

15th UITP Sustainable Development Commission (SDC) Meeting Minutes
8 – 9 November 2012, Salt Lake City

Attendees:

Chair:

John ENGLISH

UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY (UTA)

Members:

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Gunnar HEIPP

Manuel BARRIGA

WIENER LINIEN

MUNCHNER VERKEHRSGESELLSCHAFT

TRANSPORTS METROPOLITANS DE

BARCELONA

Ahmad AL AKHRAS

ABU DHABI DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORT

(via webinar)

Glenn FROMMER

MTR CORPORATION

Peter GILLESPIE

VEOLIA TRANSDEV

Local Host:

Hal JOHNSON

UTA

Rebecca CRUZ

UTA

Matt SIBUL

UTA

Guest:

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ABU DHABI DEPARTMENT OF

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Introduction

1. These minutes summarise the main conclusions and decisions made at the meeting. The working papers and presentations given by speakers are available in Mobi+ (user name: SUSTAINABLE; password: SDCOM).

Approval of the Minutes

2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as drafted. Most actions were either superseded by events or are considered as part of the agenda. Nominations were again sought from Members to participate in future UITP 'Training Programme for Public Transport Managers' held in April each year, with the next one planned in Tokyo (21-24 April 2013) – some travel and accommodation expenses are covered by UITP (**action**).

Next Commission Meeting

3. The Spring 2013 meeting be held alongside the UITP World Congress (25 May). Nominations to hold future meetings should be sent to UITP so that dates can be put in diaries well in advance (**action**). It was suggested that the following venues could be put forward: Vienna Autumn 13, London Spring 14, Munich Autumn 14 (London and Munich could be exchanged) (**action**).

Update from Members

4. A summary of Member's activities since the last meeting is attached at Annex A.

Election of new Chairman

5. Gunnar Heipp was formally elected as the new chairman of the SDC. His chairmanship will formally commence at the UITP 2013 World Congress in Geneva. The current chairman will remain an active member of the Commission.

Policy Board – UITP Work Programme

6. The process towards agreement of a UITP business plan for 2013-15 was kicked off earlier in the year at the request of the UITP PresCom. Their October meeting in London reviewed the latest working draft so that synergies could be sought with other Commissions and Committees. It is intended that the business plan will be signed off at the Geneva World Congress.

7. Members shared their thoughts on the positioning of the Commission. It was agreed that the SDC would be ideally placed to bring focus to UITP activities and encourage cross Commission working. Attached at Annex B outlines some of the issues that will need to be addressed by the Commission and proposals for priority areas for the SDC to work on over the forthcoming business plan period, notably the development of a sustainability implantation guide.

Nantes Conference, March 2013

8. Markus Ossberger updated colleagues on the content of the conference and his presentation is available in Mobi+. SDC members are requested to help market the conference and information to help do this is available [here](#) (**action**).

Low carbon and low impact waterborne transport operations

9. Larry Jacobs updated Members on the outcome of the Waterborne Committee workshop held last month. A copy of his presentation can be found in Mobi+.

Working Session – Reporting Framework

10. At the last Commission meeting, it was agreed that a Commission working session would be arranged to identify a smaller set of indicators that full signatories to the Charter would be required to complete in order to improve the quality of information contained in the reporting framework. Philip Turner presented the current state of the reporting framework and the need to improve the quality contained in it if UITP is to use it to support its advocacy work.
11. It was agreed that full signatories should be required to report on only those indicators which are considered important enough to require active management or engagement by the sector i.e. those indicators which are of high interest / importance to stakeholders and the public transport sector alike. At the next Commission meeting, a proposal will be made to for approval as to what these should be - this work will be led by Ahmad Al Akhras and will focus on social, economic and environmental indicators (**action**). The intention is to identify around 6-8 fix indicators which will be supported by plus some more detail around governance (which is currently well reported). The complete list of indicators will remain as part of plans to develop a sustainability implantation guide (see 7).
12. A more focused reporting framework will enable UITP to produce an implementation report, supported by best practice case studies, which UITP will use for advocacy purposes. It is envisaged that these reports will be available for each world congress. Members will be able to use these reports for technical purposes which will make it more attractive for signatories to provide data in the future.

Exchange of Best Practice

13. The second day of the SDC focused on the exchange of best practice between the SDC and non-Members. The day commenced with an overview by the Chair of UITP and an update on the workings of the Commission. A copy of the presentation is available in Mobi+.

Setting the scene in the US: APTA's Sustainability Committee

14. Kevin Desmond, chair of APTA's Sustainability Committee and General Manager of King County Metro, Seattle, provided an update on the workings of the APTA Committee. A copy of his presentation is available in Mobi+. It was agreed that closer collaboration should be sought with APTA along with joint working and the exchange of best practice (**action**).

UITP and Rio+20

15. Philip Turner updated colleagues on the UNESD Sustainable Development conference held in June 2012, also known as Rio+20. A copy of the presentation is available in Mobi+ and includes a summary of the major outcomes and achievements from the conference.

Sustainability at the Abu Dhabi Department of Transport

16. Ahmad Al Akhras' presentation informed colleagues of their planned developments for the region as outlined in their 2030 Vision. A copy of the presentation is available in Mobi+.

Local Host Presentation – Sustainability at UTA

17. Hal Johnson and Matt Sibul informed the SDC of current and future sustainability initiatives planned for UTA, with a particular focus on air quality. For further information, their presentation is available in Mobi+.

Sustainability mobility plan in the City of Laval, Montreal region, Canada

18. Laval signed the Charter as a pledge signatory at the meeting. Guy Picard outlined the successful aspects of their bid and outlined their plans for the region. A copy of the presentation is available in Mobi+.

TriMet: Sustainable Urban Design and Transit

19. TriMet has become a national leader in building environmentally and socially sensitive light rail projects. Robert Hastings' presentation outlined transit's role in supporting liveable communities and stakeholder involvement. A copy of the presentation is available in Mobi+.

Munich's approach to Strategic Planning

20. Gunnar Heipp's presentation outlined some of the challenges facing the city and their strategy for dealing with the impacts of a growing population on its infrastructure and approaches for encouraging sustainable mobility. A copy of the presentation is available in Mobi+.

Annex A – Update from SDC Members

UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY

UTA is helping to transform the city and businesses are moving in. By December next year, UTAs rail network will have grown to 74km of light rail, 143km of commuter rail, and a 3.2km of modern streetcar line. UTAs goal is to have transit in every neighborhood and a pass in every pocket.

WIENER LINIEN

Vienna aims to increase its public transport modal share from 37 per cent to 40 per cent by 2020. Two major projects are underway: 1) improving the energy efficiency of the network by 1.5 per cent; and 2) safety management.

MUNCHNER VERKEHRSGESELLSCHAFT (MVG)

MVG has raised fare revenues by six per cent but this has been widely accepted. Two new tramway projects will hopefully commence soon and testing buses with trailers is underway. The main part of the overall budget is used for the renovation of existing infrastructure and fleet renewal. Noise is becoming an increasing issue for MVG and peak hours are at peak capacity. The goal for the organisation is to be the integrated mobility provider for Munich including car-sharing, cycle hire, bike+ride extensions including information, sales and technical integration.

TRANSPORTS METROPOLITANS DE BARCELONA

A big project is underway to develop the bus fleet in the Barcelona area. This is an opportunity to create maximum connectivity. Five lines have been completed during the first pilot phase. It is envisaged that the project will be completed in three years time. A presentation outlining the project can be found in Mobi+.

ABU DHABI, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

A detailed overview of developments for the region can be found in Mobi+. Highlights include a pilot peddle corridor, an extensive LRT network and a metro system which will connect the downtown area. It is hoped that construction will commence in the next few months – the aim is to have the LRT in operation in 2018 and the metro in 2020.

MTR CORPORATION

MTR patronage is five per cent over budget for 2012 and work on the five new rail lines is going according to programme. One project will link Hong Kong to the Chinese high speed network and discussions have begun on future rail projects. MTR will be looking to employ 6,000 new staff over the coming years to exploit new development areas as well as staff the five new rail lines. The subsidiaries of the Corporation are working well. There is a new Chief Executive Officer in Hong Kong, Mr. Jay Walder, previously from the NYC MTA. The MTR will be examining how best to assist Hong Kong in delivering the ambitious carbon reduction targets for the region. Glenn has assisted the GRI Working Group on the Disclosure of Management Approach (DMA) for the GRI G4 reporting guidelines, which are being updated to focus on materiality. MTR may consider moving to integrated reporting over the next couple of years.

VEOLIA TRANSDEV

They published the new group's first CSR report on 2011 in mid year; and are now embarking on following the GRI process, expecting to achieve an application level C for 2012 and improving from then on. Changes at shareholder level have been a distraction (Veolia Environment reducing its stake) but the situation is now much clearer. The business environment is still very tough.

Annex B – UITP Business Plan 2013-15



Further areas include:

- joint position papers with other commissions
- integrate UITP technical working groups and their results with the SDC strategy
- generate added value in the world's regions through conferences and trainings worldwide, including bringing strategic input to UITPs advocacy work

Issues to contend with:

