

TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN HERAKLION

Heraklion is a lively city with lots of people move around both in summer and winter. Like every any other metropolis there is always a lot of congestion. Today, in Heraklion using a car is very exhausting either in rush hour or when it rains. Everybody tries to move around by car so that long queues are created. We hope that the city council will eventually make good its election promises to build bicycle lanes. Twenty years ago we could easily find car parking anywhere in the city. Today it is near impossible to find a free parking space. Nowadays, the authorities have put no parking signs practically everywhere. Thus, making people ignore these signs with the tolerance of the authorities



The above shows a fast growing city in size and population. Indeed Heraklion over the past few decades has been developed a lot and has been spread so as not to find a free neighborhood. However, that extension does not follow a plan with prediction for the future. Firstly, both legal and illegal buildings have been built and the state follows many years later trying to apply a delayed town plan. But, now that the state understood their delay, it is too late because the new city area has already been fully built, without prediction for roads or parks and playgrounds.



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