



The City of Pune Wins NITI Aayog and Rocky Mountain Institute's Grand Challenge, Becoming India's First Lighthouse City for Mobility Solutions

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14 June 2018—Pune has been selected as India's first Lighthouse City for mobility solutions. As the first Lighthouse City, Pune will serve as a test bed for identifying, implementing and scaling integrated pilot projects in order to drive whole-system transformation of mobility in India's cities.

Pune was named the Grand Challenge winner following a nationwide application process. Key selection criteria for the Grand Challenge included: strong local government support; demonstrated progress on shared, clean, and connected mobility; and the city's relevance to urban affairs in India. Amitabh Kant, CEO of NITI Aayog, announced the [Grand Challenge](#) in November 2017.

As the first Lighthouse City, Pune will be the first host of the Urban Mobility Lab, a program that helps accelerate solutions to complex mobility problems and implements those solutions as a portfolio of integrated pilot projects. The Urban Mobility Lab will launch with a multiday Solutions Workshop in Pune in August 2018, bringing together multi-stakeholder teams working on high-impact, innovative projects that address critical issues in Pune's and India's mobility systems. During the Solutions Workshop, these teams will work to rapidly advance their solutions with the support of expert advisors and public-sector participants. Following the Solutions Workshop, the Urban Mobility Lab will serve as an ongoing platform to support implementation, share lessons learned and scale pilot projects from Pune to other Indian cities.

RMI will be administering the Urban Mobility Lab with the support of the Government of Maharashtra and Pune Municipal Corporation. The program is designed to be a replicable process to develop customized solutions in an expanded set of Lighthouse Cities over time. Solutions developed at the Urban Mobility Lab will aim to inform national-level initiatives such as the Smart Cities Mission and Green Mobility Scheme. Through this scaling pathway, the Urban Mobility Lab can support broader adoption of shared, clean and connected mobility solutions, which could save India 1gigaton of carbon dioxide emissions and US\$330 billion in fuel imports by 2030, according to NITI Aayog and RMI's May 2017 report, *India Leaps Ahead*.

The Urban Mobility Lab's steering committee will soon open an application process for multi-stakeholder teams interested in participating in the Solutions Workshop in Pune in August 2018.

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