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SUBJECT: Bus Rapid Transit Technical Workshop

PROGRAM AREAS: Planning, Engineering, Grants

DATE: August 15, 2006

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) technical workshop on bus rapid transit (BRT), co-hosted by Community Transit, King County Metro Transit and Sound Transit. This free workshop, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., will be held at the Seattle Public Central Library, 1000 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, Washington, September 28, 2006. Only the 4th Avenue doors of the Library will be open before regular business hours (10 am – 8 pm). Lunch will be provided to attendees who register in advance.

BRT uses a "family of technologies" to combine the flexibility of bus service with the speed and ease-of-use of rail. By providing enhancements such as frequent all-day service, faster trips, more comfortable vehicles and stations, and advanced customer information, BRT can increase ridership, improve transit's image, and help promote transit-oriented development. BRT has been successfully implemented in many overseas locations, as well as the United States.

The workshop is intended to:

- 1) Provide a forum for discussion on the subject of bus rapid transit for transportation professionals and public agencies located in Region 10.
- 2) Share information on BRT with transit managers, planners and engineers via presentations and case studies from successful transit leaders.
- 3) Highlight key practices and federal funding opportunities.
- 4) Allow for open and informal dialogue between representatives from diverse civil and governmental transit-related agencies.

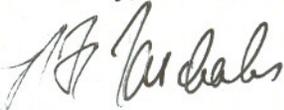
Under the sponsorship of the FTA, Community Transit, King County Metro Transit and Sound Transit, this workshop has been developed by the Breakthrough Technologies Institute, a technological research organization specializing in environmental projects based in Washington, DC, and the National BRT Institute, Tampa. Special effort will be made to engage all participants in informational dialog, complemented by structured presentations. In addition, this workshop will draw upon a combination of interactive methods.

It is my hope that all stakeholders in the metropolitan and statewide planning process will participate, including state Departments of Transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, and transit operators.

Space is limited, so please register with Deborah Ensor at deborah.ensor@dot.gov with the enclosed registration form by September 8, 2006.

I look forward to seeing you in Seattle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Krochalis". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Richard F. Krochalis
Regional Administrator

Enclosures

Bus Rapid Transit Technical Workshop

September 28, 2006

Seattle Public Central Library

1000 4th Avenue

Seattle, Washington

Registration Form

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Contact Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please check **lunch** choice #1 **non-vegetarian** #2 **vegetarian**

The Workshop is free. There is limited parking in the downtown Seattle area. To use the local transits, please use King County's Trip Planner at http://triplanner.metrokc.gov/cgi-bin/itin_page.pl?resptype=U to verify bus schedules.

Please check with the Seattle Chamber of Commerce for hotel and accommodations at http://www.seattlechamber.com/servlet/page?_pageid=805&_dad=portal30&_schema=PORTAL30&p_menu_id=1402.

If you wish to find more information about the Seattle Public Central Library, please check on their web site: http://www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=branch_central&branchID=1.

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Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Technical Workshop
September 28, 2006
Seattle, Washington

| | Time | Topic | Possible Speaker |
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| | 8-8:30 | Continental breakfast | N/A |
| Plenary | 8:30 – 8:35 | Introduction | Rick Krochalis, FTA Region 10 |
| | 8:35 – 8:55 | BRT in Puget Sound | County Executive Ron Sims, King County |
| | 8:55 – 9:00 | Workshop overview | Venkat Pindiprolu, FTA |
| | 9:00 – 9:30 | Moderator: Dennis Hinebaugh (National BRT Institute) Overview of BRT elements and applications | Bill Vincent, Breakthrough Technologies Institute |
| | 9:30 – 10:10 | Moderator: Dennis Hinebaugh (National BRT Institute) Building a BRT System in Phases: the Metro Rapid Story | Speaker from LA Metro (Invited) |
| | 10:10 – 10:30 | Break | |
| | 10:30 – 11:10 | Moderator: Dennis Hinebaugh (National BRT Institute) Dedicated Busway BRT: the Orange Line Experience | Gary Spivack, LA Metro (Invited) |
| | 11:10 – 11:40 | Moderator: Dennis Hinebaugh (National BRT Institute) BRT Identity and Branding | Ellen Bevington, King County |
| | 11:40 – 1:00 | Lunch | Bill Vincent, Breakthrough Technologies Institute |
| | | Luncheon Speaker Introduction | |
| | | Luncheon Speaker: Enrique Peñalosa Former Mayor of Bogotá, Colombia | |
| Breakout I Engineering Aspects of BRT (Moderator: Harold Taniguchi, King County Department of Transportation) | 1:00 – 3:15 | Traffic Signal Priority for BRT | Peter J.V. Koonce, Kittelson & Associates, Inc. |
| | | Engineering Implications of BRT | John Bonsall, P.Eng., McCormick Rankin) |
| | | Traffic Engineering Aspects: The LA Experience | Kang Hu, P.E., Sr. Transportation Engineer, Department of Transportation, |

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| | | Engineering Aspects of Rail and BRT Joint Operations | City of Los Angeles (Invited) Austin Jenkins, King County Department of Transportation, King County, Washington |
| Breakout II Planning Aspects of BRT (Moderator: John Witmer, FTA Region 10) | 1:00 – 3:15 | Experiences in Planning and Implementing BRT Systems | Speaker from MBTA, Boston (Invited) Speaker from Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (Invited) Stefano Viggiano, Director of Development Services, Lane Transit District, Eugene, Oregon June DeVoll, Community Transit, Snohomish County, Washington |
| | 3:15 – 3:30 | Break | |
| Plenary | 3:30 – 4:00 | Federal Funding - Small Starts Program | Ron Fisher, FTA Office of Planning & Environment |
| | 4:00 – 4:30 | Funding Options for BRT | Julia Patterson, PSRC Transportation Policy Board Chair (Invited) |
| | 4:30 | Wrap Up and Closing | Joyce Olson, Community Transit (Invited) |