



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sustainable Development Commission Meeting  
June 18-20<sup>th</sup> 2006**

**MTR Corporation  
MTR Tower  
Telford Plaza Kowloon Bay,  
Kowloon, Hong Kong**

**Participants**

***Chair***

Glenn Frommer	MTR Ltd Hong Kong
Manuel Barriga	TMB, Barcelona
Eveline Branders	STIB -, Brussels
Dominique Delis	Veolia Transport
Johan Nordgren	SLTF Sweden
Didier Tournot	RATP, Paris, France
Micheal Schemmer	Bombardier Transportation

***Apologies***

Antonietta Argilli	ASSTRA, Rome Italy
Elaine Seagriff	Transport for London, UK (replacing Roger Torode)
Bill Tyson	GMPT (replacing Bill Tyson)
Eric Terrier	Transdev France

***New members since last meeting (excused)***

Valentina RUSSO, CPT , Italy  
Peter MÜLLER-MARSCHHAUSEN, Leipziger Verkehrsbetriebe GmbH  
Walter CASAZZA, Karlsruhe,  
Gunnar HEIPP, SWM Munchen

***Resigning members***

Julie Hoover	Parsons Brinkerhoff USA
Ajay Singh	NYCT, New York USA
Héloïse Boyer	Keolis, France

### ***Invited guests and speakers***

Richard Welford                      Professor of Corporate Governance, Hong Kong

***UITP Heather Allen***

### ***Corresponding members***

Micheal Roschlau	CUTA Canadian Urban Transport Association
Rose Sheridan	APTA American Public Transit Association USA
Peter Moore	UITP ANZ Australia
Eduardo Vasconcellos	ANTP, Brazil

### **Keynote presentation**

Richard Welford made an interesting presentation on Corporate Social Responsibility in Asia. (Presentation available).

Main points of interest:

- China is three times the size of the EU (world-wide it is the second largest manufacturer of finished products and second largest importer of oil)
- The new Chinese middle class is about 140 mio people and about 10% of the population can now afford a car.
- In Asia CSR is often driven by external factors
- There are serious challenges to ensuring that ethical standards are upheld in supply chain management
- Multinationals and large companies are themselves having to police that laws are enforced (the laws are correctly in place in most cases but not enforced)
- There is general wide spread support for CSR at governmental level in China

### **1. Introductions and welcome**

- New participants and a short 'tour de table'

New members of the commission were welcomed

- Manuel Barriga                      TMB, Barcelona (first meeting)
- Eveline Branders                      Société Intercommunale des transports Bruxellois (new member)
- Didier Tournot                      RATP (replacing Jean Pierre Charrier)

### **Short introductions**

Manuel Barriga - TMB

- Operates both metro and bus
- 6300 employees
- Main focus of approach is on CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility)
- Human resources department – focus on accessibility
- 100% accessible on rail services by 2008 and all 1100 buses are already 100% low floor (2006).
- Other actions include procurement, ethical codes, plan of action for increasing sustainability e.g. use of natural gas.

### **Didier Tournot -RATP (Paris)**

- Main focus of activities for sustainable development centres on energy use, reduction, alternatives and management as energy represents 10% of RATP's turnover
- Managing waste and water are also high on the agenda, in particular and recently they have been working on reducing their use of paper in the organization from present levels of 900 tonnes a year

#### **Dominique Delis - Veolia**

- Veolia Environment group has four main divisions – water, waste, energy & transport and operates in 27 countries
- Has created their own 7 point charter to help increase awareness across the world in all the different sites
- publishes sustainable development report (2006)
- present focus on the collect of data and the development of sustainable indicators from 104 priority sites world wide (eventually from 741 networks). This data mainly covers environmental aspects – waste management; water use; fuel/ energy; environmental audit etc
- special attention is presently being given to the social aspects in terms of special indicators from Human resources
- economic impact – looking into the feasibility of creating a model that shows avoidance of CO2 and carbon neutral aspects of collective passenger transport.

#### **Johan Nordgren – SLTF (Swedish Public Transport Association)**

- represents 21 public transport authorities
- Increased attention to this topic
- Environment working group has been going for some time but recently introduced a climate change working group
- On a national basis, Sweden is taking CC seriously and has a oil commission headed by the prime minister to ensure that Sweden reduces its dependence on fossil fuels.

#### **Micheal Schemmer – Bombardier Transportation**

- Focussing on the product side
- Following ISO standards and EMAS (Eco- environmental Management Audit System) European standard
- Lowering energy use in manufacturing
- 1<sup>st</sup> independently verified sustainable development report will be published in late 2006 (to add to the Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) report already published)
- Looking at reducing the environmental impact of the whole product life cycle

#### **Glenn Frommer - MTR Ltd Hong Kong**

- Working on environment for past 15 years and now considered a leader in the region
- participates in several local and regional bodies on Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development

## **2. Minutes from last meeting**

There were no comments on minutes from the meeting in November,

### 3 Update of the Terms of Reference and the Commission Working Programme

See annex

**Decision:** Comments on the TOR and W.P to be received by 8.09.06

### 4 New commission members and new charter members

The new members of the commission were welcomed and a list of possible new members would be prepared to be invited to join the commission in order to have a larger critical mass and breadth of experience.

Possible candidates

Province of Gelderland	Authority	Full
Electricity de France	Industry	Full
Land Transport Authority Singapore	Authority	Corresponding member
Metro of Bilbao	Metro	Full
KMB Kowloon Motorbus Company, Hong Kong	Bus	Corresponding member
Sao Paulo Metro	Metro	Observer

### 5 Working Programme

See annex

- New additions are to trial at least one video conference before Helsinki
- Update of report (with best practices collected from a new questionnaire sent in the Autumn 2006 for updating report early 2007)
- New products and training tools for signatories
  - AD Little offer (to be resent – done)
  - UITP Coaching and Training workshops
  - UITP Masterclasses

### 6 List of signatories

- Two new signatories have been evaluated and accepted
  - SWM Munchen for full signatory
  - Bremen BSAG-Bremer Straßenbahn AG

The question was asked if all the SD commission still wished to review the evaluations of signatories or if a sub committee should be created.

More signatories were also required as it would be good to achieve 120 at least by Helsinki

A request to use the logo of the charter (small round symbol used throughout the report 'Bringing Quality to Life') to all members of the commission and signatories for them to use if they wish to showing that they are a signatory

**Decision**

To keep the present process and to discuss more fully in Bilbao

Several members of the commission suggested contacting other suitable candidates within their own organizations to encourage them to become signatories (Veolia and Bombardier – supporting signatory)

More UITP Industry members would be encouraged to sign either in Bilbao or in Helsinki

Send small logo – one for full, pledge and association following the colours of the different charters.

## **7 Update on working groups**

### **1 Sustainable indicators**

- The collect of indicators has been slower than expected and due to the work load it has not been closely followed.
- New efforts will be made in to collect those being used by signatories and also to request this information in the update.
- Should be included in the next working programme 2007-2009
- Glenn would make some resources available for preparing an Excell sheet of all the indicators

#### **Decision**

- Collect as many indicators as we presently can
- A second working group meeting would be planned for the Autumn (Micheal Schemmer to propose a date)

### **2 Diversity group**

To be reviewed no formal update

#### **Decision**

- Set new date for a meeting in the Autumn

### **3 Climate change working group**

See draft paper (NB UITP has a European Position on Energy and Climate change and this will complement it on an international level)

First draft of position to be circulated as soon as possible (prepared for comments)

There had been some considerable discussion on the Fuel position prepared by the Bus Committee at the last Policy Board and it had not been a smooth approval process.

A background paper and the draft should be circulated to other commissions and committees to ensure good support at the Autumn Policy Board meeting.

#### **Decision**

- First comments by August 15<sup>th</sup> (to be sent to key Commission chairs for their approval and the members of the Policy Board that wished to be informed)
- Second comments by September 10<sup>th</sup>
- Background paper to be prepared for the Policy Board so they fully understand the content, the methodology and preparation of the position and the marketing plan

## **8 Bilbao Conference**

The Conference starts on the 18th and is preceded by a study tour that starts in London on the 13th October and finishes in Bilabo on the 18th October.

Much discussion on a possible keynote speaker (one has now been found – Hank Dittmar – see CV)

All Members of the Commission are expected to help with the marketing of the event and the Study tour. It is expected that they will attend at least the conference and if possible the study tour.

Whenever possible either bio or fair trade products would be used but this doubled the costs and therefore the events department could not commit to this

Delegates would be able to choose if they wished to ‘offset ‘ their carbon of their travel with a voluntary payment (HeA looking into this)

**The next Sustainable Development Commission Meeting will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> in Bilbao**

See programme and register on [www.uitp.com/bilbao2006](http://www.uitp.com/bilbao2006)

**NB Please remember to register and book your hotel**

### **Innovations for the conference**

#### **1 Youth action**

See annex

All members of the commission are invited to bring a youth delegate to the conference

Contact has now been made with a growing number of international youth organisations to work on this project.

#### **2 Poster Zone**

This is to highlight environmentally sustainable technologies and for signatories to showcase their own best practises.

Please promote this within your own networks or consider reserving a space for display.

### **Decisions**

- Banners can be put on the web sites of the members of the commission – please take contact with Helene Danneels of UITP ([helene.danneels@uitp.com](mailto:helene.danneels@uitp.com)) if you think this is possible.
- The STIB (Brussels) are considering bringing a press group to cover the conference. Please let us know if you would like to bring press or media.

### **9 Helsinki 57<sup>th</sup> UITP World Congress call for sessions**

(20-24<sup>th</sup> May 2007)

Slogan – Moving People – Moving Cities

In addition to the usual signatories lunch a session on sustainable development would be requested

Efforts would be made to attract the ‘unbelievers’ rather than those who support the idea  
The following ideas were retained

- An interactive quiz
- Workshop on social aspects

The programme committee will meet at the end of August to decide on the sessions for the congress.

### **Decision**

A separate report and email has been circulated for comments.

Updating the charter process and report

- Report

A questionnaire would be sent out in the Autumn (prior to Bilbao) to collect the information

Replies by December 31<sup>st</sup> for the preparation of the report

### **Decision**

#### **Annex**

See last questionnaire for comments by September 15<sup>th</sup>

### **10 Update on international advocacy**

- UITP is using sustainable development as a key pillar of its international outreach programme
- To increase membership
  - workshops e.g. India (Feb 2006)
- To increase number of signatories geographically
  - Metro of Rio de Janeiro has signed as a pledge
- To increase the visibility of Public Transport with other international agencies
  - Side event held in New York at the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the United Nations Commission of Sustainable Development
  - Memorandum of Understanding with United Nations Environment Programme
  - Starting contacts with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
  - Revitalising contacts with the World Bank