

Workshop on Multimodal Transportation Planning & Integration MMRDA brings International transport fraternity under one roof

Mumbai, September 15, 2017 – The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) organized a 3-day workshop on Multimodal Transportation Planning and Integration – Best Practices and Technologies which was held from September 13 to 15, 2017 at the Authority's new building on the Podium floor. "Any city in world that has deteriorating transport infrastructure will damage its economic structure. Mumbai's metropolitan region is bursting with opportunities and people connect with MMR for work, education and or personal needs and today's transportation facilities are unable to cater to the rising demands. That's the reason the Authority is committed to build roads, flyovers, Metro, Mono and contribute to augmentation of the suburban rail services", said Mr. U.P.S. Madan, Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA, while inaugurating the workshop. "I am happy to welcome delegates from various countries as also Indian transport experts", he said.



(Mr. U.P.S. Madan, Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA, addressing the workshop)

The first day of the workshop included country-specific presentations from Bangladesh, Cambodia and Laos which revolved around innovative technologies and services moderated by Mr. William Lyons from Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, USA. Another session discussed institutional context with regard to recent transportation technology initiatives and challenges where countries like Nepal, Sri Lanka and Vietnam participated. This session was moderated by Mr. Jason Hill, Department of Transportation, USA. The last session was only interesting as Mr. Sajeesh Kumar N., Director, Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of UDD and Mr. William Lyons discussed comparing and contrasting U.S. and Indian contexts, including differences and similarities to planning approaches, regulatory regimes and smart cities.

Day-2 of the workshop presented case studies on challenges, solutions, innovations and future goals with audience participation. The eminent panelists included Mr. William Lyons, Mr. Ramakant Jha, Former MD and Group CEO, Gift city; Ms. Marla Westervelt, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, LA, USA; Dr. Rohit Baluja, President, Institute of Road Traffic Education; Mr. Mandar Patwardhan, Director, E&Y, Singapore; Mr. Ronald Boenau, Federal Transit Administration, USA among others.

Mr. V.K. Phatak, Dean, Planning, CEPT University, Ahmedabad, discussed implications of land use planning on the third and final day of the workshop. Similarly, Mr. Jason Hill from U.S. Department of Transportation presented a scenario on applying key concepts, challenges and best practices in a hypothetical multi-modal planning.



(From left – Ms. Jennifer Larson, Deputy Principal Officer, US Consulate; Mr. Sajeesh Kumar N., Director, Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of UDD and Ms. K. Vijayalakshmi, Chief, Transport and Communications, MMRDA.)

The workshop was attended by Mr. Pravin Darade, Additional Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA; Mr. Sanjay Khandare, Additional Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA; Mr. Sanjay Yadav, Joint Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA; Ms. K. Vijayalakshmi, Chief, Transport and Communications, MMRDA and other senior MMRDA officials.