

## **Transit, Transit Oriented Development, and Urban Form: A Bi-National Symposium Featuring Paris, France, and Washington, DC**

The National Center for Smart Growth at the University of Maryland, the LABEX consortium of research universities in Paris, France, and several other cosponsors are pleased to announce a bi-national symposium on Transit, Transit-Oriented Development, and Urban Form. The purpose of the symposium is to exchange ideas and share information on sustainable transportation and urban development strategies in two prominent national-capital cities: Washington DC, and Paris, France.

The conceptual foundation for the symposium builds on the growing consensus that metropolitan regions of the world—constructed under a variety of conditions that no longer hold-- must become more sustainable and socially equitable places to live and work. The exact features of these more equitable and sustainable development patterns are not fully known and place specific, but are likely to include transit-oriented development, polycentric employment nodes, mixed use and compact urban designs, green infrastructure and green buildings, transportation intermodality, and a post industrial economy. The conceptual foundations for the symposium are also grounded in the proposition that the transition toward greater urban equity and sustainability will require a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approach. Whereas most symposia on sustainability assemble scholars that share a single disciplinary perspective, the proposed symposium would expressly engage scholars and practitioners with a wide variety of perspectives but a shared interest in place.

The symposium would include two meetings at two locations: Paris, France, and Washington, DC, with the two locations serving as research laboratories and the foci of conversation. These global cities have important similarities and differences and thus serve well as subjects for comparative research. Specifically, as national capital cities both are highly connected and exert significant economic and political influence across the globe. Both were once intensely planned and regulated—at least in their urban cores—but are rapidly expanding at the urban fringe, largely in response to market forces. Furthermore, as is becoming increasingly apparent, this perpetual expansion at the urban fringe is having major adverse effects on greenhouse gas production, social equity, and territorial cohesiveness. Despite these similarities, the two cities are importantly different. Paris is a primate city, densely developed with a mixture of uses and an extensive and highly integrated transit system. Washington, by contrast, lies at the end of the Boston-Washington megalopolis, is densely developed only in isolated subcenters, and is served predominantly by the automobile. But perhaps most importantly, scholars and policy makers in both cities are anxious to identify and implement strategies that will facilitate an appropriate transition to more sustainable urban forms.

The symposia will feature 10 papers by scholars from the United States and 10 papers by scholars from France that includes contributions from architects, urban planners, transportation engineers, economists and other social scientists. Each of the 20 papers advance the state of the art, provide information of practical importance to policy

makers in both Washington and Paris, and serve as the foundation for a book-length publication. The intent for the final publication is to offer an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary perspective on urban equity and sustainability that will offer both practical insights for policy makers in the Washington and Paris regions as well as advance the state of the art so as to benefit other regions as well.

## Schedule

### Thursday, October 16, 2014

**Beacon Hotel**  
615 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC

6:00-7:30 PM                  Reception

### Friday, October 17, 2014

**Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments**  
777 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 300, Washington, DC

8:30-9:00 Desjardin	Welcome	Gerrit Knaap and Paul
9:00-9:30	Presentation: Region Forward	Paul Desjardin
9:30-10:00	Presentation: Momentum: The Next Generation of Metro	Shyam Kannan
10:00-10:15	Break	
10:15-12:00	Paper Session I	
12:00- 12:45	Lunch	
12:45-2:30	Paper Session II	
2:30-4:30	TOD Tour (NOMA)	Rosalynn Hughey Robin-Eve Jasper
7:00-8:30	Dinner (Location to be determined)	Gabe Klein, Speaker

### Saturday, October 18, 2014

**Silver Spring Civic Center  
One Veterans Place, Silver Spring**

8:30-9:00	Welcome and presentation	Gwen Wright
9:00-10:45	Paper Session III	
10:45-11:00	Break	
11:00-12:45	Paper Session IV	
12:45-1:45	Lunch	
1:45-3:00	TOD Tour (Downtown Silver Spring)	
3:00-3:15	Travel to Wheaton	
3:15-5:00	TOD Tour (Wheaton, Maryland)	
5:00-7:00	Dinner (Optional/Informal; location to be determined)	

**Sunday, October 19, 2014**

**Beacon Hotel  
615 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC**

9:00-11:00	Brunch	LABEX and NCSG
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# Paper Sessions

## Paper Session I

Paris-Washington: Comparative Timeline of Planning, Architecture and Transportation.

Isabelle Gournay, School of Architecture, UMD

French Discussant: Anne Grillet-Aubert

US Discussant: Karen Bowie

The Linear City: A Case Study of Connecticut Avenue

Matt Bell, School of Architecture, UMD

French Discussant: Virginie Picon-Lefebvre

US Discussant: Ellen McCarthy, District of Columbia

## Paper Session II

The Effects Of Bike Share On Transit Ridership

Sevgi Ergodan, Chao Liu, and Ting Ma, NCSG

French Discussant: Nacima Baron

US Discussant: Ralph Buehler, Virginia Tech University

A Paradigm Changing How We Live And Travel Or More Of The Same? Impacts Of Transit-Oriented Development In The Washington Metropolitan Area

Rolf Moeckel, Uri Avin, and Fred Ducca, NCSG

French Discussant: Alain L'Hostis

US Discussant: Kanti Srikanth, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

## Paper Session III

Transit Equity And Suburban Poverty In Langley Park, MD

Rolf Pendall, Molly Scott, Urban Institute;, Willow Lung-Aman, Urban Studies and Planning, UMD, and Eli Knaap, NCSG

French Discussant: Marie Banatre

US Discussant: Kevin Nelson, US EPA

Transit-Induced Gentrification: Who Will Stay, and Who Will Go?

Casey Dawkins and Rolf Moeckel, NCSG

French Discussant: Guillaume de Tillière

US Discussant: Pam Dunn, Montgomery County Planning

## **Paper Session IV**

### Measuring TOD's Impact on Retail

Ting Ma, Eli Knaap, Gerrit Knaap, NCSG [note deletion here]

French Discussant: Colas Bazaud

US Discussant: Lee Soebel, RCLCo

### Analysis of Firm Location and Relocation around Maryland and Washington, DC Metro Rail Stations

Hiro Iseki, Robert Jones, and Ashley Sampson, NCSG

French Discussant: Teddy Delaunay

US Discussant: Valdis Lazdins, Montgomery County Planning

Each session has 105 minutes; five minutes between paper as below:

Paper presentation by author	20 minutes
Comments by French Discussant	10 minutes
Comments by US Discussant	10 minutes
Questions and Answers	<u>10 minutes</u>
Total	50 minutes