CLC-ULI BOOK LAUNCH: “CREATING LIVEABLE CITIES THROUGH CAR-LITE URBAN MOBILITY”

1 Dallas, Texas, 26 October 2016 --- The Urban Land Institute (ULI) and the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC), Singapore, jointly launched a publication “Creating Liveable Cities through ‘Car-Lite’ Urban Mobility” today at the 2016 ULI Fall Meeting in Dallas, Texas, United States. The publication is an outcome of a joint research project by ULI and CLC, where a study was conducted to develop practical recommendations on how cities can be more sustainable and liveable by reducing their reliance on cars.

2 As part of the research process, ULI and CLC conducted two multi-stakeholder research workshops. Former transportation chief of Chicago and Washington, Gabe Klein, led the discussions for the second workshop.

3 The study analyses the range of non-private car transportation options, including active mobility, shared cars, and autonomous vehicles, that will allow cities to become more ‘car-lite’ so that people can enjoy environmental, social and economic benefits at the same time. 10 ideas are proposed to prepare cities for a ‘car-lite’ urban mobility future. These ideas cut across multiple disciplines and stakeholder interests, ranging from integrating urban planning with transportation, managing car park supply and demand, to changing cultural mindsets. Above all, the study advocates a people-oriented and multi-stakeholder collaborative approach for urban and transport decisions in order to sustain the paradigm shift towards a ‘car-lite’ future.

4 An e-publication, which documented the preliminary findings of the project, was presented on 11th July at the World Cities Summit 2016 in Singapore. The event featured a response panel of esteemed city and industry leaders, who shared their own experiences and perspectives on the role of sustainable urban mobility in creating liveable cities.

5 The panellists were:
   - Morten Kabell, Mayor for Technical and Environmental Affairs, City of Copenhagen
   - Konrad Otto-Zimmermann, Creative Director of the Urban Idea and Former Secretary-General ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability)
   - Gabe Klein, Former Transportation Chief of Chicago and Washington DC
   - Dr Kim Soo-hyun, President Seoul Institute
   - Dr Limin Hee, Director of Research, CLC
   - Scott Dunn, Vice President, Southeast Asia AECOM and Past Chair, ULI Singapore

6 The panel stressed the importance of developing the public transport network as the backbone of a ‘car-lite’ mobility eco-system; commuters need to have access to alternative transportation modes such as shared bikes that are seamlessly connected through technology; and
interests between stakeholders from the private, public and people sectors should be aligned through collaborative processes for creating public policies and projects. Dr Kim Soo-Hyun highlighted that internal alignment of interests among various government agencies is equally important to ensure a coordinated approach to reduce the city’s reliance on cars. Mr Gabe Klein stressed that cities should be “open to innovations and experiments” and conduct pilots that are “low-risk” and “high-reward”, with these pilots serving as useful tools to help secure buy-ins and drive further changes. Road closure events stretching over a longer period of time would also encourage people to re-organise their daily lives to complement the car-free lifestyle. More details on key issues shared during the panel discussion are included in the publication.

Dr Liu Thai Ker, Chairman for CLC and Global Trustee of ULI said, “The journey towards car-lite is both important and urgent. Good local planning can contribute significantly towards promoting ‘car-lite’ cities. This book attempts to present preliminary findings of case studies on the shift from a car-heavy to ‘car-lite’ urban environment. The study was also enriched by insights from many international mayors and experts. We hope the book prompts planners, architects, developers, and policy makers to share and exchange information and best practices in our common pursuit of a new order of urban mobility.”

The e-version of the publication is located at http://www.clc.gov.sg/Publications/books-creating-liveable-cities-through-car-lite-urban-mobility.htm and a video of the panel discussion is located at https://youtu.be/38T5QHKdtnw.

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