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MASS TRANSIT IN US AND CANADIAN CITIES WHAT CAN AUSTRALIA LEARN FROM THESE CITIES?

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Most cities in Australia have proposals to improve urban passenger rail systems and the current Federal Government is showing interest in supporting the funding of improved urban transport, including rail systems. South East Queensland is investigating an increase in rail capacity through the inner areas of Brisbane.

John Larcombe was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study mass transit systems in the USA and Canada. The main objective of the study tour was to investigate how transit systems have developed, and are being developed, to support the development of major cities. This issue is very topical in Australia as governments strive to deal with the transport issues resulting from urban growth.



John's presentation highlights the differences in the way rail systems have developed in North America and Australia, resulting in very different forms and roles of rail in urban transit. Major North American cities generally have subway and metro rail systems and limited commuter rail. There is also significant use of light rail to support urban revitalisation and provide inner city transport. The presentation outlines some lessons for Australia and South East Queensland, in particular, how we should develop the urban rail systems to support the growth of our cities.

John Larcombe has a background in economics and transport planning. He is currently Executive Director in the Planning Group of the Queensland Department of Infrastructure and Planning.



Where

Hawken Auditorium
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When

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5:30pm for
6:00pm Presentation

Registration

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