



LIVEABILITY - TRANSPORT

Quality transport systems are essential for the liveability of people who live in towns and cities but even more so in larger cities. Transportation can have major impacts on community liveability. Streetscapes that are attractive, safe and suitable for a variety of transportation modes (particularly walking or cycling) are really appealing for community liveability. Problems such as commute travel time and congestion create negativity and lessens the liveability of certain areas. Traffic safety, traffic noise and local air pollution are also factors that can lessen the liveability of a place, if not managed effectively. Impervious surface coverage (the portion of land devoted to roads and parking), preservation of environmental areas and opportunities for recreation are all liveability factors often affected by transportation problems.

Transportation decisions can also affect social interactions and community cohesion. Pedestrian-friendly streets create opportunities for people to meet and interact, helping to create community networks. Studies have shown that residents of higher traffic volume streets are less likely to know their neighbours and show less concern over their local environment than residents of streets with lower traffic volumes and speeds. Improving opportunities for community interaction and recreation, helps to create a place that people want to live in.

1. Why do you think transport modes like walking and cycling are appealing for community liveability? _____

2. 'Studies have shown that residents of higher traffic volume streets are less likely to know their neighbours' Why do think this is? _____

3. Do you think transport affects your area positively or negatively? Explain. _____