

OPEN CALL

Global Mobility Showcase

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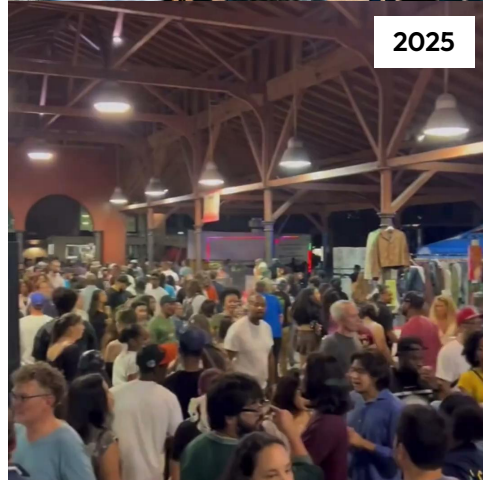
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Design Core Detroit, as a member of the Global Epicenter of Mobility coalition and steward of Detroit's UNESCO City of Design designation, is excited to host the **2026 Global Mobility Showcase!**

Featuring design student projects focused on mobility topics from Cities of Design around the world, the Showcase will highlight exciting design ideas and build awareness of shared global mobility challenges and solutions.

The Showcase opens at **Eastern Market After Dark:** the largest event of Detroit Month of Design with over 30,000 attendees anticipated!



2025

Who is Eligible?

Undergraduate and graduate-level university students

studying industrial design, design for assistive mobility devices, transportation design, UX design, and other mobility-related design fields.

Students studying design at non-degree and trade schools are also welcome to submit projects.

Eligible Projects

Vehicle design: car, truck, bus, eVTOL, boat, train

Assistive mobility devices: wheelchair, wearable robots, solutions to help people move

UX design for mobility: in-vehicle AI, infotainment, wayfinding, mobility apps

Urban spaces and public infrastructure that improves accessibility and quality of transportation

Design concepts of anything that helps to move people or goods on land, air or water!

Process and Timeline

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August 1: Deadline for submissions

August 5: Jury review of submissions

August 7: Exhibit acceptance communication

August 21: Deadline for final artwork files

September: Board printing and production by Design Core

September 11-17: Exhibitions

What to submit for the August 1st deadline

One clear image of the concept - 16:9 aspect ratio preferred

Three supporting images (storyboards, sketches, researches)

A one-paragraph written description of the concept

please email submissions to kgilboe@designcore.org