

Awards recognise innovative projects

Innovative ideas from across the globe that contribute to advancing public transport were recognised at last month's UITP gathering in Montréal

▶ Every two years, the UITP Awards acknowledge ambitious and innovative sustainable mobility projects that contribute to the international association of public transport's objective of doubling the public transport modal share worldwide by 2025. The 2017 UITP Awards highlighted successful projects implemented around the world in the period 2015-2017 that place public transport at the heart of the urban and local mobility system.

The seven winners, plus two special recognitions, were selected by an international panel of experts and announced at UITP's *Global Public Transport Summit* in Montréal last month.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT STRATEGY:

Cape Town Transport and Urban Development Authority

▶ Cape Town Transport and Urban Development Authority won the strategy award for its 'Transit Oriented Development Strategic Framework' project. TODSF represents a paradigm shift in the city's approach to integrated land and public transport development and growth management, and is expected to result in a 20% increase in public transport mode share by 2032.

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE:

City Government of Muntinlupa and the Lingkod Muntinlupa Foundation

▶ City Government of Muntinlupa and the Lingkod Muntinlupa Foundation won the customer

experience award for 'leading the e-Jeepney revolution in the Philippines'. The e-Jeepney creatively redefines the customer experience of a flexible public transport service, which is a core feature of mobility in the Philippines. It utilises new technology to enable booking and payment, and an eco-friendly vehicle for service delivery, based on a customer-centred approach to service design.

OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE:

Vasttrafik and Volvo Group

▶ Two years ago, the operational and technical excellence award was won by Transport for London and Cubic for making London the first major city in the world to accept contactless bankcards on public transport. This time the award went to Vasttrafik and Volvo Group for 'ElectriCity', the electric bus demonstration project in Gothenburg.

This multi-stakeholder initiative has been implemented on line 55, a bus service which connects

two university campuses. "This project successfully integrates all elements of modern bus-based mobility solutions and points to the future of bus services worldwide," said UITP. "Its innovative technology is deployed in real operation conditions and it is perfectly integrated in the public transport system."

SMART FINANCING AND BUSINESS MODELS:

Addax Assessoria Economica e Financeira LTDA and Empresa Metropolitana de Transportes Urbanos de São Paulo

▶ A multi-modal, region-wide public private partnership in the Brazilian city of São Paulo was the winner of the award for smart financing and business models. Formed by Addax Assessoria Economica e Financeira LTDA and Empresa Metropolitana de Transportes Urbanos de São Paulo, it saw the simultaneous award of a whole metropolitan region of public transport to one single private partner concession company, including both LRT and bus modes.

SMALL CITIES AND LOW DENSITY AREAS:

Nordjyllands Trafikselskab

▶ The public transport authority of North Denmark, Nordjyllands Trafikselskab (NT), won the award for its 'Around your world' project. This project offers a complete and integrated mobility solution for residents in low density regional



Winning projects:
TOP LEFT: The Moscow Central Circle is part of the city's transport strategy
MIDDLE LEFT: A Muntinlupa e-Jeepney
ABOVE: The 'Grand Paris Express'
TOP RIGHT: Gothenburg's 'Electricity'
RIGHT: The 'Birmingham Gateway Project' transformed New Street station

settings, including: hourly service all day, a demand responsive service and a travel planner. It covers the entire region and all modes of transport (including carpooling and car sharing).

DESIGN:

Atkins, Network Rail and MACE

▶ Representing the UK, Atkins, Network Rail and MACE (UK) won the design award for the, 'Birmingham Gateway Project', the £750m landmark transformation of Birmingham New Street Station. The project significantly increased users' space perception and passenger flows



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ROUND-UP

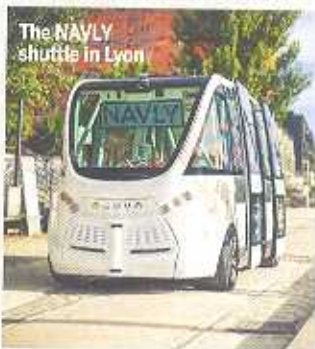
QUEBEC PILOT

Keolis to run new trial of driverless shuttles

AUTOMATED VEHICLES

► Keolis will participate in a one-year pilot operation of driverless shuttles in Les Moulins, Quebec, to complement the region's existing public transit network.

The French transport group will work with, in collaboration with NAVYA, which manufactures the shuttles. The trial will strongly resemble the 'NAVLY' project launched last year in the Confluence eco-district of Lyon, France.



inside the building, with brighter, cleaner platforms, better access, and a new contemporary station interior. The project integrates new pedestrian links across the city centre, giving direct access and interchange with the planned metro stop in Stephenson Street.

EMPT YOUNG LEADERSHIP:

Ulrich Strötz, Door2Door Software Team Lead, Door2Door
Ulrich Strötz, software team lead for Berlin-based Door2Door, developed a platform that offers the tools to integrate data-driven demand responsive transportation to public transport networks.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

Société du Grand Paris

► Société du Grand Paris won special recognition for the 'Grand Paris Express' project. This new automated ring metro encircling Paris will answer the expected public transport ridership increase and reinforce the public transport service in areas poorly served today. The project has started implementation and will see a €28bn investment by 2030.

Moscow City Government, Mosgortrans and Moscow Metro

There was also special recognition

for Moscow City Government, Mosgortrans and Moscow Metro for the successful implementation of the Russian capital's ambitious, integrated urban transport strategy. In the last five years the city has gone through the upgrade of the land transport network, the extension and modernisation of the underground network, and the renovation and further completion of the Moscow Central Circle. The creation of a unified parking space, the launching of a cycling infrastructure and the introduction of pedestrian zones are also part of Moscow's achievements. ■

TfL ACCEPTS SAMSUNG PAY

Over 900 million contactless journeys

PAYMENT

► Customers can now use Samsung Pay on their mobile phone to travel on London's transport network as part of its wider UK launch last month.

Shashi Verma, chief technology officer at Transport for London, said: "It's great to see another mobile ticketing option introduced into the market. More than 900 million contactless journeys have already been made in London."