SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY SOLUTIONS FOR TOURIST DESTINATIONS

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Abstract: *In the midst of global challenges stemming from rapid urbanization, escalating pollution, and the looming specter of climate change, there is a pressing need for sustainable transportation solutions. This paper delves into an exhaustive exploration of sustainable mobility, intertwining the threads of eco-friendly transportation with the allure of tourist destinations.Through a comprehensive review, it analyzes the social, economic, and environmental effects of various mobility solutions. By seamlessly integrating both fields of sustainable transportation and tourist destinations, this study highlights the important role of sustainable mobility in not only reducing emissions but also enhancing the overall quality of life, beckoning towards a future that is not only environmentally conscious but also promises an enriching experience for both locals and tourists.*

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INTRODUCTION

As leisure-time traffic contributes significantly to emissions of greenhouse gases, pollution, and climate change, the importance of sustainable mobility and transportation in supporting the growth of sustainable tourism is expanding [4].

In rural areas, where transportation and mobility options are often restricted and accessibility to tourist destinations is an issue, smart mobility, and smart travel have a strong connection with one another. Tourism can also play an important part in the rural region's economy. Smart mobility services, such as instant transportation and car-sharing services, as well as good public transportation, can make it much simpler for tourists to access and enjoy rural areas and landscapes, improving their desirability as tourism destinations. It also generates demand for innovative transportation options and other infrastructure enhancements that benefit both tourists and locals. These communities may tap into new sources of growth and wealth by harnessing cutting-edge technology and creative approaches to tourism and transportation [16].

Sustainable mobility refers to the design and implementation of transportation systems that have a low environmental, social, and economic effect. It strives to provide efficient and accessible transportation while minimizing negative effects such as air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, traffic congestion, and resource depletion. The importance of sustainable transportation is diverse and covers multiple domains:

1. Environmental Implications. Lower Emissions: Sustainable mobility emphasizes alternative fuels, electric vehicles, and increased fuel efficiency, which results in reduced levels of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

2. Social Benefits. Equity and Accessibility: Sustainable mobility solutions promote inclusivity and accessibility, ensuring that transportation services are available to all parts of society, including those with impaired mobility or persons with low income.

3. Job Development: The move to sustainable mobility frequently necessitates the development of new technologies and industries, which results in employment creation in areas such as electric vehicle manufacturing, renewable energy, and public transportation.

4. Urban Planning and Livability. Reduced Traffic Congestion: Sustainable mobility promotes the use of public transportation, cycling, and walking, which can

help reduce traffic jams in urban areas by improving overall traffic flow and lowering travel times.

5. Technological Innovation. Innovation Encouragement: The transition to sustainable mobility encourages technological improvements, fostering innovation on topics such as electric car technology, smart transportation networks, and alternative energy sources.

Furthermore, punctuality (as evaluated by a standard of delayed hours), clean energy use, and transportation-related wastes are essential measures of the transportation system's sustainability. Some indicators that illustrate the influence of mobility on the environment that have both direct and indirect effects on rural tourism include vehicle water pollutants (exhaust, mud, oil, deicing chemicals) deposited on the ground and pollutants in the air (O3, CO, SOx, NOx, Pb). By preventing the loss of wetland areas agricultural fields, and deforestation, environmentally conscious travel can also help to preserve cultural resources and customs. This is accomplished by limiting the number of cars on the road and encouraging the use of renewable energy or electric transportation, both of which can help to lessen the environmental effect of rural transportation [16].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

By employing corpus analysis, this research aims to uncover data-driven insights into the discourse surrounding sustainable mobility solutions, providing a holistic view of prevalent themes, challenges, and innovations within the context of tourist destinations.

Encouraging sustainable mobility is one of the most prevalent objectives of transportation policy at all territorial levels, regardless of the decision-maker's "political hue." Nowadays, no transportation plan, project, or policy direction does not (at the very least) mention the concept of green mobility. Scientifically, the international literature has been and continues to be intensely interested in the subject from a variety of perspectives (technological, territorial, urban, social, economic, health, and so on). For example, in a general web search up to 2020, the phrases "sustainable mobility" or "sustainable transport" are quoted around 4.23 million times and are contained in over 60,000 works indexed on Google scholar and over 18,500 publications indexed on Scopus.

RESULTS AND DISCUTIONS

This part focuses on the main topics regarding transportation sustainability solutions. The following section focuses on the primary alternative fuels now utilized in the automotive sector, including electricity, along with some references to recent discoveries in this field [10].

ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

In order to achieve the aforementioned guidelines, a lot of time was put into developing new fuels and engines capable of reducing pollution emissions. Considering they are based on low-carbon sources and/or can boost vehicle energy efficiency, automotive companies have increased the development of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) that use resources such as natural gas, electricity, and hydrogen in recent decades. Alternative energy sources differ from traditional fuels since they are not based on petrol or diesel and have extremely low pollutant emission levels. According to the European Commission [8] and the European Academies Science Advisory Council [6], the following primary types of alternative fuels have become the most utilized for road transportation.

Vehicle Type	Strengths	Weaknesses
Battery electric (BEV)	• Quiet running • No GHG emissions from the car • Extensive electric infrastructure • Electricity partially obtainable from renewable sources	• Long charging times • Limited range • Expensive home chargers and limited public charging stations • Complex load management for the grid
Plug-in hybrid (PHEV)	• Full-electric range can only address short commutes • Home charging infrastructure is suitable • ICE can extend the range for long trips • Lower cost per kilometer and no vehicle GHG emissions in electric mode	• Batteries in addition to an ICE increase vehicle price • Daytime charging could put a strain on the power grid • Plug-in is required to obtain benefits • Driving habits influence the obtainable benefits
Natural gas (NGV)	• Cheaper than gasoline • Cleaner at comparable power	• Reduced trunk space due gas tanks • Limited number of refueling stations and range
Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPGV)	• Non-toxic and non-corrosive fuel • Cheaper than gasoline and diesel	• LPG conversion can be expensive • Maintenance and servicing are also slightly more expensive • Safety of car parking

Figure 1. Comparison of both the benefits and drawbacks of each alternative fuel vehicle type

ELECTRICITY

Electric vehicles (EVs) move through the use of an electric motor rather than an engine with internal combustion (ICE). Full electric vehicles, also known as Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs), are fueled by a charging infrastructure, also known as a charging outlet, which delivers the necessary electric energy to charge batteries. Other cars, such as conventional hybrids (HEVs) as well as plug-in hybrid electrical vehicles (PHEVs), use an electric motor in conjunction with an internal combustion engine to provide traction.

Currently, a main drawback is due to insufficient infrastructure for charging and load management. A station-based infrastructure for charging could be improved by optimizing station distribution [1**].** This method may potentially raise demand for electric vehicles. An inductive charging network on electrified highways, which permits battery charging while driving, is a developing charging technique [17]. In 2018, Sweden's first electrified road, named eRoadArlanda, opened for recharging electric vehicles by transmitting energy from a road rail [5].

PETROLEUM LIQUEFIED GAS

Propane (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) is a byproduct of natural gas extraction and crude oil refining. To the best of what we know, it is difficult to find an aggregated perspective of the present alternative vehicle fleet as well as associated refueling stations in the top nations in the literature. In this work, we gathered and analyzed data given in Figure 2 to provide an in-depth overview of Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFVs) and Alternative Fuel Stations (AFSs) available till 2019 in three sections of the world: Europe, the United States, and the Asia-Pacific region.

Figure 2 shows the fleet of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) in Europe, the United States, plus Asia-Pacific in 2019 (data compiled from multiple sources: International Energy Agency [12], International Association for Natural Gas Vehicles [11], European Alternative Fuels Observatory [7]).

AFV Type	Europe	USA	Asia-Pacific
BEV/PHEV	1,808,870	1,450,000	3,649,000
HFC	2182	8039	14,894
CNG/LNG	2,062,621	175,000	20,473,673
LPG	13,026,304	200,000	3,400,000

Figure 2. 2019 Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) fleet in the United States, Europe, and Asia-Pacific

Sustainable mobility options for tourism destinations are crucial for addressing the industry's unique challenges. These approaches aim to establish a balance between the economic benefits associated with environmental conservation and tourism, cultural preservation social welfare.

The goals and objectives of sustainable mobility solutions in tourist areas and the strategies towards it are as follows:

- The importance of mass transit in reducing emissions

The move to sustainable mobility requires the use of public transportation. Effective public transportation networks, such as buses, trains, and subways, allow millions of people to move while reducing pressure on individual motor vehicles. By reducing the overall number of individual vehicles on the road, public transportation helps to reduce emissions, alleviate traffic congestion, and improve overall air quality. To create a coherent and accessible network, public transit must be incorporated into urban architecture, making it a viable and desirable alternative for commuters.

- Environmental protection

-Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions of tourism-related transportation by introducing sustainable mobility options such as electric autos and bicycles.

-Natural Landscapes Preservation: Sustainable mobility activities attempt to limit the negative effects of transportation on fragile ecosystems while protecting the beautiful scenery and biodiversity of tourism destinations.

- Community Well-being:

-Traffic Reduction: Green mobility solutions aim to alleviate traffic congestion in tourist sites, thus enhancing the overall experience for both residents and visitors.

- Improved Air Quality: By promoting sustainable and environmentally friendly mobility, these solutions assist in improving air quality, which helps the health and well-being of local communities.

- Preservation of cultural heritage

- Heritage Site Preservation: In order to minimize disruptions and conserve these unique assets, sustainable mobility plans consider the effects of traffic on cultural and historic sites.

- Promotion of Local Culture: Sustainable mobility can be designed to embrace and support local cultural aspects, providing tourists with an experience that is more authentic while supporting local businesses.

- Economic Sustainability:

-Support for Local Businesses: Environmentally friendly transportation solutions may benefit the economic sustainability of tourist destinations by encouraging the usage of local means of transport such as electric taxis or conventional means of transportation.

- Job Creation: The development and maintenance of sustainable transportation networks can lead to the creation of jobs in industries such as environmentally friendly transportation, servicing, and tourism-related services.

- Inclusion and availability

-Improved accessibility: Sustainable mobility solutions strive to make transportation more accessible to all, ensuring that tourism destinations are inviting and inclusive for those with a wide range of mobility needs.

-Affordability: Green transportation policies may include measures to make environmentally friendly modes of transportation more affordable and available to a wide range of tourists.

-Education and Awareness: Sustainable mobility initiatives may include educational programs that inform tourists about the importance of responsible and sustainable travel practices.

-Incentives for Sustainable Options: Introducing incentives to tourists who choose eco-friendly means of transportation, such as discounts or rewards, encourages responsible decision-making.

- Infrastructure Improvements:

-Investment in Sustainable Infrastructure: Developing and upgrading infrastructure to facilitate sustainable mobility, such as bike paths, charging stations for electric vehicles, and effective transportation networks, is a major priority.

We report on the major technological components of the most common/emerging vehicle-sharing systems, notably car and scooter sharing, in this part. We examine the major characteristics as they have been implemented in numerous places, highlighting technical discoveries aimed at improving service performance and appeal.

- Dual Micromobility

The rise of micro-mobility services, primarily focused on shared electric scooters (e-scooters), has altered transportation patterns and introduced new issues in recent years. In general, customers can access e-scooters using a smartphone app that displays a map and allows them to be unlocked. Service providers charge lesser costs for e-scooter use versus car-sharing services, and the system is often dockless.

- Advanced Traveler Information System (ATIS)

An ATIS attempts to offer efficient, quick, and accurate information to ensure that customer decisions and system objectives are as efficient as possible. An ATIS can generally provide two types of information: pre-trip information, which is acquired before the journey begins, and en-route information, which is perceived while traveling. The first sort of information deals with static choices (transportation mode, departure time, path, and so on); the second can change travelers' choices during the trip, resulting in adaptive behavior based on the information presented.

CYCLING AND WALKING PROMOTION

The encouraging of walking and cycling, sometimes known as "soft mobility," has become one of the most popular environmentally friendly transportation strategies in both urban and rural regions [2, 3, 9].

Increased use of non-motorized options, especially when replacing motorized journeys, has a variety of advantages. The environmental impact is, of course, solely if the trip is made by bicycle or foot rather than driving. This type of trip has a distance constraint. Pedestrian

travel can typically substitute automobile travel between 1-2 kilometers, whereas bike rides may cover as much as 10 kilometers.

In Italy, for instance, according to ISFORT (an Italian institute for education and study in the transportation business) [15], 58% of trips of no more than two kilometers are accomplished on foot, 8.7% by bike, 1.7% by motorbike, 27% by automobile, and 3.9% by public transit. In the 2–10 km range, however, pedestrian journeys drop to 4.6% (beyond 10 km, the result is zero), 4.9% by bicycle, 72.8% by automobile, as well as 13.9% by public transit. Over 10 kilometers, the bike is almost never utilized (0.9%), while the car accounts for more than 82% of trips. In addition to environmental effects, some studies have found favorable benefits on human well-being [13, 14].

The following measures can increase pedestrian mobility:

- Setting up pedestrian areas;
- Establishing limited traffic zones;
- Building underpasses, overpasses, or designated and illuminated crossings for pedestrians (raising perceived safety);

The primary measures that will encourage cycling are:

- the construction of bike lanes;
- the establishment of bicycle parking places;
- incentives for the acquisition of bicycles.

CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, sustainable mobility is critical for resolving environmental issues, promoting social fairness, building economic resilience, strengthening urban livability, and adding to global sustainability aims. As countries cope with the consequences of climate change and urbanization, adopting sustainable transportation practices becomes increasingly crucial for ensuring a resilient and peaceful future. In tourist destinations, sustainable transportation solutions attempt to achieve a balance between economic expansion and cultural preservation.

By addressing the industry's specific difficulties, these solutions contribute to the long-term resilience and long-term viability of important vacation destinations.The analysis provided in this work attempts to provide a general picture of the difficulties and potential solutions associated with sustainable mobility, with references to the other works listed to provide more details. In this manner, the person reading can appreciate all aspects of each topic while delving into only those of particular interest.

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