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## Getxo begins to plan its first SUMP (Spain)

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Getxo, a town in the Basque Country, will soon take the first steps in the process of developing a SUMP for the local municipal area.

In the coming weeks, 4,000 questionnaires will be distributed. They seek to find out the routes that are taken by residents in the area, along with at what times of day.

Taxi drivers, cyclists, and associations of elderly or disabled people are amongst those who will be surveyed. Sessions will also be held for local residents to discuss the plans.

Through the plan, the town hopes to link its transport into the nearby Bilbao bus and metro network. Due to the hilly nature of some of the local neighbourhoods, however, thorough planning will be required of any prospective new transport routes.

The precursors to the plan go back to 1993, when a study of traffic and parking in the area was conducted. Joseba Arregi, the town's mayor, commented that the plan will involve cultural changes", but that ultimately "mobility is people-centered."

He also made clear that citizens' views would be key in any plans that are made, as the town sought to remove barriers to mobility for those that face them. A draft plan is expected for December this year.

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