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Metropolitan Public Transport Integration and Reform

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Metropolitan Public Transport Integration and Reform

Main Topics: Metropolitan mobility governance, integrated public transport reform and service extension beyond administrative borders

Stakeholders Involved:

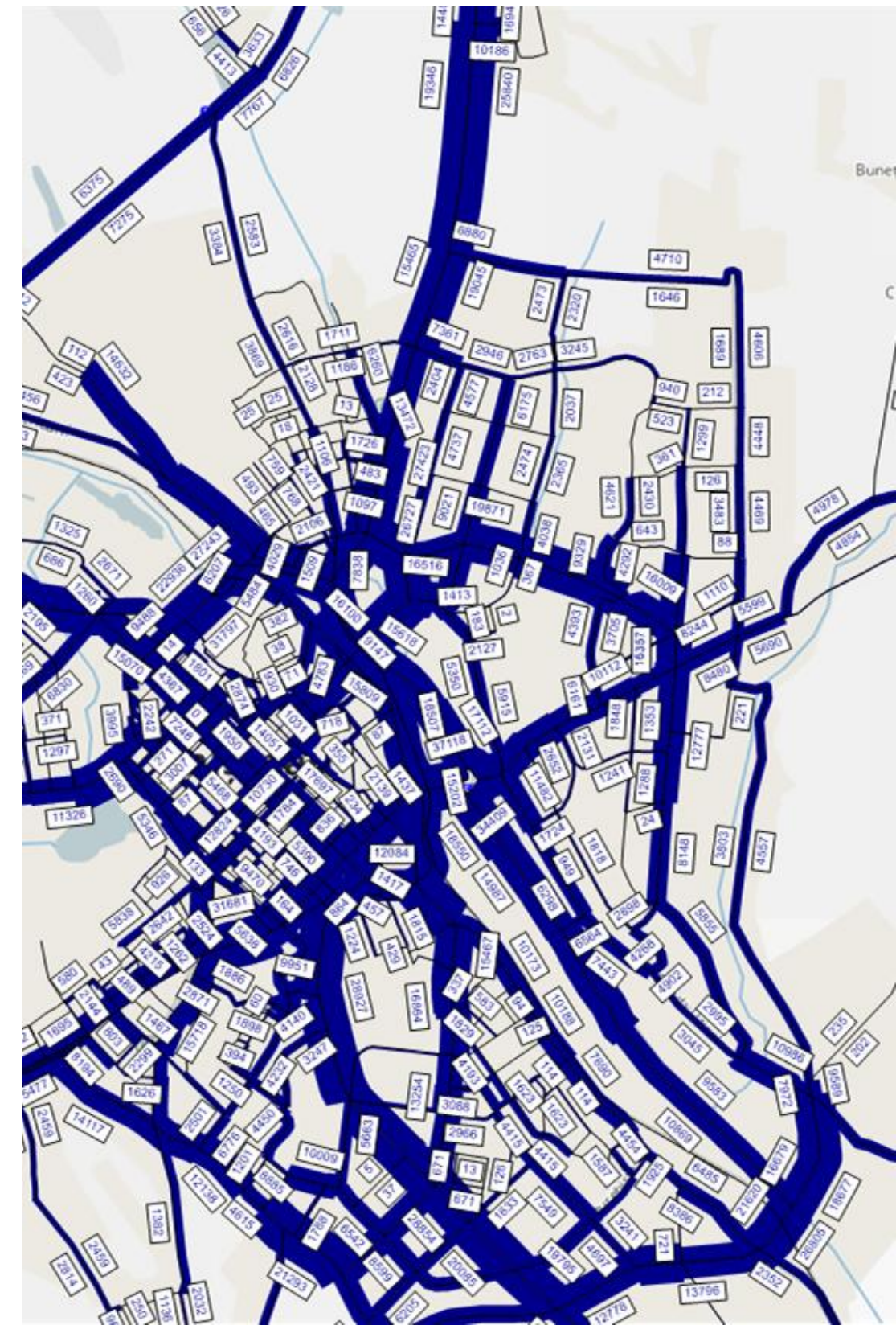
- Chişinău City Hall
- Municipal Enterprise “Regia Transport Electric Chişinău” (RTEC)
- Municipal Enterprise “Parcul Urban de Autobuze” (PUA)
- Suburban local public authorities (18 LPAs)
- Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- National Agency for Road Transport (regulatory role)
- EBRD / EIB (fleet modernization financing)

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Background

Chișinău concentrates approximately one third of Moldova's population and the majority of national economic activity. Rapid suburbanization over the last 15–20 years led to increased commuting flows from surrounding settlements. While administrative boundaries remained unchanged, the city gradually expanded public transport services into peri-urban municipalities, creating a de facto FUA-level mobility system.

In 2019–2021, Chișinău initiated a major public transport reform focused on route restructuring, fleet modernization, reduction of informal minibuss dependency, and digitalization of fare collection.



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Main Objectives

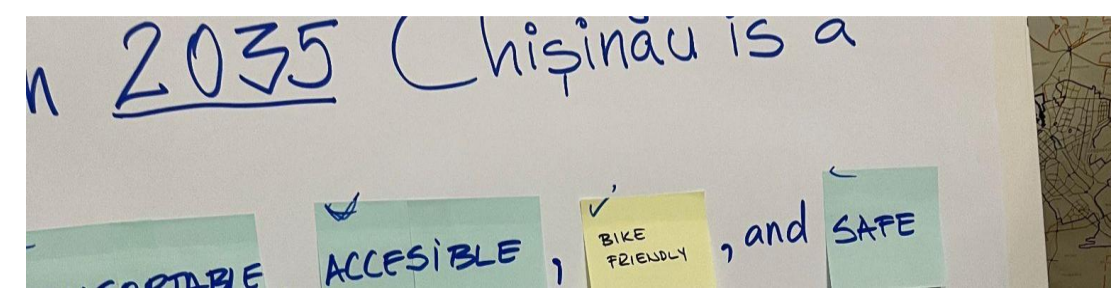
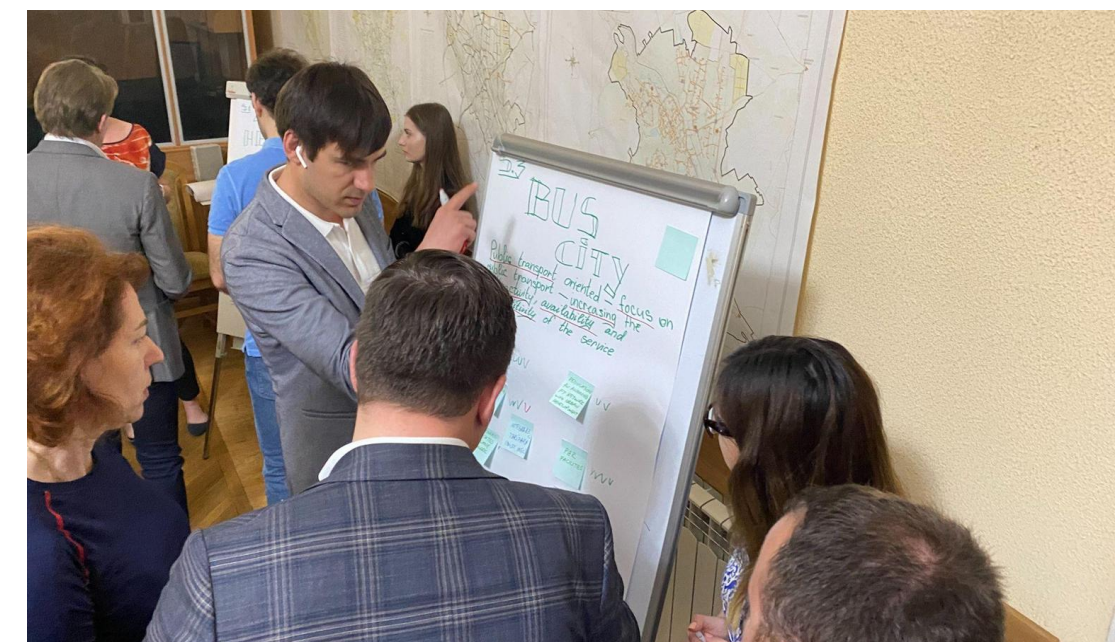
- Ensure affordable, safe, and predictable public transport services for the metropolitan population;
- Integrate peri-urban residents into the urban labor market;
- Reduce traffic congestion and informal transport dominance;
- Improve the environmental performance of the transport fleet;
- Increase financial sustainability and transparency of transport enterprises;
- Creation of a Traffic Monitoring Center;
- Approval of Chisinau SUMP.



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Activities implemented

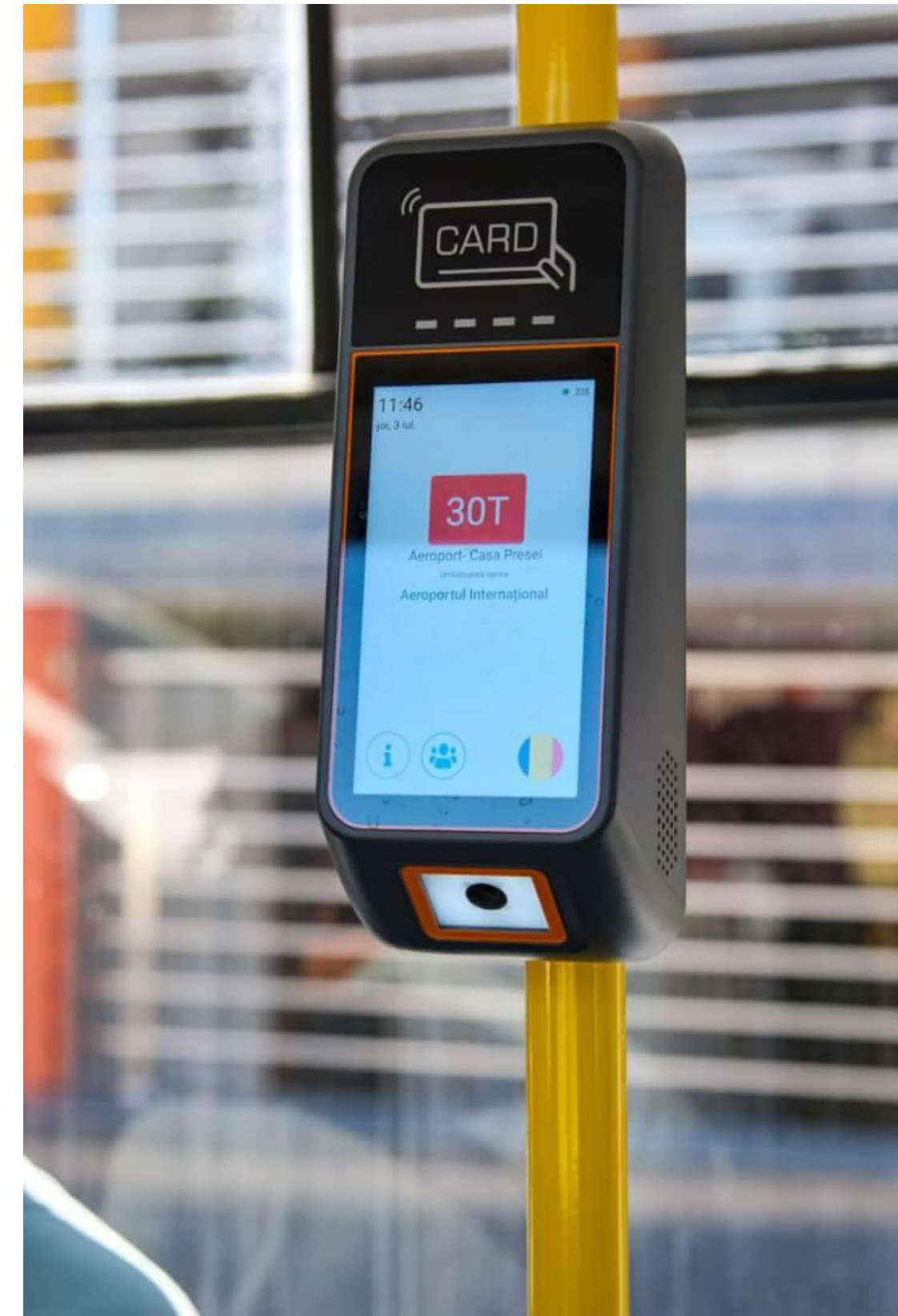
- Comprehensive restructuring of bus routes (2020 network reform)
- Gradual reduction and regulation of informal minibus routes
- Procurement of new trolleybuses and buses (including low-floor vehicles)
- Introduction of electronic ticketing piloting and automated fare collection system (from 2020)
- Extension of trolleybus and bus routes to suburban municipalities
- Modernization of depots and maintenance infrastructure
- Introduction of dedicated bus lanes on key corridors
- Institutional strengthening of municipal transport enterprises
- Development of SUMP
- Creation of a Traffic Control Center



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Key Results and Achievements

- Consolidated metropolitan public transport network serving both city and suburban residents
- Improved service reliability and passenger comfort
- Increased fleet energy efficiency
- Reduction of informal and unregulated transport operators
- Strengthened de facto metropolitan coordination model
- Digitalized ticketing pilot is improving revenue control and transparency



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Financial mechanisms:

- Annual subsidies from Chişinău municipal budget
- Passenger fare revenues
- Cross-subsidization between high-demand and socially necessary routes
- EBRD/EIB loans and grants for fleet procurement
- Capital investments through municipal borrowing (non-sovereign loans)



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