# **Seamless Transport Policy:**

# Institutional and Regulatory Aspects of Inter-Modal Coordination

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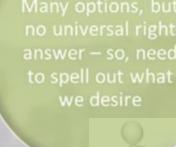
Transport policy making towards service delivery to end users, in both freight and passenger transport

The emphasis on efficiency, to both improve services and contain demands on public spending

Inter-modal transport policy atilises the most efficient mode for the journey.

# Why a Policy

Create an agreed framework for downstream planning of possible interventions









## Governance

Which level of Govt. should be responsible for urban transport

National

Provincial

Regional, or

City

Which sector should lead the effort

Transport

Urban planning, or

Construction

### Governance

Typically the local government should be responsible. However, in certain situations higher levels of government take charge:

- Financial strength
- Lack of capacity at the local level
- Multiple jurisdictions are involved
- Economies of scale



#### Tends to depend on stage of urbanization

- At incipient stages need to build physical infrastructure
- At slightly advanced levels, integration of transport planning with land use planning is critical
- At more mature levels, the complexities of transportation planning predominate

## Institutional Frameworks





#### **Institutional Frameworks**

- Institutional organisation, and the location of decision-making authority for intervention in the transport sector, is fundamental to intermodal coordination.
- Transport sector policies are the responsibility of a single transport ministry. Ministries of finance usually retain responsibility for most of the taxes on transportation.
- This overall responsibility for transport policy under a single Minister facilitates inter-modal coordination.

#### Institutional Frameworks





#### **India and China**

- India and China have multiple transport sector ministries, In China some integrated with a state enterprise providing the majority of services in their sub-sector.
- This arrangement makes distinguishing between the public interest and the narrower interests of the transport operator difficult.
- Inter-modal policy coordination tends to be the responsibility of no institution under such arrangements.

## Case Study Box

lination of Planning between different levels of government in metropolitan areas Zurich, Switzerland

essed a decade or so of conflict and regional plans for land use t and transport in the 1980s and

change in policy. The end result is a good example of intering.

#### 001 Mobility Plan was based on:

mobility, with operational transport chains, nagement and consulting services for sustainable transport f public transport for all purposes, f walking and cycling, agement by regulation, affic and land-use planning

