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Winners of the Award for Outstanding Innovation in Public Transport Announced

The winners of their joint Award for Outstanding Innovation in Public Transport have been announced today by the International Transport Forum (ITF) and the International Association of Public Transport (UITP), two of the leading international voices in the global transport sector.

The winners are:

- Overall winner: Consorcio Régional de Transportes de Madrid, Spain
for their Intergrated Transport Plan
- Joint Runners-up: Arriva Southern Counties and Kent County Council, UK, and
Ahmedabad Janmarg, India, both for their Bus Rapid Transit systems
- Special mentions: *Special Mention for Innovation on the Transport Horizon* to be presented to Leipziger
Verkehrsbetriebe (LVB), Germany, for the easy.GO mobile travel information and
ticketing service.
- Special Mention for Transport Operation-Wide Application of Innovation* to be presented
to Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation, India, for application of innovation
through their operations incorporating management, leadership, technology, and
employee services.
- Special Mention for Strategic Vision of Innovation in Public Transport* to be presented to
The Swedish Public Transport Association, Sweden.

“We were delighted to receive over 25 strong applications from 23 countries all which demonstrated commitment to improving public transport through innovation,” said **Jack Short**, Secretary General of the International Transport Forum.

Hans Rat, UITP Secretary-General and ITF’s award partner, was delighted with the global response to the call for applications for the award: “It was a difficult task to single out any one particular application so the jury of seven transport experts determined there was merit in recognising not only an overall award winner, but also two joint runners-up and three special mentions.”

The awards will be presented at a Gala Dinner by German Transport Minister Peter Ramsauer during the International Transport Forum’s annual event in Leipzig, Germany. Dignitaries from the honoured cities will also be present.

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The International Transport Forum is a strategic think tank for the transport sector. Each year, it brings together Ministers from over 50 countries, along with leading decision-makers and actors from the private sector, civil society and research, to address transport issues of strategic importance. An intergovernmental organisation linked to the OECD, the Forum’s goal is to help shape the transport policy agenda, and ensure that it contributes to economic growth, environmental protection, social inclusion and the preservation of human life and wellbeing. The 2010 International Transport Forum, to be held on 26-28 May in Leipzig, Germany, will focus on Transport and Innovation: Unleashing the Potential.



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UITP (International Association of Public Transport) is the international network for public transport authorities and operators, policy decision-makers, scientific institutes and the public transport supply and service industry. It is a platform for worldwide cooperation, business development and the sharing of know-how between its **3,200 members from 90 countries**.

UITP is the global advocate for public transport and sustainable mobility, and the promoter of innovations in the sector. For more information, visit www.uitp.org. For more information about "PTx2", please visit www.uitp.org/advocacy/public_transport.cfm