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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the second session*

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Monday,
28 November 2022, Room XXVII, Palais des Nations

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* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Transport Division's website (unece.org/transport/trends-and-economics). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (maria.mostovets@un.org).

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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group of Experts on cycling infrastructure module (GE.5) is invited to adopt its agenda as contained in this document.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/2

2. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe cycling network

GE.5 is expected to collect and analyze data on national cycling infrastructure in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) countries in order to devise an ECE cycling network. GE.5 is invited to work with data received from countries and uploaded in the ECE International Transport infrastructure Observatory (ITIO).

ITIO shows data on national cycling networks (in some case partial networks) from Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Switzerland, Türkiye and the United Kingdom. Also, relevant EuroVelo routes data as well as data developed in Danube Cycle Plans are incorporated on the platform.

In working on devising the ECE cycling network, GE.5 may wish to invite experts from countries who have not yet shared national data but have already designated national cycling networks to report on their data sharing effort.

GE.5 may further wish to invite Portugal and Spain to report on progress made in designating national networks.

GE.5 may also wish to invite the Netherlands to make a presentation on the outcomes of a European project on data usage.

Moreover, further to its agreement at the last session, GE.5 is expected to discuss a draft of a guide with recommended steps for the initial designation of national cycling networks, which could be applied by countries which neither have procedure in place nor experience in designating cycling network. Informal document No.1 contains the draft guide.

GE.5 is also expected to consider a discussion paper, as contained in Informal document No.2, which proposes specific cycling routes parameters and usage categories. GE.5 will be requested to select relevant parameters and user categories, modify them further if deemed appropriate so that they can be incorporated in the guide on designation of national cycling network.

Documentation

Informal documents Nos. 1 and 2

3. Cycling infrastructure definitions and standards

GE.5 started at its last sessions a review of a proposal on common definitions for various types of cycling infrastructure as contained in ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2021/6. GE.5 also considered additional road signs related to cycling taking into account the outcomes of work of the ECE group of experts on road signs and signals and it welcomed the recommendations made by the sister group of experts.

Further to these recommendations, GE.5 agreed to:

- consider definition of cycle and whether or not it should be amended in view of new types of cycles including but not limited to: pedelec, speed pedelec or cargo cycle,

- consider provisions for markings for cyclists, in particular markings for preselection of lanes and arrow markings as well as provisions for traffic light signals for cyclists as included in the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signal and related instruments with the view to understand if these provisions should be streamlined or updated.

GE.5 requested the secretariat, European Cyclists' Federation and World Bicycle Industry Association to make specific proposals with regard to cycle definition and provisions for markings and traffic lights. Informal document No.3 contains such proposal for GE.5 consideration.

GE.5 should then continue its review of common definitions, starting from the definitions of Grade separated cycle crossing. GE.5 should also consider modifications made to definitions of cycle track and street with contraflow cycling as well as proposed parameters for a cycle lane, proposed provisions for special regulations for cycle street and suggestion for a set of parameters for selection of specific infrastructure types. Moreover, GE.5 should also consider definitions for advisory lanes for cyclists, mixed-use zones and cycle parking. Informal document No.4 contains the suggested modifications and proposals for new definitions and parameters for GE.5 review.

Documentation

Informal documents Nos. 3 and 4

4. Other business

GE.5 may wish to discuss other issues of interest. Among them, GE.5 may wish to continue its discussion started at the previous meeting about an establishment of a funding project (GE.5 fund) in support of its activities.

5. Date and place of next meeting

The secretariat will inform GE.5 that its next meeting is scheduled to take place in Geneva on 23 and 24 March 2023.

6. Summary of main decisions

In accordance with established practice, the Chair will briefly summarize the decisions taken. Following the session, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Chair and Vice-Chair(s), will prepare the final report.
