

To whom it may concern,

Likewise many other fast developing cities, Vilnius is facing unprecedentedly fast urban sprawl. Car ownership and usage is growing and demand for commuter traffic and mobility in general has increased. Underdeveloped infrastructure as well as absence of grade separated rapid transit public means and low rates of alternative trip options have resulted in constantly growing congestion and other issues. That is why the city's present transport infrastructure is not capable of ensuring even traffic flows, which results in constantly growing congestion in Vilnius.

Seeking to optimise management of public transport and to increase its functionality, as the first step, Vilnius City Municipality is launching a tender in January. The purpose of this tender is to develop a Special Plan for Application of New Means of Public Transport in Vilnius, which would:

- Carry out a comprehensive analysis of the current status of the system of transport in Vilnius,
- Identify the trends,
- Make a prospective design of traffic and passenger flows and correct of the current public transport route network taking into account at least 30 years ahead,
- Assess the needs for the introduction of a new type of transport means and investments and
- Recommend funding models and specify the pay-off opportunities.

The second step would be **the creative workshop organised on the 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> of March, 2010**. At the workshop, we expect to share best practises of other cities in the application of new modes and means of public transport. We hope to hear constructive suggestions of the specialists as to how to make use of the projects implemented in other cities by applying what is the best in the city of Vilnius.

**On this occasion I would like to invite you to participate at Vilnius' workshop where we will try to find the solution of public transport problems in Vilnius. The elaborate programme of the workshop will follow in the nearest future. Meanwhile, please find enclosed the draft programme.** If you decide to join us in our workshop, please notify us by sending an e-mail with a filled participant's registration form attached to your message at [workshop@vilnius.lt](mailto:workshop@vilnius.lt) or please send the registration form by fax +37052112331. The contact person is Mr Kastytis Lubys (e-mail [kastytis.lubys@vilnius.lt](mailto:kastytis.lubys@vilnius.lt)). Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask!

I am looking forward to meeting you in Vilnius.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Mayor of Vilnius