# External Costs of Road Transport - Traffic Congestion

**Grzegorz Kowal** 

**Poznan University of Technology** 





#### **Outline:**



- External Costs
- Methogology: Choice Modeling (CVM), WTP
- Reaserch
- Results
- Conclusions





External Costs – costs or part of the costs which are not paid by subjects causing them and paid by subjects not responsible for these costs generation, who bear negative responsibility





#### The External Costs of Transport:

Costs of the accidents

Costs of the emission of noise

Costs of the emissions of pollutions to the air

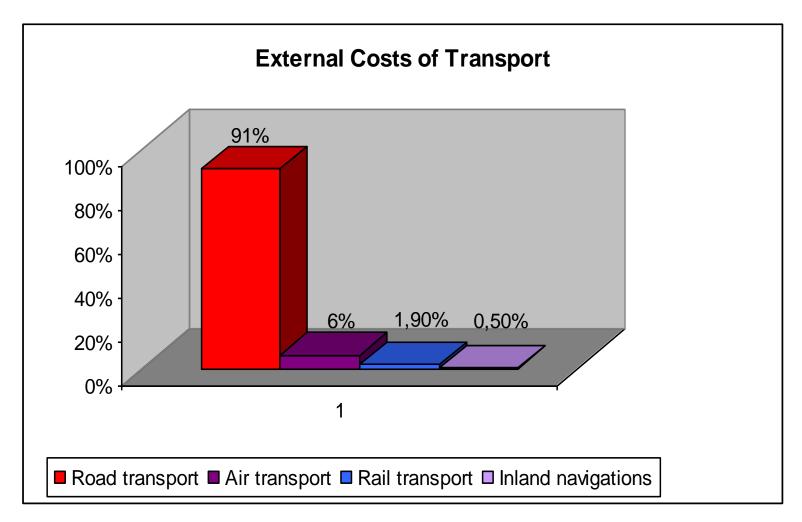
Costs of the congestion

Costs of the emissions of pollutions to the water

Costs of taking the ground into the transport infrastructure.











#### The External Costs of Transport

Costs of the congestion:

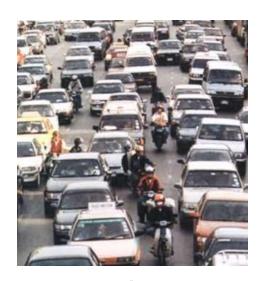
Traffic congestion is a condition on networks that occurs as use increases, and is characterized by slower speeds, longer trip times, and increased queuing





#### The External Costs of Transport

Costs of the congestion:



Traffic congestion is a condition on networks that occurs as use increases, and is characterized by slower speeds, longer trip times, and increased queuing



## the time lost



## <u>Choice modeling</u> (Contingent Valuation Method – CVM)

- Choice modeling attempts to model the decision process of an individual or segment in a particular context.
- Choice modeling may also be used to estimate nonmarket environmental benefits and costs.





## Choice modeling

**Utility** - or the common measure of preference

**Models -** or how a human being may be reduced to mathematical equations

Experiments - or how we ensure we collect optimal data

## (Contingent Valuation Method – CVM)

## **Utility (tool)**

WTP (Willigness to Pay)





## Experiments: questionnaire research

618 accurate fulfilled surveys

75 % - drivers

78 % - possess car







#### Asked question (1):



Knowing that you are going to some important meeting or flight as well, how much are you willing to pay, not to stay in the traffic jam and could easily continue your travel? If you actually are standing now 1, 10 or 30 minutes in a traffic jam?





Estimated parameter	Congestion (10 minutes)	
Average WTP	12,32 PLN	3,08 Euro
Average WTP (with min. and max. amount cut)	11,83 PLN	2,95 Euro
Min.	1 PLN	0,25 Euro
Max.	100 PLN	25 Euro
	Congestion (30 minutes)	
Average WTP	17,58 PLN	4,39 Euro
Average WTP (with min. and max. amount cut)	16,87 PLN	4,21 Euro
Min.	1 PLN	0,25 Euro
Max.	200 PLN	50 Euro





#### Asked question (2):



Knowing that you are going for vacation time (you are not in haste), how much are you willing to pay, not to stay in the traffic jam and could easily continue your travel? If actually you are standing now 1, 10 or 30 minutes in a traffic jam?





Estimated parameter	Congestion (10 minutes)	
Average WTP	9,86 PLN	2,46 Euro
Average WTP (with min. and max. amount cut)	9,46 PLN	2,36 Euro
Min.	1 PLN	0,25 Euro
Max.	50 PLN	12,5 Euro
	Congestion (30 minutes)	
Average WTP	15,81 PLN	3,95 Euro
Average WTP (with min. and max. amount cut)	14,36 PLN	3,59 Euro
Min.	0,1 PLN	0,025 Euro
Max.	300 PLN	75 Euro





#### Asked question (3):



What is the value of your 1 minute when you are standing in a traffic jam knowing the fact that this 1 minute is equal to your lost opportunities?





Estimated parameter	1 minute in traffic jam	
Average value of 1 minute	4,87 PLN	1,21 Euro
Average value of 1 minute (with min. and max. amount cut)	4,67 PLN	1,16 Euro
Min.	0,01 PLN	0,025 Euro
Max.	50 PLN	12,5 Euro





## **Conclusions**









