

PARTNERSHIPS IN TRANSIT

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APTA PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TASK FORCE: POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES

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Public-Private Partnership Task Force

- **Established by APTA Executive Board in October 2006**
- **12 person task force, public and private sector members**

PPP Task Force Members

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Task Force Charter

Assess opportunities and best practices for utilization of public-private partnerships in the development and operation of public transportation.

Initial Work Product

- White Paper: *Policies and Principles for the Transit Industry*
- Objectives
 - To define the nature and scope of public-private partnerships in public transportation;
 - To examine the utility of financial and operational partnerships between the private sector and public transit authorities;
 - To highlight best opportunities for private investment in development and expansion of public transportation facilities and services; and
 - To highlight best opportunities for private partnering in the delivery of capital projects and in the delivery of transit services

Background: The Private Sector Role in Transit

- Transit largely private through mid-1940's
- Shift to public authorities in the 1960's (Urban Mass Transit Act)
- Private capital investment limited
- Private delivery and contracting expanded

Public Private Partnerships Defined

- **Public-private contractual agreement**
- ***Typical Objective:* Increase funding and financing opportunities and better facilitate project and service delivery**
- ***Private Sector Expectations:* Increased financial/investment opportunities and acceptable rate of return based on risk**
- ***Public Sector Expectations:* Combination of lowered cost, improved service quality, new technology, risk reduction, increased technical/managerial expertise/depth**

Recent PPP Experience

- **North American emphasis on toll roads (Dulles Greenway, SR 125, Chicago Skyway, Indiana Toll Road, 407 ETR, etc.)**
- **PPPs: Typically through concession agreements**
- **Recent Congressional concerns (Oberstar/DeFazio)**
- **Transit experience**
 - **Design-build-operate-maintain agreements (Hudson-Bergen/NJ Transit; Puerto Rico)**
 - **Contracted Services (Ubiquitous)**
 - **Transit-oriented development (Visible increase)**
 - **Private ownership/public leasing (Diminishing)**
 - **FTA "Penta-P" program (Houston, Denver, BART Oakland Airport Connector; Jury is out)**

Policy Premises

- Public transportation should be viewed as a key component of the “*modal mix*” in primary corridors
- Transit should be included in enabling legislation for PPPs
- PPP focus should not diminish the crucial governmental role in providing financial resources for transit development and operation
- PPP cannot substitute for public policy, oversight and resources

Guiding Principals for PPPs in Transit Industry

- 1) PPPs are a tool in the transit toolbox, not an ultimate solution**
- 2) PPPs must be structured to sustain the public interest**
- 3) PPPs should achieve public goals and support regional planning**
- 4) PPPs are most effective where long-range revenue streams exist**

Guiding Principals (Cont'd)

- 5) PPPs should be based on appropriate and beneficial sharing of risk between the sectors
- 6) PPPs should be used to increase procurement flexibility and effectiveness of project delivery
- 7) PPPs focused on tolling and highway pricing should be structured to promote increased transit use

Modest Recommendations...

- Support federal tax incentives to enhance attractiveness of transit investment ("*Green Tea*")
- Increase effectiveness of methods for encouraging real estate investment (TOD, TIF, *value capture* mechanisms)
- Integrate transit into tolling projects ("*high performance corridors*")
- Establish program within FTA similar to SEP-15

Potential Next Steps

APTA PPP Task Force

- **Conduct international survey...**
- **Monitor state/federal initiatives and legislation**
- **Develop a “*primer*” for the industry**
- **Solicit papers for APTA conferences**
- **Sponsor special seminars**
- **Create APTA “*resource center*”**