

INTERMODAL TRANSPORTS IN THE COMUNIDAD DE MADRID

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ABSTRACT

As transport has improved, expectations have grown and new constraints have emerged. The important increase of mobility in the past years, has shown the need to reinforce the current transportation system, in order to face the new requests of the demand in the most efficient way.

A sustainable transport policy, must take into account the levels of sustainability of the various modes of transports in order to attend the new demand of mobility and try to solve the problem of urban distribution.

Therefore, politicians and policy makers are agreed that it is important to support intermodality and to offer a competitive and attractive combined transport service because it would revert into society's benefit.

The report on the current state, shows on the one hand the problems that urban areas are suffering due to the increasing use of private vehicles (congestion, pollution and environmental damage, road accidents, etc) and on other hand, the measures to promote intermodal transport that are being held in the Comunidad de Madrid.

One of the main measures recently adopted, is the use of centres for combined transport that contribute to increase the efficiency of the transfers, so that intermodality becomes a competitive alternative of transport. Another measure, is the creation of parkings along the roadways that connect the surroundings with the city centre.

Finally, because of the congestion of the main roadways, the Comunidad de Madrid has propose the construction of the M-61 that will connect the A-1 with the A-6, as an alternative to close the M-40. Likewise, the government of Madrid is foreseen to request the transfer of the M-40, as well as the construction of the R-1 and the prolongation up to the regional limit.