# Germa Bakker, City of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Germa Bakker has been working as a policy advisor in the field of traffic and transport for over 20 years. She is currently the Project Manager for the road pricing trial for the City of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Since 2004, she has been working as the Amsterdam account manager for the G4, a joint interest group of the four big cities on traffic and transport issues. Prior to her work for the City of Amsterdam, she worked for the province of Noord-Holland as a Project Manager for the reconstruction of the N201, a provincial road crossing through the city centres of Aalsmeer and Uithoorn. Germa studied law and economics at the Fontys University of Applied Sciences in Eindhoven. She has also followed additional programs on traffic planning at the University of Amsterdam.

### Reg Evans, Halcrow Consulting, UK

Reg Evans is a transport economist with Halcrow with more than 30 years experience in the development and appraisal of transport projects and policies. He led the effectiveness assessment in the ROCOL Study (Road Charging Options for London), which recommended the charging scheme that was later implemented in 2003. Since then he has been commissioned by TfL to undertake an economic cost-benefit assessment of the Central London charge and to estimate the travel demand elasticity shown by car drivers in response to the charge.

#### JD Hassan, Skymeter Corporation, Canada

JD Hassan, Skymeter's VP of Business Development, is a strategic leader who drives revenue and profit increases through organic growth, operational improvements and Mergers and Acquisitions. Formerly Director of Business Development for a Chinese multinational, he negotiated with Tier 1 automotive suppliers, set customer strategy, and increased sales in one unit from \$150-250M over twelve months. He has an MBA from HEC Paris, and an engineering degree from the University of Western Ontario.

### Dr. Mario Iacobacci, Conference Board of Canada, Canada

Dr. Mario Iaccobacci leads the Centre for Transportation Infrastructure at the Conference Board of Canada, where he is also Director of Research responsible for the research quality process and research contracts. Prior to joining the Conference Board in 2006, he provided international business strategy advice for institutional investors, public sector agencies and corporate clients, particularly transaction-related support in mergers and acquisitions and big-ticket leveraged-lease deals in the transportation and telecommunications industries.

# Harry Kitchen, Trent University, Canada

Over the past 30 years, Harry Kitchen has completed more than 80 articles, reports, studies, and books on a range of issues relating to local government expenditures, as well as finance and governance in Canada and abroad. In addition to being Professor Emeritus, he has served as a commissioner, advisor, and consultant for Canadian municipal, provincial and federal governments, and has worked on projects in Russia and China.

# Robin Lindsey, University of Alberta, Canada

Robin Lindsey is a professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Alberta where he has worked since 1982. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Queen's University, and a PhD in economics from Princeton. His research interests include road pricing, traffic congestion modeling, paying for roads and advanced traveler information systems. Professor Lindsey has participated in several European projects concerned with efficient transportation pricing, allocation of user charge revenues, and institutional factors in transport policy implementation. His list of current research projects includes truck toll lanes, cost recovery from congestion toll revenues under uncertainty, laboratory experiments on route choice under uncertainty, and co-editing a Handbook on Transportation Economics to be published by Edward Elgar.

# David MacIsaac, Transport Canada, Canada

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# Andy Manahan, RCCAO, Canada

During the past 24 years, Andy Manahan has represented the development and construction sectors at federal, provincial and municipal levels of government. As RCCAO's Executive Director, he has been actively promoting infrastructure investment solutions, including transportation and transit projects. Andy sits on Metrolinx's Advisory Committee and recognizes the importance of transportation demand management as Vice Chair of Smart Commute North Toronto-Vaughan and Chair of Smart Commute Northeast Toronto.

#### Nicolas Mery, Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Territory Planning, France

Nicolas Mery graduated in 2003 from the French National School for Public Work in Lyon (ENTPE). After his studies, he worked for 2 years for the French Department for Economy, Finance and Industry in the USA. He was based at the French Embassy in Washington, DC, and supported the development of the French-American relationship in the field of transportation, on the institutional and the industrial point of view. Since 2005, he has been working in Paris for the French Ministry for Transportation, now Ministry for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Territory Planning, in the field of road concessions. He is currently managing the contract with the French state and the main French highway concessionaire.

### Martin Rickmann, Toll Collect GmbH, Germany

Martin Rickmann's extensive career has included government work, public relations and marketing. Shortly after joining Toll Collect in 2004, he was responsible for stakeholder consultations with political decision makers and haulage associations across Germany and Europe. Since then, he has been in charge of Toll Collect's media relations, marketing, public affairs and internal communications.

### James Whitty, Oregon Department of Transportation, USA

James Whitty is the manager of Oregon Department of Transportation's Office of Innovative Partnerships and Alternative Funding. He obtained his bachelor's degree and Juris Doctorate from the University of Oregon. Through the Office of Innovative Partnerships and Alternative Funding, he manages the development of transportation projects as public-private ventures and the Road User Fee Pilot Program.

James joined the department in 2001 to manage several task forces with "cutting edge" missions for innovative transportation funding, including the Road User Fee Task Force (to develop a mileage fee to ultimately replace the fuels tax), and the Innovative Finance Advisory Committee.

In addition, James has headed Oregon's public-private partnership program, which engages the private sector in financing highway projects. James also brings a private sector perspective to his role in transportation policy. His prior experience includes 10 years working with transportation finance public policy for Associated Oregon Industries and the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and six years in private law practice.