



DESIGN & ASSESS what can be done

Many countries are making strides to improve older people’s access to transport and to reduce barriers in the built environment. Although some cities have piloted and implemented programmes, very few provide specific information on the size of the effect – or measurable impact – on older people’s abilities. Information on impact would be useful for other areas wishing to implement similar programmes. Nevertheless, several programmes demonstrate that it is feasible to provide a safe, secure, accessible and well-connected environment for older people. For instance:

HADANO CITY, JAPAN

created the “Tochicubo Shopping Club” offering transportation to a supermarket once a week for adults aged 60 years and over.²¹⁶

RENNES, FRANCE

Le mobilier urbain au banc d’essai in Rennes, France, engaged older people and people with disabilities to examine public seating in Rennes and to recommend how to adapt it to the needs of persons with decreased capacity. The recommendations were integrated into the city budget and adjustments are being made.²¹⁷

【秦野市、日本】 (神奈川県仮訳)
60歳以上の高齢者に対して、週1回、スーパーマーケットへの移動手段を提供する「とちくぼ買い物クラブ」を立ち上げた。

VALPARAISO, CHILE

The Gerópolis Center of the University of Valparaiso, Chile, is partnering with the health authority of the municipality and older people to create the “Community Observatory of Management and Control of Territorial Information”. The result of this collaboration is a crowdsourcing platform called DIMEapp (see below), where older people can report environmental problems affecting mobility and accessibility and create an overview of the municipal environment. **This is an example of real-time use of data and geotagging to facilitate functional ability, as older people are involved in all steps of the process from environmental accessibility mapping to app development.**²¹⁸ The information is used to help streamline the prioritization, case management and monitoring of accessibility concerns by local government and the community. The goal is to ensure that environments are more accessible for older people and the wider community. The intention is that the app and the information it contains will empower older people to push for changes in environmental issues that affect them.

