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## **INTERNATIONAL TRANSIT STUDIES PROGRAM SEEKS NOMINEES FOR SPRING 2006 MISSION**

The International Transit Studies Program (ITSP) is seeking nominations for transit managers to participate in its upcoming spring 2006 study mission, which will examine coordinated strategies for expanding access to public transportation. The deadline for nominations is March 6.

The May 4-19 mission will focus on transportation providers that are adopting a flexible, coordinated approach to addressing the needs of all community members, including individuals who live beyond major urban centers, those with limited transportation access to available jobs, and those with disabilities or other special mobility needs. The tentative agenda includes meetings and site visits at transportation agencies in Sweden and The Netherlands. Other European locations for the trip are currently under consideration.

The International Transit Studies Program was established in 1994 to broaden the professional development of U.S. transit managers by providing them opportunities to visit transit systems abroad and obtain insights and knowledge useful to their organizations, the transit industry, and their careers. The ITSP is sponsored by the Transit Cooperative Research Program, funded by the Federal Transit Administration, and managed by the Eno Transportation Foundation.

Under the direction of mission team leader J. Barry Barker, Executive Director of the Transit Authority of River City (Louisville, Kentucky), the spring 2006 mission participants will observe models of coordinated networks and mobility management practices in multiple locations. They will also explore the partnerships, technology, communications, financing, and political factors that underpin these comprehensive approaches.

Twelve team members will be selected from the nominations received. Nominees must be in a management-level position at a U.S. transit agency, state department of transportation, or other non-operating agency that plays a major role in planning or financing public transit in the United States. For this mission, familiarity with paratransit and community transportation is desirable.

For more information about the spring ITSP mission, visit [www.enotrans.com](http://www.enotrans.com) or contact ITSP Manager Janet Abrams at 202-879-4700.

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