

**CENTRAL TEXAS/TRANSATLANTIC RAIL WORKSHOP
Official Workshop Agenda**



**Paris – Gare de Lyon Train Station
(Photo by Brent Riddle)**



**Stuttgart – Light Rail System/Station
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**Copenhagen – METRO Station
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**Amsterdam – Metro System
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**SAN ANTONIO/SAN MARCOS/AUSTIN
February 18 -20, 2009**

Wednesday, February 18, 2009 - San Antonio

El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel
110 Lexington Ave
San Antonio, TX

9:15 – 9:45: *Welcome & Introductions*

- Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff
- Mr. Brent Riddle, German Marshall Fund

9:45 – 11:15: *Morning Plenary - Regional Planning and Land Use and Transportation Issues. What are the goals for European and local planning efforts?*

- An Overview of Public Transport in Stuttgart: Train, S-Bahn (Commuter Train), Light Rail, Bus and their integration in the tariff & transit organization (VVS)
 - Dr. Peter Höflinger, Chairman of the Board of Management, Stuttgarter Straßenbahnen AG
 - Mr. Joachim Krauss, Head of the Office of the Board of Directors, Stuttgarter Straßenbahnen AG
- Overview of how public transport is organized in the Netherlands
 - Mr. Nico van Paridon, Manager for Public Transportation of SRA, the Regional Transportation Authority for Amsterdam
- Discussant – Dr. Fritz Steiner, Dean of the School of Architecture & Past Chairman, Envision Central Texas

11:15 – 11:30: *Coffee Break*

11:30 – 12:30: *Public Involvement – How do European systems seek and include public input in the planning of capital expenditures and changes in service? Response to Prepared Questions*

- European Participants

12:30 – 2:00: *Lunch Panel – How Does Rail Support Economic Development?*

- Stuttgart 21: A mega-project to rebuild the railway-hub in Stuttgart
 - Dr. Peter Höflinger, Chairman of the Board of Management, Stuttgarter Straßenbahnen AG
 - Mr. Joachim Krauss, Head of the Office of the Board of Directors, Stuttgarter Straßenbahnen AG
- Mega projects in the Netherland (a freight railway from the harbor of Rotterdam to Germany, a high speed connection from Amsterdam to Belgium and a subway form north to south in Amsterdam)

- Mr. Nico van Paridon, Manager for Public Transportation of SRA, the Regional Transportation Authority for Amsterdam
- The economic role of the station in the city and freight trains in passenger train stations
 - Mr. Clement Michel, Former Manager of Gare Lyon Train Station, Paris, France – SNCF
- Development Potential at Commuter Rail Stations
 - Mr. Scott Polikov, President, Gateway Planning Group & Associate Member, CitiStates Group
- Discussant – Mr. David Marquez, Director, Bexar County Economic Development

2:00 – 3:30: *Coordinated Passenger & Freight Rail Traffic*

- Rail traffic coordination in southern France
 - Mr. Clement Michel, Former Manager of Gare Lyon Train Station, Paris, France – SNCF
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Union Pacific

Thursday, February 19, 2009 – San Marcos

Embassy Suites – San Marcos Hotel, Spa, & Conference Center
1001 McCarty Lane
San Marcos, TX

10:00 – 10:30: *Welcome & Introductions*

- Ellen Pope & Brent Riddle, German Marshall Fund
- Scott Bogren, Editor, RAIL Magazine

10:30 – 11:30: *High Speed Rail in Europe and Its Potential in Texas*

- Operating a high-speed rail network: a practitioner’s perspective
 - Mr. Clement Michel, Former Manager of Gare Lyon Train Station, Paris, France – SNCF
- Contracting with the high-speed train operating company in the Netherlands
 - Mr. Nico van Paridon, Manager for Public Transportation of SRA, the Regional Transportation Authority for Amsterdam
- Mr. Ross Milloy, Interim Executive Director of Austin, San Antonio Intermunicipal Commuter Rail District

11:30 – 11:45: *Coffee Break*

11:45 – 1:00: *Impacts of Commuter and Intercity Rail Projects on Small Towns*

- Mr. Dave Siebold, Council Member, City of Leander
- Cecil Pennington, Interim Director, Department of Planning, City of San Marcos
- Tom Word, Chief of Public Works Operations, City of Round Rock
- European Responses
 - Dr. Peter Höflinger, Chairman of the Board of Management, Stuttgarter Straßenbahnen AG
 - Mr. Joachim Krauss, Head of the Office of the Board of Directors, Stuttgarter Straßenbahnen AG
 - Mr. Nico van Paridon, Manager for Public Transportation of SRA, the Regional Transportation Authority for Amsterdam

1:00 – 2:00: *Lunch Break*

2:00 – 3:00: *Austin-San Antonio Rail Corridor Project*

- Ross Milloy, Interim Executive Director of Austin, San Antonio Intermunicipal Commuter Rail District
- Mr. Clement Michel, Former Manager of Gare Lyon Train Station, Paris, France – SNCF

3:00 – 3:15: *Coffee Break*

3:15 – 4:45: *To Rail or Not To Rail – Approaches to Determining Mobility Infrastructure Investments*

- Converting a highly successful bus line to rail?
 - Mr. Nico van Paridon, Manager for Public Transportation of SRA, the Regional Transportation Authority for Amsterdam
- Attracting passengers - An introduction to the metro system and the background for choosing a metro rather than a light rail or a tram.
 - Mr. Peter Aarkrog, Rambøll AS, Project Manager for the Metro Project, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Joe Cantalupo, Executive Director, CAMPO

Friday, February 20, 2009 - Austin

**Thompson Conference Center
The University of Texas at Austin
2405 Robert Dedman Drive
Austin, TX**

9:00 – 9:30: *Welcome & Introductions*

- State Senator, Kirk Watson
- Ellen Pope & Brent Riddle, German Marshall Fund

9:30 – 11:00: *Morning Plenary - Capital Financing of Rail Infrastructure*

- Capital financing of public transport infrastructure in Germany
 - Dr. Peter Höflinger, Chairman of the Board of Management for Stuttgarter Straßenbahnen AG
 - Mr. Joachim Krauss, Head of the Office of the Board of Directors
- New Town Concept for Financing Metro in Copenhagen
 - Mr. Peter Aarkrog, Rambøll AS, Project Manager for the Metro Project, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Financing Rail in the United States: Experience, Options, & Future
 - Paul Ryan, Managing Director, JP Morgan Chase & Company
- Discussant – Mr. Mike Heiligenstein, Executive Director, Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

11:00 – 11:15: *Coffee Break*

11:15 – 12:30: *Governance Structure – Roles & Responsibilities for Coordinated Intra-city and Inter-urban Services*

- Overview of Governance Structures in Stuttgart, Germany
 - Dr. Peter Höflinger, Chairman of the Board of Management for Stuttgarter Straßenbahnen AG
 - Mr. Joachim Krauss, Head of the Office of the Board of Directors
- Doug Allen, Chief Operating Officer, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Mary Briseño, VIA Board Member

12:30 – 2:00: *Lunch Break*

2:00 - 3:00: *Operating Funding – Funding Mix: Fare Box, Concessions, Local, and Federal*

- The Stuttgart light-rail-system: Development, Operations, Financing
 - Dr. Peter Höflinger, Chairman of the Board of Management, Stuttgarter Straßenbahnen AG
 - Mr. Joachim Krauss, Head of the Office of the Board of Directors, Stuttgarter Straßenbahnen AG
- Mr. Nico van Paridon (Presentation title forthcoming)
- Brewster McCracken, Austin Mayor Pro-Tem
- Terry Brechtel, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

3:00 – 3:15: *Closing Comments*

- Ellen Pope & Brent Riddle, The German Marshall Fund