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SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION AND VEHICLE MANAGEMENT POLICY



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SECTION 1.

1.1. INTRODUCTION

Baku Slavic University (BSU) recognizes that transportation is an important component of sustainable campus management and has direct implications for greenhouse gas emissions, air quality, energy consumption, road safety, accessibility, and the overall environmental footprint of the University.

As part of its institutional commitment to sustainable development, climate responsibility, environmental protection, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), BSU is committed to promoting a low-impact, safe, accessible, and pedestrian-oriented transportation environment.

The University seeks to reduce dependence on private motor vehicles, restrict unnecessary vehicle movement within academic areas, encourage the use of public transportation and active mobility, ensure responsible management of University-owned vehicles, and progressively reduce transportation-related environmental impacts.

This Policy establishes the principles and institutional mechanisms governing sustainable transportation, vehicle access, University-owned vehicles, parking management, pedestrian priority, public transportation promotion, and transportation-related environmental performance at Baku Slavic University.



SECTION 2.

2.1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- promote sustainable and environmentally responsible transportation practices;
 - reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution;
 - minimize unnecessary motor vehicle movement within University premises;
 - maintain pedestrian-oriented and vehicle-restricted academic courtyards;
 - encourage students, academic staff, administrative personnel, and visitors to use public transportation and active mobility;
 - ensure responsible and efficient use of University-owned vehicles;
 - limit unnecessary parking areas associated with University activities;
 - promote progressive transition toward low-emission and zero-emission transportation;
 - improve transportation safety and accessibility;
 - integrate sustainable mobility principles into institutional planning and campus management;
 - support BSU's environmental and climate objectives;
- contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



SECTION 3.

3.1. SCOPE

This Policy applies to:

- University leadership;
- academic staff;
- administrative personnel;
- researchers;
- students;
- University-owned and University-operated vehicles;
- contractors and service providers;
- official visitors and guests;
- transportation activities organized or financed by the University;
- parking and vehicle-access areas associated with University facilities.

The Policy applies to BSU academic campuses and, where relevant, other facilities managed or used by the University.

SECTION 4.

PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

BSU's approach to transportation management is based on the following principles:

4.1 Environmental Responsibility

Transportation decisions shall consider greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, fuel consumption, energy efficiency, and broader environmental impacts.

4.2 Pedestrian Priority

Pedestrian movement shall receive priority within academic campus areas wherever operationally feasible.



4.3 Reduction of Private Vehicle Dependence

The University shall encourage alternatives to private motor vehicle use, particularly public transportation, walking, and other sustainable mobility options.

4.4 Efficient Use of Institutional Vehicles

University-owned vehicles shall be used primarily for legitimate institutional and operational purposes and managed in a manner that minimizes unnecessary trips and fuel consumption.

4.5 Accessibility

Transportation arrangements shall take into consideration the mobility needs of persons with disabilities and individuals requiring reasonable accessibility support.

4.6 Continuous Improvement

BSU shall progressively improve transportation management practices based on institutional needs, environmental performance, technological developments, and available resources.

SECTION 5.

5.1. VEHICLE-RESTRICTED ACADEMIC CAMPUS AREAS

BSU maintains a strong institutional approach toward limiting vehicle movement within academic areas.

The internal courtyards and core academic areas of the University are maintained primarily as pedestrian-oriented spaces.

Private vehicles are not permitted to use academic courtyards as regular parking areas.



Vehicle access to restricted campus areas may only be permitted where necessary for:

- emergency services;
- fire and rescue services;
- persons requiring accessibility assistance;
- essential maintenance;
- delivery of necessary equipment or materials;
- construction or infrastructure works;
- security operations;
- other exceptional institutional purposes authorized by the University.

This approach contributes to:

- improved pedestrian safety;
- reduced traffic within campus areas;
- lower local air pollution;
- reduced noise pollution;
- improved campus accessibility;
- preservation of open campus areas;
- reduced dependence on private vehicles.

BSU shall seek to maintain this pedestrian-oriented campus model as part of its sustainable campus strategy.

SECTION 6.

PRIVATE VEHICLE MANAGEMENT

BSU discourages unnecessary use of private motor vehicles for travel to and between University facilities.

Students and staff are encouraged to consider sustainable transportation alternatives whenever reasonably available.



The University shall promote awareness of:

- public transportation routes;
- nearby metro and bus services;
- walking opportunities;
- shared transportation;
- carpooling where appropriate;
- environmentally responsible travel behavior.

Private vehicles shall not be permitted to occupy academic courtyards or other areas designated as pedestrian or vehicle-restricted zones.

SECTION 7.

PARKING MANAGEMENT AND PARKING AREA REDUCTION

BSU recognizes that extensive parking infrastructure can increase dependence on private vehicles and reduce the amount of land available for pedestrian, green, and community spaces.

Accordingly, the University adopts a parking management approach based on limiting unnecessary expansion of parking areas.

BSU shall:

- avoid converting academic courtyards and green areas into permanent parking spaces;
- maintain restrictions on parking inside core academic areas;
- prioritize pedestrian and educational use of campus space;
- avoid unnecessary construction of additional parking infrastructure;
- periodically assess parking demand;
- encourage the use of public transportation instead of private vehicles.



Where parking is available outside or adjacent to University premises, its use shall not compromise pedestrian safety, accessibility, or University environmental objectives.

The University shall seek, wherever feasible, to maintain or progressively reduce the proportion of campus land dedicated to vehicle parking.

SECTION 8.

UNIVERSITY-OWNED VEHICLES

BSU maintains a limited institutional vehicle fleet to support necessary administrative, operational, logistical, academic, and official activities.

University-owned vehicles shall be used responsibly and only for legitimate institutional purposes.

Vehicle use may include:

- official administrative travel;
- transportation associated with University events;
- institutional logistics;
- transportation of official guests and delegations;
- academic and educational activities;
- authorized field activities;
- essential operational requirements.

The University shall seek to minimize unnecessary vehicle journeys through appropriate scheduling, coordination, and trip consolidation.



SECTION 9.

UNIVERSITY MINIBUS AND OFFICIAL TRANSPORTATION

University minibuses are intended primarily to support specific institutional requirements rather than function as continuous daily transportation for students and staff.

They may be used for:

- official University events;
- transportation of delegations and guests;
- conferences and institutional activities;
- educational visits;
- authorized group transportation;
- other approved institutional purposes.

Where multiple transportation requests can reasonably be combined, BSU shall encourage coordinated transportation arrangements in order to reduce unnecessary journeys, fuel consumption, and associated emissions.

SECTION 10.

FUEL EFFICIENCY AND EMISSION REDUCTION

BSU recognizes the environmental impact associated with conventional fuel-powered vehicles.

The University shall seek to reduce fuel consumption and transportation-related emissions through:

- efficient journey planning;
- avoidance of unnecessary vehicle trips;
- consolidation of transportation requests;



- regular vehicle maintenance;
- appropriate tire maintenance;
- responsible driving practices;
- avoidance of unnecessary engine idling;
- gradual consideration of more energy-efficient vehicle technologies.

Where financially and operationally feasible, environmental performance shall be considered when University vehicles are replaced or newly acquired.

SECTION 11.

LOW-EMISSION AND ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES

BSU supports the progressive transition toward cleaner transportation technologies.

Subject to financial feasibility, operational requirements, infrastructure availability, and applicable procurement regulations, the University shall consider:

- electric vehicles;
- hybrid vehicles;
- other low-emission vehicles;
- energy-efficient transportation technologies.

Environmental performance and life-cycle impacts should, where appropriate, form part of future vehicle procurement considerations.

The University shall periodically assess opportunities for introducing low-emission or zero-emission vehicles into its institutional fleet.



SECTION 12.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROMOTION

BSU recognizes public transportation as one of the principal mechanisms for reducing private vehicle dependency and transportation-related environmental impacts.

Given the urban location of the University and the availability of public transportation infrastructure in Baku, students and staff are encouraged to use:

- metro services;
- public buses;
- other shared public transportation;
- walking connections between public transportation stops and University facilities.

Information and awareness activities may be used to encourage members of the University community to select public transportation whenever practical.

SECTION 13.

WALKING AND ACTIVE MOBILITY

BSU supports walking and other appropriate forms of active mobility as environmentally responsible transportation options.

The University shall seek to:

- maintain safe pedestrian access;
- preserve pedestrian-oriented campus areas;
- prevent unnecessary vehicle obstruction of pedestrian routes;
- promote awareness of sustainable mobility;
- improve accessibility where reasonably possible.



SECTION 14.

ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

BSU is committed to ensuring that transportation policies do not create unnecessary barriers for persons with disabilities or individuals with mobility limitations.

Exceptions to vehicle-access restrictions may therefore be granted where required to provide reasonable accessibility.

The University shall seek to ensure that transportation and pedestrian planning considers:

- accessible entrances;
- safe drop-off arrangements where necessary;
- appropriate pedestrian routes;
- mobility requirements of persons with disabilities;
- emergency accessibility.

Accessibility requirements shall be considered together with environmental and pedestrian-priority objectives.

BSU organizes regular seminars, workshops, orientation sessions, and professional development programmes covering topics such as academic integrity, anti-corruption principles, ethical decision-making, conflict of interest management, responsible governance, examination ethics, digital administration, and compliance with institutional policies and national legislation. Newly appointed academic and administrative staff are introduced to the University's ethical standards and institutional regulations during their induction process. Students are also informed about academic integrity, responsible conduct, complaint and appeals procedures, and their rights and responsibilities within the University.



SECTION 15.

SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS AND OFFICIAL TRAVEL

BSU encourages environmentally responsible decision-making in official University travel.

Where appropriate and practical, University units should:

- consolidate multiple transportation requirements;
- avoid unnecessary trips;
- use digital communication and online meetings where physical travel is not essential;
- select efficient transportation options;
- coordinate group transportation;
- consider environmental impacts when planning official travel.

Online and hybrid meetings may be used where they can reasonably substitute for unnecessary transportation while maintaining institutional effectiveness.

SECTION 16.

SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS AND OFFICIAL TRAVEL

Transportation sustainability shall be implemented together with appropriate safety measures.

All University vehicle operations shall comply with applicable road traffic legislation and safety requirements.

Drivers of University vehicles are expected to:

- comply with applicable traffic laws;
- observe speed limits;
- operate vehicles responsibly;
- ensure passenger safety;



SECTION 17.

EMERGENCY AND ESSENTIAL VEHICLE ACCESS

Nothing in this Policy shall restrict necessary access by:

- ambulances;
- fire services;
- police and security services;
- emergency maintenance vehicles;
- disaster-response services;
- vehicles required for urgent infrastructure operations.

Emergency access routes shall remain available where necessary.

Environmental restrictions shall not compromise health, safety, emergency preparedness, or accessibility.

SECTION 18.

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLES

When procuring or replacing University vehicles, BSU shall, where legally, technically, and financially feasible, consider:

- fuel efficiency;
- greenhouse gas emissions;
- vehicle size relative to operational needs;
- energy consumption;
- maintenance requirements;
- durability;
- environmental performance;
- life-cycle costs;
- availability of low-emission alternatives.

Preference should progressively be given to environmentally responsible transportation solutions where they provide appropriate operational and financial value.



SECTION 19.

TRANSPORTATION AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT

BSU shall promote sustainable transportation awareness among members of the University community.

Awareness activities may include:

- sustainable mobility information campaigns;
- environmental awareness events;
- SDG-related activities;
- climate action initiatives;
- information on public transportation;
- promotion of walking;
- responsible driving awareness;
- student-led sustainability activities.

Students and staff are encouraged to contribute ideas for improving sustainable transportation practices at the University.

SECTION 20.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Implementation of this Policy supports several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly:

SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being

through improved pedestrian safety and reduced exposure to transportation-related pollution.

SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy

through support for energy-efficient and low-emission transportation technologies.



SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

through progressive adoption of sustainable transportation solutions.

SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

through public transportation promotion, pedestrian priority, and responsible mobility management.

SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production

through efficient use, maintenance, and responsible procurement of University vehicles.

SDG 13 – Climate Action

through efforts to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions and private vehicle dependence.

SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals

through cooperation with public institutions, transportation providers, stakeholders, and the University community in promoting sustainable mobility.

SECTION 21.

TRANSPORTATION AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT

Implementation of this Policy is a shared institutional responsibility.

University Leadership

University leadership shall provide strategic oversight and support the integration of sustainable transportation principles into institutional planning.

Administrative and Operational Units

Relevant administrative units shall manage institutional vehicles, transportation requests, parking arrangements, maintenance, and operational implementation of vehicle-related requirements.



Sustainability Coordination

The relevant sustainability coordination function shall support:

- monitoring of sustainable transportation practices;
- sustainability reporting;
- environmental performance assessment;
- GreenMetric and other sustainability-related reporting;
- awareness and continuous improvement initiatives.

Academic Staff and Administrative Personnel

Employees are encouraged to support sustainable transportation practices and comply with campus vehicle restrictions.

Students

Students are expected to respect pedestrian and vehicle-restricted areas and are encouraged to use sustainable transportation alternatives.

Drivers and Authorized Vehicle Users

Drivers and authorized users shall ensure responsible, safe, and efficient operation of University vehicles.

SECTION 22.

MONITORING AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

BSU shall progressively monitor transportation-related indicators where relevant data are available.

Indicators may include:

- number of University-owned vehicles;
- number and type of low-emission or zero-emission vehicles;



- transportation-related fuel consumption;
- vehicle access restrictions;
- parking area relative to total campus area;
- availability of pedestrian areas;
- University transportation activities;
- initiatives promoting public transportation;
- transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions where measurable;
- sustainable mobility programmes and awareness activities.

Transportation-related information may be incorporated into institutional sustainability reports, GreenMetric submissions, climate-related reporting, and other relevant sustainability assessments.

SECTION 23.

GREEN CAMPUS AND CLIMATE ACTION INTEGRATION

Transportation management forms an integral component of BSU's broader sustainable campus and climate action approach.

Transportation planning shall therefore be coordinated, where appropriate, with institutional initiatives relating to:

- greenhouse gas emission reduction;
- carbon footprint management;
- energy efficiency;
- environmental sustainability;
- sustainable procurement;
- green campus development;
- climate action;
- environmental awareness;
- Sustainable Development Goal implementation.



The University recognizes that reducing unnecessary motor vehicle use contributes directly to improving campus environmental performance.

SECTION 24.

TRANSPORTATION AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT

This Policy shall be implemented progressively in accordance with:

- institutional capacity;
- available financial resources;
- operational requirements;
- applicable legislation;
- infrastructure conditions;
- sustainability objectives.

Relevant University units shall cooperate in implementing transportation and vehicle-management measures within their areas of responsibility.

SECTION 25.

MONITORING, REVIEW AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

BSU is committed to continuous improvement in sustainable transportation and vehicle management.

The University shall periodically assess:

- vehicle usage patterns;
- parking requirements;
- opportunities for reducing private vehicle dependence;



- opportunities for increasing sustainable mobility;
- environmental performance of University-owned vehicles;
- opportunities for introducing low-emission transportation technologies.

This Policy shall be reviewed at least once every three years or earlier where changes in legislation, institutional priorities, sustainability standards, transportation infrastructure, or technological developments require amendments.

FINAL PROVISION

Baku Slavic University recognizes sustainable transportation as an essential component of responsible campus management, environmental stewardship, climate action, and sustainable institutional development.

Through the implementation of this Policy, BSU is committed to maintaining pedestrian-oriented academic environments, limiting unnecessary vehicle access and parking, encouraging public and sustainable transportation, responsibly managing its institutional vehicle fleet, and progressively reducing the environmental impact of transportation activities.

All members of the University community share responsibility for supporting a safe, accessible, efficient, and environmentally sustainable transportation culture at Baku Slavic University.

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