COVID Mobility Works gathers best practices of Global Mobility Responses to COVID-19

On 30 June 2020, COVID Mobility Works was launched: an independent platform devoted to collecting, compiling, and sharing mobility initiatives that are keeping the world moving during the COVID-19 pandemic. It aims to help policy-makers, innovators, researchers, and sustainable mobility advocates rise to the occasion and create more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable transportation systems for all.

The idea behind the platform is to gather initiatives from public, private, and NGO efforts to ensure the movement of people and goods during (and after) the new coronavirus pandemic. In the words of...
Harriet Tregoning, Director of NUMO “COVID Mobility Works is an NGO-led effort, in partnership with academia, to collect those responses in a digitally searchable format so they can be easily identified, shared, studied and scaled.”

The platform has already collected over 500 responses from nearly 250 cities, with partner organisations planning to add new entries monthly through to Spring 2021. COVID Mobility Works includes responses ranging from actions taken to ensure safety in mobility services for essential workers to the provision of transportation services to identifying modifications to critical infrastructure.

“These responses were intended to support public health amid the COVID-19 pandemic and will have a lasting impact long after the crisis subsides,” said Christoph Wolff, Head of Mobility at the World Economic Forum.

The Secretary-General of Polis, Karen Vancluysen, added that “It is important to show how local authorities in Europe and beyond kept things moving during the lockdown and how urban mobility is being reshaped now that confinement measures are being eased.”

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