Session 3: Comparative politics of metropolitan transport: patterns of politics and areas of conflict

Comments and reflections

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• The value of thorough qualitative research on real-life urban processes
• Illustrates the importance, capacity and power of politics and political leadership to make a difference
• Important lessons to build further research on – the challenges for urban leadership will probably not be less in the future
Reflections/ideas for further discussion

• Strategy-making over time, when political conditions change and unintended effects appear?

• Urban leadership to challenge the role of the car in a wider urban context?

• Urban transport politics in a "new reality"?
  – with new forms of mobility and new actors (large global companies) entering the scene.