

LIS_01 'To restrict car access in the city'

Description of the measure and main outcomes expected

The measure LIS_01 proposes the implementation of traffic restriction pilot projects around municipal schools (4 schools) to promote safer and more active modes around schools. It will deliver the 4 pilot projects and a guide describing the process for future uptake. It also includes a public space transitory design activity, participatory actions with the school community, parish councils and citizens (mostly residents), and communication activities.

Preparation of the measure

For this measure, a first analysis of city schools was conducted in order to perceive which ones had an adequate profile to develop this project. 4 Schools were then selected.

Bi-lateral meetings (February 2024) with 4 Parishes were conducted to introduce this UPPER measure, branded through the Mexe-te pela Tua Cidade municipal program. This programme promotes safety and active modes in school surroundings with the closure of several streets to cars users (non-residents) during morning school entrance schedule, once a week, throughout an entire school year.



Figure 1 Teams meeting with one of the Parishes

E Luís da Cunha

· Esta escola inicia o programa Mexe-te

Pela tua cidade!!!

• na primeira semana de outubro de 2024.

• Frente encerra entre as 8.00 e as 9:30

• dia da semana, Sexta-feira

• Frente escolar encerra com baias e tela informativa do projeto

• Apoio de escola divulgação email e folhetos

Figure 2 Plan presented at the meeting with one of the Parishes, with the traffic restrictions planned in School EB Dom Luís da Cunha

As a result of these meetings, 2 of these parishes declined participation. After a second round of city school's analysis, 2 other Parishes were selected, and bi-lateral meetings were conducted in March 2024. In total, stakeholders from 4 schools were involved, as well as their 4 parishes:

School	Parishes
EB Santo Amaro	Alcântara
EB Dom Luís da Cunha	Alvalade
EB Professor Manuel Sérgio	Ajuda
EB de Telheiras	Lumiar

Table 1 Schools and Parishes involved in LIS $_01$

CML then proceeded with an in-depth data collection and analysis of mobility behaviours surrounding the selected schools, that allowed the specification of the traffic restrictive points to be implemented.

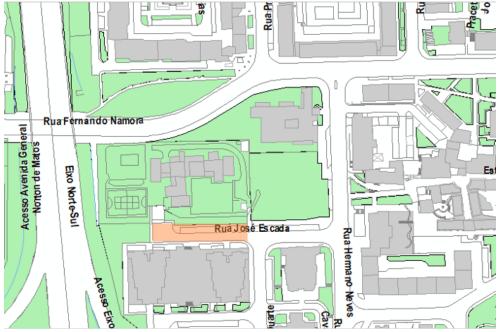


Figure 3 Plan portraying traffic restrictions planned in School EB de Telheiras

On the 4th of June, celebrating Children's Day and Bicycle Day, a pop-up test was implemented in EB Santo Amaro (Alcantara Parish), with great acceptance from all the stakeholders involved.



Figure 4 Traffic restriction implemented, in EB Santo Amaro, 4th of June 2024



Figure 5 Event Flyer, in EB Santo Amaro, 4th of June 2024

During summer 2024, CML is conducting meetings with the stakeholders in order to prepare all the work necessary to implement (human resources, promotion materials, equipment necessary) in the beginning of the next school year.

Challenges & Mitigations

Stakeholders' engagement is considered the biggest challenge so far, namely gaining the acceptance and the commitment of the parishes – new schools had to be selected, after 2 parishes declined involvement in this measure. This could be related to the upcoming year local authority's election, anticipating this issue could be recurrent for the upcoming year.

Next steps towards implementation

With the start of the 2024-2025 school year, in September-October 2024, the pilot restrictive car access measures will be put in place through pop-up activities throughout the year in the 4 schools mentioned above, during morning school entrance schedule, once a week.