



Bike Sharing 4.0 Study

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Bike sharing is predicted to grow at a very fast pace, opening up to its users a new means of urban transportation

Management summary

- > Major challenges and trends in personal mobility, e.g. enhanced interconnectedness, altered consumer behavior, etc. became the growth engine for bike sharing schemes. Today, ~1,000 bike sharing schemes with more than 1,200,000 bikes are already in operation worldwide and the market is expected to grow by 20% p.a. by 2020. Then, the size of the global market will be between EUR 3.6 and 5.3 bn
- > Being low priced and covering short to middle distances, bike sharing closes an important gap between other modes of transportation by providing an easily available door-to-door solution. Depending on the density of the public transportation network, bike sharing can either extend or complement existing public transit systems
- > Successful bike sharing schemes are mainly financed by a combination of usage fees and public funds or sometimes advertising. Leading European bike sharing schemes all involve public funding with different levels of private sector involvement



Six factors on how to run bike sharing schemes sustainably and successfully

Management summary

- > Six success factors for bike sharing schemes have been identified in best practice examples:
 - (1) High density network: Highly concentrated networks of stations and bikes dramatically increase usage frequency
 - (2) Multimodal integration: Integration can be achieved through integrated infrastructure and operations, payment and information structure
 - (3) Simple handling: User-friendly schemes rely on automated rental processes, no obligatory advance registration but fast tracking for registered users
 - (4) Attractive pricing: An affordable and strategic pricing scale should be designed to promote both ridership and demand
 - (5) High-quality bike: Reliable bikes require low maintenance and are specially designed to prevent theft yet meet the user's needs
 - (6) Support of local authorities: Support is key to success due to the schemes' dependency on public funds, land use rights and agencies
- > All of the main stakeholders in bike sharing concepts (governments, sponsors, manufacturers and operating companies) need to be aware of the growing market for "bike sharing" and should be supporting, investing in and continuously developing this opportunity



Innovative mobility services change the existing way of passenger transport fundamentally and sustainably

What is "innovative mobility"?

Traditional transportation



- > Conventional, rather asset-intensive transport modes and services
- > Limited view on single element of travel chain – no focus on optimizing the entire customer journey
- > Rather "passive administration" instead of "disruptive or continuous improvement"

Innovative mobility



- Intelligent combination of several transport modes and concepts with improved interfaces between modes
- > Leveraging new technological trends and possibilities from digitalization
- > Shifting paradigms towards sustainability and flexibility of service offering



Business models transform towards lower asset-intensity, whereas customers prefer "sharing" and "using" over "owning"

Business models

Traditional transportation



Consumer behavior

2 Innovative mobility: Lower asset intensity

		"Own"	"Use"	"Share"
	Infrastructure provider		Mobility stations and E-charging stations	
	Vehicle provider	E-bike and micro vehicle manufacturers		Bike sharing and car sharing operators
	Service provider	eCall/bCall and telediagnosis service providers	Mobile "parking" and mobile payment	
2117	Agent		Intermodal booking and taxi apps	P2P parking and P2P car sharing platforms
	Information provider		Intermodal routing and sight-seeing apps	Crowd navigation and review platforms

Consumer behavior



Bike sharing addresses major challenges and trends in personal mobility

Market and mega trends



Market and customer trends

Over time, bike sharing developed into a worldwide applied, highly technological and integrated mode of transport business

Bike sharing development



Source: Susan Shaheen, Roland Berger

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About 1,000 bike sharing systems with more than 1,270,000 bikes are already in operation all around the globe – Asia biggest market

Global presence of bike sharing systems – December 2015





The number of bikes in bike sharing systems is still growing significantly – Biggest bike sharing systems implemented in China

Development and distribution of bike sharing systems

Global development of bike sharing schemes

No. of bike sharing schemes



No. of bikes in bike sharing schemes ['000]



Biggest bike sharing schemes worldwide¹⁾



1) As of 2014

Source: Earth Policy Institute, Peter Midgley, Roland Berger



The market is expected to grow by 20% p.a. until 2020 – Then, the market will be between EUR 3.6 and 5.3 bn

Outlook

Market development [2006-2020]



No. of bikes in bike sharing schemes ['000]



Reasons for growth

- > Increasing urbanization
 - Increasing traffic and lack of parking space in cities
- > Changing climate
 - Increasing environmental awareness
 - Scarcity of resources
- > Changing buying behaviors
 - Sharing rather than owning
- > Increasing political support
 - Supporting the "bikeability" of a city (e.g. through dedicated bike lanes)
 - Supporting bike sharing schemes financially as sponsor or co-operator
 - Acknowledging bike sharing for fringe benefits
- > Enhanced interconnectedness
 - Increasing inter-modal transportation



Being low-priced and covering short to middle distances, bike sharing closes an important gap between other modes

Transportation niche





Depending on the density of its environment, bike sharing can either extend or complement existing public transit systems

Bike sharing's role in transit systems

"The denser the urban environment (particularly for rail), the more bike sharing provides new connections that substitute for existing ones."



Bike sharing relieves pressure from dense and busy public transport networks and offers an additional transport option

"The less dense the environment, the more bike sharing establishes new connections to the existing public transit system."



Bike sharing casts the network denser and facilitates first and last mile but cannot compete with entire journey

Share of people increasing rail/bus Share of

Share of people not changing rail/bus



There are essentially two bike sharing models in the market: Freefloating and station-based bike sharing

Bike sharing models





Bike sharing operators are differentiated by their goal of operation, financing sources as well as ownership and operations

Operator models

	 For Profit > Owned and operated by a private company, responsible for fundraising & costs > Quick raise of private investments 			 Non-Profit > Owned and operated by an agency, responsible for fundraising & costs > Flexible funding (govt. or local sources) 			
Overall							
goals							
¢	Private				Public		
$ \Psi $	> Private	loans			> Federal grants		
Financing	> Private grants		and/or		> State grants		
	> Advertis	sing			> City funds		
AA	Ownership	Private	Public	Private	Public		
Owner-	Operations	Private	Private	Public	Public		
ship & Operations		 Privately owned and operated Street furniture contract 	> Publicly Owned/ Contractor Operated	> N/A	> Publicly Owned and Operated		
		 Third-party operated 					
		 Vendor operated 					

Source: Programs promote bikesharing in the US, Public Bikesharing in North America, Bike Share Opportunities in NYC, Roland Berger



Successful bike sharing schemes are mainly financed by a combination of usage fees and public funds, sometimes even advertising

Main financing models



USAGE FEES (collected by 95% of operators)

- > Access fees
- > Rental fees
- > Season tickets
- ADVERTISING REVENUES (collected by 68-89% of operators)
 - > Rental of advertising space on bikes and stations
 - > Rental of external advertising space
 - > Sponsorship

3 PUBLIC/PRIVATE FUNDS (collected by 16-32% of operators)

- > Operating cost subsidies
- > Infrastructure subsidies
- > Research and development funds
- > Donations



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Leading European bike sharing schemes all involve public funding on various different levels of independency

Comparison of financing models

Financing Models > A combination of several financing sources is possible > The majority makes use of 4 sources or more >/= 5 sources 26% 4 sources - Design, Build¹⁾ - Design, Build, Operate, Maintain²⁾

 These multiple sources are usually a combination of fix sources (e.g. sponsorship) and variable sources (e.g. membership fees)

F	Fund type	Advantages	Disadvantages	Example
P P P	Public Private Partnership	> All logistics handled by the private sector party	 Loss of revenues from advertising 	> Paris
Ē	Design, Build ¹⁾	> Relieved of operating and performance risk for private sector party	 Competition for public funds Very little control for private sector party 	> Munich > Berlin > Frankfurt
E C N	Design, Build, Dperate, Naintain ²⁾	 Relieved of performance risk for private sector party Reduced control for public party 	 Competition for public funds Operating risk for private sector party 	> Barcelona
E C N F	Design, Build, Dperate, Maintain, Finance ³⁾	 Complete control for private sector party Assured performance standards 	 Risk of disagreement about advert. Operating and per- formance risk for private sector party 	

1) Public owner and responsible for operations, maintenance and financing, private company designs and builds scheme 2) Public owner and responsible for financing, private company designs, builds, operates and maintains scheme 3) Public owner, private company responsible for design, building, operating, maintaining and financing Source: Public bike sharing in North America: Early operator and understanding emerging trends; TransLink Public Bike System Feasibility Study, Roland Berger 160622_VM_Bikesharing_Update.pptx



Endogenous (e.g. coverage) and exogenous factors (e.g. "bikeability") made Vélib to become Europe's largest bike sharing scheme

Bike sharing examples: Good practice – Vélib Paris

Key Facts

- > Public-private partnership, stationbased bike-sharing scheme operated by JCDecaux
- > Largest bike-sharing scheme in Europe
- > Rapidly launched in 2007, doubling the number of bikes within the first six months

No. of bikes:	24,200
No. of stations:	1,606
Catchment area:	approx. 104 km ²
No. of customers:	286,000
No. of trips per year:	39,500,000
Avg. trip duration:	15 min.

Success Factors



Extensive coverage > High bike-station density (17 per km²) and availability of bicycles

Quick roll-out

> Own internal momentum, program "buzz" after introduction





Easy intermodality

High acceptance rate

Complementary transport mode

> No subway operations after 1 am

Robust yet modern bicycle design

> Connection to public transport and car-sharing schemes

> Heavy to prevent theft, no exposable cables for more robustness

> 70% increase in bicycle use, 5% reduction in car use after launch







> Paris-initiatives to promote the "bikeability" of the town



Though emerged as an awarded bike sharing scheme, Bixi Montréal became eventually insolvent due to the inability to create profits

Bike sharing examples: Bad practice – Bixi Montréal

Key Facts

- > City-financed (formerly privatefinanced), non-station-based bikesharing scheme operated by the city of Montréal
- > Launched in 2007 and initially acknowledged for its technological innovations
- > Filed for insolvency in January 2014

No. of bikes:	5,220
No. of stations:	452
Catchment area:	approx. 82 km ²
No. of customers:	35,000
No. of trips per year:	3,500,000
Avg. trip duration:	13 min.

Reasons for Failure



Strong seasonality

> Operations from April 15 to November 15 (high costs, low loyalty)

Highly technologized

> Reduced target group to tech-savvy customers with resp. equipment

Lack of major sponsorship

> E.g. London: Santander, Barcelona: Vodafone, Paris: JCDecaux

Poor management and intransparency

> Decision towards restructuring rather issuance of new debt in 2014

Dispersed coverage

> Low bike-station density (6 per km²) and availability of bicycles

Broad international orientation

> Intl. claims for compensation due to delayed delivery of bikes





Bike sharing systems need to be simple, multimodally integrated and low priced offering high-quality bikes in a dense network

Key success factors

A. High-density network	Highly concentrated and comprehensive network of stations and bikes and widespread program coverage ensure high accessibility
B. Multimodal integration	Integrated infrastructure, info-structure and payment with other mobility services enable convenient transfers
C. Simple handling	User-friendly, automated rental processes and no advance regis- tration increase usability and reduce entry barriers for new users
D. Attractive pricing	Minutes for free and low priced, competitive fares increase acceptance and usage intensity of bike-sharing offerings
E. High-quality bike	Easy-to ride but also sturdy and weatherproof bikes ensure a comfortable driving experience and reduce maintenance costs
F. Support of local authorities	Support of local authorities e.g. in terms of bike lanes, accessibility of public spaces and link to public transport can boost success



Highly concentrated networks of stations and bikes drastically increase usage frequency – Market benchmarks show correlation

Key success factors – High density network (2012-2013)



Correlation between network density and frequency of use

- Correlation evident between network density and frequency of use
- > However, high network density does not always trigger high usage frequency (e.g. London) – the city itself and the schemes need to provide incentives to increase bike sharing
- > Vélib Paris is at the European forefront with 17 stations per km² of catchment area and approx. 1,460 trips per bike per year



Multimodal integration can be achieved through integrated infrastructure and operations, payment and info structure

Key success factors – Multimodal integration



Infrastructure and operations

- > Link bike sharing and other modes of transport through multimodal hubs
- > Secure easy transfer between modes through bike sharing spots at public transit stations
- > Install bike racks on busses to easily transport bicycles

Payment technology

- > Integrate bike sharing into public transport tickets
- > Develop comprehensive smart payment card for all services
- > Offer one public transportation pricing scheme, including bike sharing

Information structure

- > Integrate bike sharing into public transport control system
- > Provide bike sharing user information on public transport interfaces (e.g. availability of bikes at stations)
- > Combine traditional public transport and bike sharing for routing options¹)

1) E.g. HVV; Hamburg, Germany Source: Roland Berger



User-friendly schemes rely on automated rental processes, no obligatory advance registration but fast tracks for registered users

Key success factors – Simple handling

No advance registration

"Fast track" access for registered users

Automatic bike unlocking

Automatic bike return

Payment with public transit customer card

Bikes can be loan out on the spot, usually with a credit card or IDRegistered users receive a membership card and simply swipe the card over the card reader to unlock a bikeBikes are secured by locks that open

automatically when bike rent starts

Rent is automatically completed when bikes are returned or locked

Bike rent can be billed automatically to the public transit customer card

SELECTED EXAMPLES





Affordable and strategic pricing scale should be designed to promote both, ridership and demand

Key success factors – Attractive pricing

Prerequisites

- > Gather knowledge of habits and average routes of the target group, the city's criteria, policies and objectives
 - E.g.: New York City decided initially to keep fees for bike sharing lower than those for public transit
- > Analyze price-elasticity first (only little re-search available)
- > Make sure to set prices for the medium-/long term – fast post implementation price changes will most likely lead to public backlashes

Implementation

- Incentivize short trips in order to maximize the turnover of bikes
 - E.g.: Offering first increment of time for free (usually between 30-45 minutes)
- > Balance subscription fees and usage fees
 - Subscription fees guarantee for stable revenues and give insights into customer data – also interesting for potential sponsorships – through registration
 - Anonymous usage fees have the potential for higher revenue creation
- > Attract both long-term users and casual users
 - Long-term users account for the majority of trips and deter theft, but are responsible for more wear-and-tear on system
 - Causal users account for 2/3 of revenue, as most are not aware of the free first increment



Reliable bikes require low maintenance, are specially designed to prevent theft, yet fulfill the user's needs

Key success factors – High-quality bike

General bike requirements

- > Attractive, yet robust
- > Overall appearance as sleek and modern
- > Size aligned with average user height
- Robustness allows for min.6 uses a day
- Tires, chains and breaks designed for low maintenance efforts
- Special parts, proprietary tooling, non-common sizes to deter theft
- > Weight ranges between 14.3 kg and 22 kg



Part-specific requirements

- > Easily adjustable seat post, as only one size of bike available
- > Light and reflectors for increased safety
- Front basket for personal items – to prevent overload of rears
- > Mud and chain guards to increase robustness and protect user from dirt
- > Durable tires to keep maintenance low
- > Drum brakes to keep maintenance low

SELECTED EXAMPLES





1) Operators of bike sharing: Santander Cycle Hire, Vélib (JV by JCDecaux) 2) No reflectors 3) Parts installed, however chain guard catching the crank 2nd most common

problem 4) Tires intended to be durable, however, flat tires is the most common problem in the Vélib bike sharing scheme

Source: ITDP The Bike-share Planning Guide, Providers, press research, Roland Berger



The support of local authorities is key to success, due to the schemes' dependency on public funds, land use rights and agencies

Key success factors – Support of local authorities



> Who to ask for support?

Authoritative support should be sought at multiple parties to ensure for ongoing support over several years and election cycles

> How to involve them?

Throughout the different stages of the venture

- Educating authoritative representatives about bike sharing benefits
- Travelling to other bike sharing cities along with decision-makers to see a program in place
- Talking to other implementers

> What are the authorities' benefits?

Decision-makers will then become champions for the new system in their cities (e.g. London Mayor Boris Johnson's support led to the system's nickname "Boris Bikes")

Depending on the density of the environment, bike sharing will either relieve the existing public transport system or complement it to establish new connections



The exemplary business case shows that the business model can be operated profitably, with an EBIT margin approximately 10%

Exemplary and rough business case¹ [EUR m]

ASSUMPTIONS					RESULTS	
Business model: Station-based bike sharing system with regular bikes	Rental revenues Number of rentals p.a. [# m] Ø length of rentals [min] Ø return per rental [EUR]	1 1 30 1	Op. expenditures Rent for private/public space Repair and distribution of bikes Insurance, power and other	0.5 0.1 0.3 0.1	Revenues Expenses EBITDA Depreciat.	1.4 0.8 0.6 0.5
KPI's	Advertising revenues	0.4 600	Personnel expenses Marketing and sales	0.1 0 2	EBIT	0.1
# Inhab. 500,000 # Bikes 600	Number of stations [#] Ø return per bike p.a. [EUR] Ø return per station p.a. [EUR]	60 160 6,000	expenses	U.L	margin [%]
	DEPRECIATIONS [EUR I	n]		0.5		
	Bikes and components 0.2	St	ations 0.2 IT	0.1		

1) Exemplary business case, actual figures highly depend, amongst other things, on actual business model, company assets and geographical focus

Source: Roland Berger



Operating system trends focus on digitalization, flexibility, collaboration as well as taxation

Current Innovations: What's hot, what's next? (1/2)

Digitilization



- > Integrating a GPS-system for guidance
- > Allowing for real-time information via built-in tablets (e.g. stations' location and availability, transit schedules and ticket purchase facilities) and advanced booking
- > Example: Cykel DK in Copenhagen

Stations on trailer



- > Installation of bike stations on movable trailers
- > Moving the trailers around the city depending on availability
- > Optimizing supply and demand by reacting on customers' needs
- > Example: Velo Share in Singapore

Partnerships



- > Expanding bike sharing operations through partnerships
- > Integrating bike sharing into existing public transportation systems through integrated ticketing and pricing
- > Collaborating with other shared mobility companies (e.g. Uber) via an integrated mobile app

Tax break



- > Making bike sharing eligible for fringe benefits
- > Receiving the same tax treatment as company cars and other public transportation systems
 - > Example: Bike Sharing in New York City



Electrification, security, safety as well as family-friendliness are new trends among bike sharing equipment

Current Innovations: What's hot, what's next? (2/2)





- > E-Bikes: Using electric bikes for bike sharing; e.g. in Madrid
- > Portable motor
 - Electrifying both: personal and shared bikes
- Originating from bike sharing systems in US, CAN, UK

Virtual
station



- No physical stations required; parking is only allowed in a certain geographic area; location identification via GPS (as car2go system)
- > Unlocking via bluetooth (mobile app), member cards, credit cards or PIN codes
- Increased flexibility: Less frustration finding an empty station when renting a bike, or finding a full station when wanting to return a bike

Reusable helmets



- > Reusable helmets especially interesting for countries with specific helmet laws
- > Helmet vending machines: Renting and returning at stations; incl. cleaning process before next usage
- Disposable paper pulp helmets: Renting and returning at stations; cheap and disposable (no need for sanitizing)

Family bike sharing



- > Include kids bikes, balance bikes and bikes with stabilizers into bike sharing concept
- > Goal: Make bike sharing more family-friendly
 - > Allowing urban children to learn how to cycle without owning a bike
- > Example: P'tit Vélib, Paris



Four main stakeholders in bike sharing concepts involved: Governments, sponsors, manufacturers and operating companies

Main stakeholders

National and local governments

- > Support bike sharing via politics and policies
- > (Sometimes) operate bike sharing business (e.g. Montréal)

Operating companies

- > Operate the bike sharing business along the entire value chain for profit
- > Selling business ideas to local authorities



Bike Sharing

Sponsors/Investors

- > Sponsor/invest into bike sharing operators
- > Become advertised on bike equipment

Bike and component manufacturers

- > Sell high quality bikes and their (individualized) components
- > Deliver bikes/components on time for launch/further expansion¹⁾

1) Major US supplier for bike sharing programs (Public Bike Systems & Co.) went bankrupt in January 2014 and thus stopped the growth resp. launch plans of many cities

Source: marketplace.org; Roland Berger



These four stakeholders should support, invest in and continuously develop the opportunity "bike sharing"

Recommendations for stakeholders

National and local governments

Sponsors/Investors

> Recognize the financial

> Test bike sharing

and financials

potential of bike sharing

schemes for operability

> Align incentives for sus-

> Enforce the positive

"bike"

tainability and practicality

connection to the brand

Be supportive!

Be aware!

- > Define clear goals for the modal share of bikes
- > Support the bikeability of cities (e.g. bike lanes, inexpensive land use rights, public transport integration, etc.)

Facilitate the bike share expansion by political power

Anticipate investment opportunity "bike sharing" Use opportunity to expand market share and reach new customers

Bike and component

> (Co-)Develop bikes for

bike sharing schemes

> Develop e-bikes for bike

sharing schemes to push

and make the public used

e-bikes into the market

> Involve with bike sharing

of bikes overall

to increase modal share

manufacturers

Be proactive!

to it

Operating companies

Be a pioneer!

- Develop the product on a constant basis to be always up-to-date
- > Seek for partner- and sponsorships
- Develop new client bases (e.g. families, e-bikes, company bikes)
- > Diversify supplier base to reduce dependency

Do not stop to further develop the product along market trends

Source: Roland Berger

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Mobility thought leadership

Shared Mobility study



- > Evaluation of different shared mobility services and their consequences on the individual mobility of tomorrow
 - Carsharing
 - Bike sharing
 - Shared Parking
 - Ridesharing
- > Ten golden management rules and detailed descriptions

Paris Mobility study



- Study on innovative mobility, the rise of mega cities and concrete solutions for the city of Paris
- Insights on how to change the modal share, incl. impact of car-sharing
- New city governance models for new mobility solutions in cities such as Paris

Connected Mobility study



- > Outlook on passenger transportation in 2025
- Impact of connected mobility on traditional business models
- > Potential players to become the "Mobility Manager" of the future
- > Success factors to recognize and master the change

China Car-sharing study



- Industry insight study on car-sharing in China
- Detailed analyses on market dynamics, player landscape and trends
- > Customer purchasing and perception insights
- Clear recommendations for business model adaption to local requirements



Roland Berger hosted the Mobility Convention 2014 in partnership with the DLR¹ which focused on smarter intermodality

Mobility Convention 2014 – November 6/7 in Cologne, Germany



- > Two-day symposium hosted by Roland Berger in cooperation with the Deutsche Zentrum f
 ür Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR)¹)
- Intermodality as the main theme to sustainable passenger mobility in urban areas
- Participants from global key clients, i.e. Deutsche Bahn, Daimler, Deutsche Post DHL, Europcar, Google, as well as startups
- > Top-level experts representing industry, research, and the users discuss about new business models, technologies and cooperation forms evolving around multimodal transportation – Sharing the latest developments, insights and challenges



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