

Traffic congestion is becoming a huge problem for many major cities. Suggest some measures that could be taken to reduce traffic in big cities.

in most countries

most people, especially those who live

are affected by it

causes of traffic jams / reasons for traffic jams

problem

is...transportation (uncountable, no plural "s")

people will choose to use it rather than drive

to reduce the traffic on

Nowadays, it is obvious that the congestion in nearly all over the world is on the increase and cities are becoming busier. In my opinion, this problem must be tackled because it is a global issue and most of people, especially who live in big cities, are suffering from that.

One of the main reasons which causes the traffic jam is that the majority of people prefer using their own cars instead of public transportation. However, it is not impossible to find good and effective ways to control the congestion. Public transportation is the easiest way to solve this trouble. If there are comfortable and cheap public transportations such as trains and buses, they will make people like to use them better than drive. For instance, in Manchester, Stagecoach buses are the most convenient buses that help the city to have comfortable life in its roads and streets during rush hours. In fact, governments should provide much better public transportation and charge prices that are affordable for everyone.

the traffic problem (say what "that" is)

a congestion fee

This will

Another solution to solve that is to charge the congestion fee for every car that will go into a city centre. It will either discourage people from driving into that area, or raise more money for public transportation. A good example of this situation is London, which now has a congestion charge. Going to the city centre in London costs about £8 per day.

In conclusion, the problem of traffic congestion can be tackled by improving public transportation and by charging drivers who enter city centres.

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Feedback:

- Good introduction: you introduce the topic and answer the question in a simple way.
- You give 2 solutions which are organised in 2 good paragraphs. Each paragraph develops the main point well. Good examples for each point.
- Ideas are well-linked and developed logically.
- You use some 'band 7' vocabulary e.g. on the increase, tackle a problem, prices that are affordable, discourage people, raise money, congestion charge.
- Excellent conclusion to summarise the ideas.
- The essay could be improved by reducing the number of small mistakes. However, there are several sentences that contain no mistakes at all.
- Overall, band 7.