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Valletta CVA recognised as European Best Practice



The Controlled Vehicular Access system in Valletta was recently voted best case study of 2007 by the European Local Transport Information Service (www.eltis.org).

The scheme has generated interest in other European countries where policymakers are evaluating the possibility of introducing similar systems in major towns and cities. The scheme is also being presented at the European Local And Regional Government Finance Conference meeting in Rome.

The CVA system was launched on May 1, 2007 whereby an automated number plate recognition system takes photos of vehicles as they enter and exit the charging zone and vehicle owners get billed according to the

duration of their stay.

The idea of the CVA was to create more short-term parking by making it expensive for long-stay parking, offering the free Park and Ride service as an alternative.

It is estimated that 80,000 unique vehicles now access Valletta every month, spending an average of 2.5 hours a day. Residents have unrestricted access.

The Ministry for Infrastructure, Transport and Communications is currently developing an Intelligent Traffic Management System that is further expected to reduce congestion on Malta's roads.

This will include remote management of integrated traffic lights systems around major junctions, the provision of information to motorists and commuters, and automatic vehicle location and monitoring systems for public transport.
