

Florence Transportation System

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Florence Metropolitan Area



The Metropolitan Area of Florence is a typical middle-size European metropolitan area

It is the fifth metropolitan area in Italy considering dimensions and complexity after Milan, Rome, Turin, Naples and Bologna.

- 20 municipalities
- 966.423 inhabitants

Florence Metropolitan Area transportation demand



Commuters inside the Metropolitan Area

75% of total transport is by car

Fluxes inside the metropolitan area

• around 480.000 cars circulating in the mornings

 around 690.000 people moving by car

Florence Metropolitan Area transportation demand



Morning rush hour 7 – 11 am

ENTRANCE TOTAL: 79.700

EXIT TOTAL: 68.200

Florence Metropolitan Area transportation demand



Fonte: Elaborazioni Istat su dati Commissione Europea

(a) I dati si riferiscono alla fine dell'anno, ad eccezione del Belgio per il quale si riportano al 1° agosto. I taxi sono generalmente inclusi.

Road network

The road network is characterised by a big anomaly: the lack of a ring road which redistribute fluxes

The A1 motorway is too far from the city to gather urban fluxes in an efficient way

The result is that traffic, regardless the origin and destination area, concentrates into the boulevards ring that is the very limit of the historical centre and UNESCO area.

LTZ = Unesco area



Motorways



Extra-urban roads

Main urban roads



Secondary urban roads



Tramway system



🗧 Line 1

- L2, L3.1 (under construction)
 - L4, L3.2 (design phase)

The tramway network is radiocentric.

Intermodal exchange is allowed with the motorway through big parking (under construction)



Bus lines

It is a radial structured network with the main lines of force that cut the historical centre .

Most of the vehicles are equipped with a fleet management systems (AVM)



Railway

The completion of the High Speed line, the new station *AV Belfiore* and the underground segment (dashed line) will allow using the surface lines for a metropolitan high frequency train service



Limited traffic zones

The historical centre is almost entirely covered by a Limited Traffic Zone with controlled gateways

Pedestrian areas are protected with automatic, removable or fixed bollards

> cars m.cycles

trucks

Total



Areas with high concentration of people

Trains and stations Roads and tramways Touristic sites Touristic bus Universities Hospitals



Firenze – Piazza Del Duomo

Critical points

- Narrow streets
- Two city halves split by the river and few bridges
- Lack of a ring road encircling the city
- Lack of alternative routes connecting different areas of the city
- Several big worksite areas inside the city centre over the next years (tramway line 2 and 3)
- 180.000 city users and 30.000 tourists per day in addition to residents

Flood of the Arno river and its tributaries (predictable)



More recently, water bombs involving limited areas of the city (unpredictable)



Summer 2015

Water bomb (august 2015)

Very intense rainfall together with strong wind caused the fall of many trees that blocked the traffic over the south-east area of the city.



Summer 2015

Wind storms and downbursts



Snowfall (even not so heavy) has an extremely negative effect on traffic as most of the cars are not equipped with suitable tires or snow chains



17/12/2011

Flash floods, short and intense rainfalls (unpredictable)



31/10/1992

Other risk factors

- Other unpredictable natural disasters (earthquake)
- Human factors (unpredictable)

Transport modelling for increasing resilience

- 1. Defining the scenarios
- 2. Building a model for each scenario with the **traffic hypervisor tools**: modified road network and modified transport demand
- 3. With an iterative process, running the traffic assignment model and **changing the circulation rules** until you find the configuration that allows **to manage the modified traffic demand with the modified network**
- **4. Defining actions** that must be done to change circulation rules and drive involved people behaviour (communication to users)
- 5. Using the model and the procedures for **real-time management** when the event takes place

Thank you

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