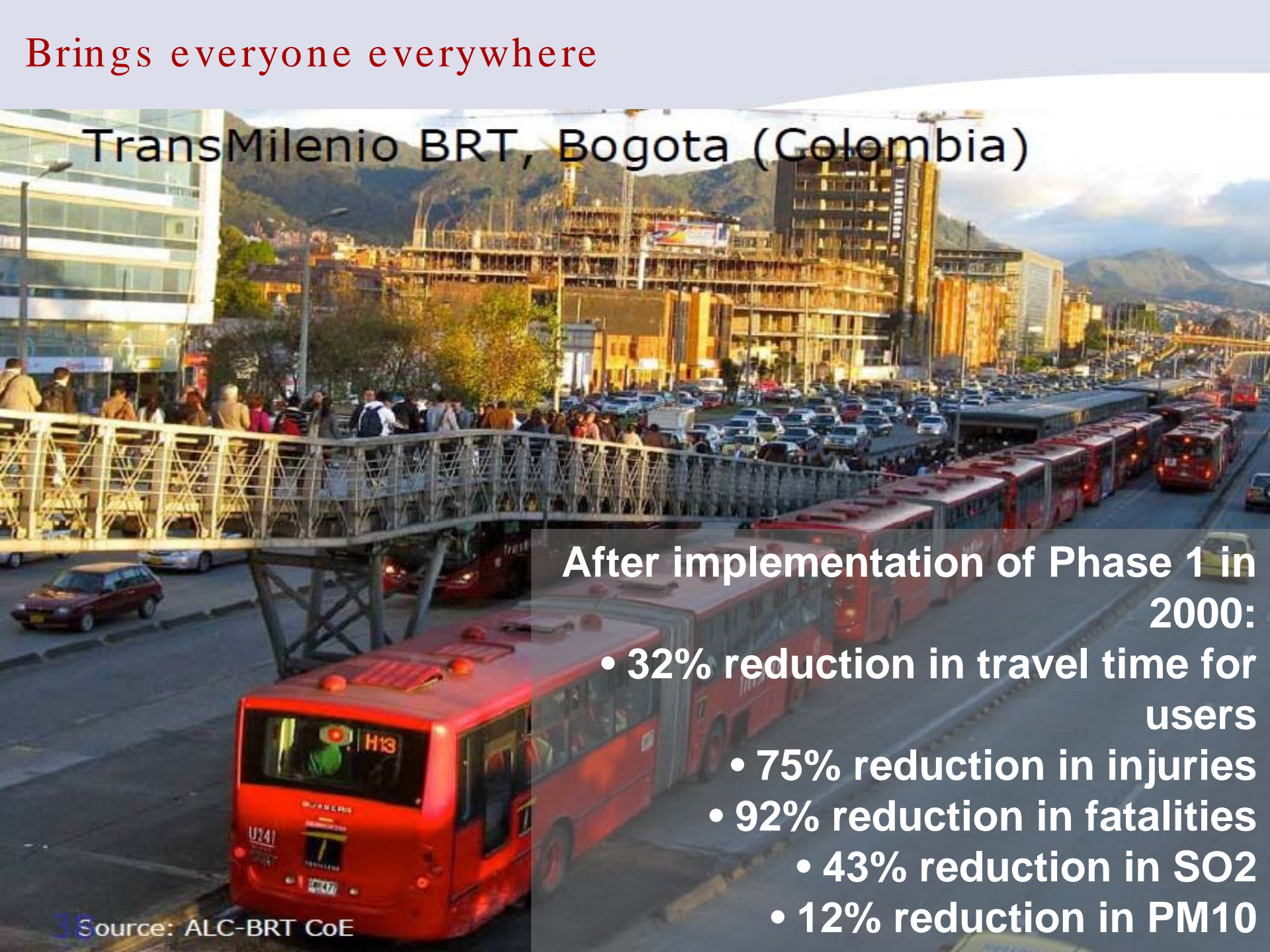
Helps the planet to breath

The Rea Vaya BRT system in Johannesburg, South Africa, will save 1.6 million tonnes of CO₂ by 2020 if 15% of private vehicle users living near the city centre switched over to it



Brings everyone everywhere

TransMilenio BRT, Bogota (Colombia)

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- After implementation of Phase 1 in 2000:
- 32% reduction in travel time for users
 - 75% reduction in injuries
 - 92% reduction in fatalities
 - 43% reduction in SO₂
 - 12% reduction in PM₁₀

UITP @ Rio+20

Panel Speaker: Side Event - Implementing UITP / UIC / UNIFE Half-Day Workshop - Sustainable Transport in the Cities of the Future

A 1-day workshop at ECTRANSPOR for transport professionals, national government and UN officials, journalists and other stakeholders. Transport organisations presented their expertise on developing sustainable rail and public transport systems to Rio+20, which attracted around 100 participants.

UITP Side Event - Sustainable Transport in the Cities of the Future

A side event at the Rio+20 conference venue with an audience of over 70 people representing national governments and UN institutions. Other speakers included UIC, UNIFE, the Japan International Transport Institute, and Director, EMBARQ / WRI.



Evening Reception : Sustainable Transport in the Cities of the Future

An evening reception to which officials launch the UITP, UIC and UNIFE joint statement 'Sustainable Transport in the Cities of the Future and celebrate the transport sector's Voluntary Commitments, with the Brazilian Transport Minister as Guest of Honour





Rio+20

Outcome & The Road Ahead



The Future We Want: Sustainable Transport

For the first time, sustainable transport has been officially recognized as an essential feature in the delivery of sustainable development (para # 132)

Recognises the need to promote an integrated approach to policy making to enhance sustainable transit (para # 133)

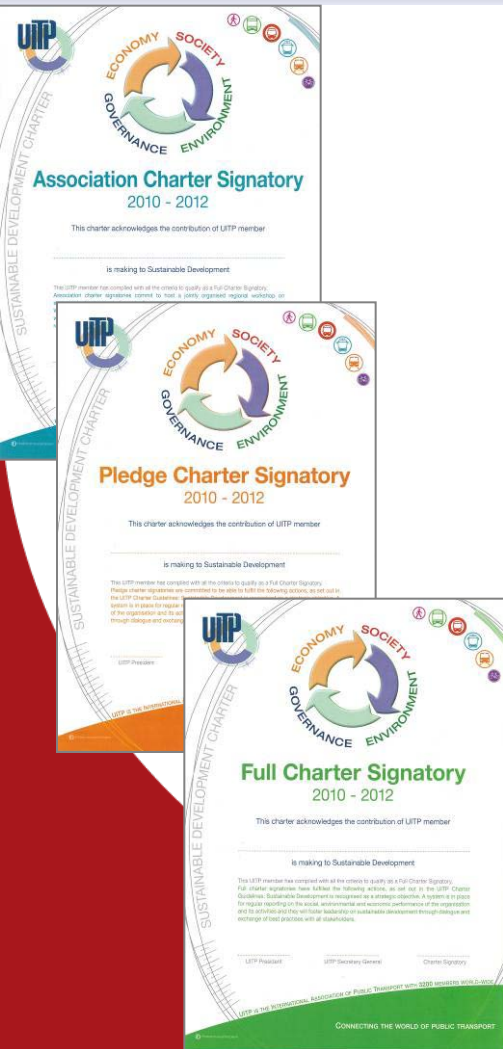
Sustainable transport also plays a key role in the document's sustainable cities chapter.

But - the text lacks specific commitments to implement sustainable transportation initiatives



The Future We Want: Sustainability Reporting

- The Rio+20 outcomes encourage industries and sectors to develop models of best practice to facilitate sustainability reporting and capacity building (para # 47)
- UITP's Charter on Sustainable Development recognises the public transport sector's commitment towards this important issue and helps public transport undertakings better monitor, measure and report on their sustainability performance





Voluntary Commitments

- 18 commitments were submitted for sustainable transport - ranged from promoting environmentally sensitive forms of transportation to UITP's PTx2 strategy
- 8 Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) announce that they will invest \$175 billion in sustainable transportation systems over the coming decade





Rio+20 – The Road Ahead

- A high-level expert panel under the leadership of Ban Ki Moon will be established to develop goals to drive a green economy post 2015





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