

C40 MAYORS AIR QUALITY COMMITMENT

Worldwide, 3 million deaths each year are linked to exposure to outdoor air pollution. The vast majority of these deaths occur in cities and it is our most vulnerable citizens – the old, the young and the economically disadvantaged - that suffer the hardest. This is an unacceptable global crisis and as mayors we are determined to act.

The quality of the air that we breathe in our cities is directly linked to tackling climate change. As we reduce the greenhouse gas emissions generated in our cities, our air will become cleaner and our children, our grandparents and our neighbours will be healthier.

As members of C40 Cities we have publically committed to tackling climate change. Our cities have taken important steps in delivering the sustainable infrastructure and innovative policies that prioritises pedestrians and cyclists above vehicles. In Paris we recently confirmed the pedestrianisation of the right bank of the Seine, building on our world famous cycle hire scheme to further create a city that prioritises sustainable transport. In Mexico City we have expanded our Bus Rapid Transport and subway systems, whilst also investing in cycling infrastructure, that includes cycle lanes, bike parking and a public bike share system, all integrated to the city's transport card. In Madrid, we have created a central low emission zone, alongside promoting walking and cycling and nature based solutions to ease the city's transition to a low carbon future.

Today, as mayors, we commit to take the boldest possible action that will secure cleaner air for our citizens and help deliver on the ambition of the Paris Agreement.

- We commit to remove all diesel vehicles from our cities by 2025.
- We commit to do everything in our power to incentivise the use of electric, hydrogen and hybrid vehicles to replace more polluting vehicles. We call on car, bus and lorry manufacturers to follow our lead and prioritize the development of these vehicles.
- We commit to invest in the sustainable infrastructure that will make it easier for citizens to choose healthier, more sustainable and low carbon means to move around the city. This will include more bike lanes, bus rapid transit lines, fleets of clean buses and investment in metro and tram infrastructure.

Signed,

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