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Olympic Transport Planning Experience - Lessons for Hajj

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This paper outlines Olympic Transport Planning experience relevant to the Hajj







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Some of the worlds biggest & most congested cities run the summer Olympic Games – how?





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The summer Olympic games represents the biggest city transport planning challenge in the world

- Cities will experience the largest demand for travel in their history
- Trip Demand:
 - Olympic Family and Spectators
 - Base Load usual city resident travel
- Media scrutiny means the actions of planners are watched by a worldwide audience





Olympic transport is for 3-8 M spectators and 40-50K athletes/officials each day over 2 weeks



Source: Based on Bovy, P. 'Mega-events : catalyst for more sustainable transport in Cities' UITP Latin America Division -- RECIFE - Brazil Seminar / Nov. 2009





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A range of markets must be catered for using substantial and diverse transport resources

Scale of Participants and Transport Resources – Sydney 2000

Market	Size	Services
T1-T3 – Olympic VIP's	4,650	Olympic Car Fleet – 4,700 vehicles
T4 – Athletes	10,800	Athlete Bus Network
T4 – Officials	7,600	Officials Bus Network 3,850 Buses
T5 – Media	19,800	Media Bus Network
Spectators	7,000,000	Public Transport

Source: Based on Bovy, P. 'Transport and Exceptional Public Events' ECMT Feb 2002





There are big differences in the circumstances for the games in each city.....







...these require different approaches and explain variations in games transport performance

Rail Trips p.a.









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All Olympic transport strategies aim to maximise available transport capacity







5 key TDM strategies are adopted







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A. Travel Capacity Creation measures aim to reduce 'base load' demand during the games

	Athens 2004	Sydney 2000	Atlanta 1996	Barcelona 1992	A. Travel Capacity Creation Measures			Lake 002
School/Public holiday during games		1			1			
Summer daylight hours retiming		1						
Employee holiday/vacation incentives	1	1	1		1	Promoted		
Large Govt/Business employee contingency plans		1						
Working week reduction			1			1		
Work hour retiming	1	1			1	1		1
Construction/road maintenance bans			1			1		
Reschedule road/rail freight		1	1					
Truck loading restrictions/diversion	1	1	1	1		1		
Event finish time spreading			1					
Pedestrian focussed event site plans		1	1					
Night event site deliveries	1	1	1					
Carpooling/ride matching			1			1		1
Disperse demand using 'live site' around city		1						
Car use on every second day	Some				1			
Use of Freeway shoulders for travel						1		

Such as removing factors blocking traffic...



Traffic Delay Removal Factors

Athens 2004

- Odd/even number plates for driving in CBD

Sydney 2000

- Road/rail freight rescheduling through
 Sydney free up railway capacity
- Retiming truck deliveries to nighttime many companies continued this post games

Atlanta 1996

- Ban on road construction/maintenance
- Road/rail freight rescheduling through town
- Carpooling/ride matching
- Los Angeles 1994
 - Ban on road construction/maintenance

Soeul 1988

 Ban on residents driving every second day during games

... and spreading event timing to reduce per hour load

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Demand Time Spreading Factors

- Athens 2004
 - Numerous events with 24 hour focus
- Sydney 2000
 - 'live' sites throughout the city at interesting venues to watch all features



Event "node" location can spread demand or reduce transport needs



Travel behaviour change matches demand to available capacity

B. Travel Behaviour Change/Marketing	Athens 2004	Sydney 2000	Atlanta 1996	Barcelona 1992	Soeul 1988	Los-Angeles 1984	Moscow 1980	Salt Lake 2002
The big scare, travel warnings & communications strategies	\$	4	1			✓		1
Employer/business telecommuting/ work retiming	~	~	~					
Test events as education	4	4						
Spectator public transport use education		~						~
Resident public transport use education		~						1
Affected business/community consultation and travel plans	~	1	~			~		~





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The big scare and 'managed expectations' aim to carefully reduce 'base load'

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The Big Scare/Communication Strategy

Athens 2004/Sydney 2000

- Single coordinated 'voice' of system management
- (Continuous) message of 'biggest ever challenge' – start early, avoid busy areas, plan ahead, use public transport
- UNDER PROMISE AND OVER DELIVER

Atlanta 1996

- Multiple uncoordinated messages
- Too much wishful thinking (e,g, world standard quality) a long way from the truth
- Over promise and under deliver?
- Some evidence that negative messages about 'gridlock' in Atlanta and LA reduced road demand





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'Test Event' strategies were a means of public education as well as operations training







More traditional brochure marketing is used to learn about Olympic transport







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A number of more tactical traffic efficiency measures have been adopted

C. Traffic Efficiency Measures	Athens 2004	Sydney 2000	Atlanta 1996	Barcelona 1992	Soeul 1988	Los-Angeles 1984	Moscow 1980	Salt Lake 2002
High occupancy vehicle lanes			1					
Turning traffic bans	1	~						
Ramp metering			1			\$		
Real time parking and road condition signing			1					1
Increase tow away trucks		1						





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Traffic bans are now a common feature of the modern games

D. Traffic Bans	Athens 2004	Sydney 2000	Atlanta 1996	Barcelona 1992	Soeul 1988	Los-Angeles 1984	Moscow 1980	Salt Lake 2002
Event/venue site traffic/car bans	5	~	4	~			~	\$
CBD parking/traffic bans	-	4	\$	\$				~
Dedicated Olympic lanes/parking bans	1	4					4	
Enhanced traffic measure policing	1							
Site fringe suburb parking bans	~	1						





Olympic family lane priority is now the norm







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As are measures to emphasise public transport...

E. Public Transport Emphasis	Athens 2004	Sydney 2000	Atlanta 1996	Barcelona 1992	Soeul 1988	Los-Angeles 1984	Moscow 1980	Salt Lake 2002
Expanded public transport system (particularly rail)	~	~	4					~
Rail capacity enhancement	~	~	~					
Free spectator/Olympic family public transport	✓	~						
Park and Ride	1	√	√					1





...mainly system expansion...







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...notably rail with high capacity design







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Bus volume is a problem and also needs high capacity design

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The Hajj and Olympic events have very different features







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Many olympic "lessons" are already adopted



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Jamarat Bridge – Key Features

Travel Capacity Creation Measures

- Splitting pedestrian access into multiple levels
- Grade separation one way demand flows

Travel Behaviour Change/Marketing

• Timing of Group Visits – Marketing this

Traffic Efficiency Measures

No waiting/sitting or blocking access

Traffic Bans

No visitor personal transport access

Transit Emphasis

Bus access for selected groups



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Preliminary comments: Quality & efficiency would be improved with high capacity rail...











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...bus priority, bus capacity management and removal of bus-pedestrian conflicts



Olympic planning methods and plan documentation may also be of value





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Our research focus is crowd panic models based on biological experimentation..



EmSim (Ver 1.6) has a clear role in Hajj planning for event design

Architectural Design and Crowd Safety - Indoor/Outdoor Environments







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