

Khouribga, Morocco

Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan

Ongoing

Basic information

Urban area	→	52 km ²
Population	→	216,397
Growth rate	→	0.65%
National GHG emissions per capita	→	2.62 (tCO ₂ eq)
Exposure to climate change	→	HIGH



Context

Khouribga is an inland urban area and an industrial hub in central Morocco. Located 120 km from Casablanca and 154 km from Rabat. Khouribga serves as the capital of the Khouribga province in the Béni Mellal-Khénifra region. The city emerged in 1923 under French administration after the discovery of rich mineral reserves and held a strong position as the world's largest exporter of phosphate. Due to the region's numerous mining sites, the local economy is heavily dependent on the mining sector, which contributed significantly to Morocco's GDP, accounting for about 10% and to national phosphate exports, which accounted for 72% in 2013.

The city is located at the intersection of two major roads. Khouribga has a small railway station for interurban transport located in the centre of the city. It is used for passenger and freight transport. The railway station was one of the stops on the climate train's journey from Casablanca to Safi during COP22 in Morocco, raising awareness of sustainable transport. Apart from city buses, there is no mass transit system in the city.

There is no existing transport master plan or similar document. The Municipality of Khouribga, the local counterpart, lacks the mandate and responsibility to finance mass public transport infrastructure, even though it has the authority to borrow from international finance. Systems and procedures are not in place to monitor, evaluate and report on urban mobility.

Support from the Partnership

Technical Assistance: Project management assistance to the Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP)

Funded by: Agence Française de Développement (AFD)

Funding amount: EUR 100,000

Implemented by: AFD through MobiliseYourCity Morocco

Local counterpart: Commune de Khouribga

Consultant(s) involved: Not reported

Supported activities:

- Support the Khouribga Commune in the preparation, launch, and piloting of the SUMP study to enhance its technical quality, implementation, and coherence with the MobiliseYourCity orientations, as well as with the different approaches at the national and local levels in terms of low-carbon transport planning.
- Ensure that the SUMP study is well integrated with other planning documents (urban planning, environmental planning).

Status of the SUMP process

Project start date: 2019 Q2

Expected project completion: 2023 Q4

Completed outputs:

- Terms of reference for the SUMP
- The procurement process to hire a consultant for the SUMP study has been finalised.
- Launching the SUMP process with a local consultant
- Next expected outputs
- SUMP process

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