ZPH WORKSHOP at HARVARD

Sustainable Infrastructure for Climate Action

Harvard Graduate School of Design
Gund Hall, Room 112 (Stubbins)
48 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA

DAY 1

WELCOME <12:00 pm>

ZPH Research: Sustainability and Lifecycle Assessment (LCA)

Session 1
Climate action at the building level: Decarbonizing the Building Stock

Session 2
Planning, Design, and Monitoring Tools for Decarbonization

Session 3
Climate Action at the Country Level

WRAP-UP DAY 1 <5:20 pm>

SIAB Dinner <6:00 pm>

DAY 2

WELCOME <9:00 am>

ZPH Research: Climate Action at the Project Level

Session 4
Climate Action at the City Level

Session 5
Assessing Climate Change Risk

Session 6
Climate Action at the Company Level

Session 7
Climate Action in Transportation Projects, Networks, and Systems

CLOSING REMARKS <3:50 pm>

May 16 - 17, 2022
The Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure presents our in-person/hybrid ZPH Workshop: Sustainable Infrastructure for Climate Action on May 16-17 at Harvard University and online.

This ZPH Workshop is dedicated to understanding how climate action is planned and executed at various levels, from the project, systems, networks, building stock, and companies, to the city and country levels.

Please join us to learn more about sustainable infrastructure for decarbonization efforts, its implementation at different scales, through different frameworks, contexts, and actors.

Special thanks to speakers, moderators, our Sustainable Infrastructure Advisory Board (SIAB), and Harvard GSD!

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Virtual location via ZOOM:
https://harvard.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VjxZjH3tQlyK3rs42OR_Uw
Agenda

Welcome to the ZPH Workshop
Moderated by Prof. Spiro Pollalis.

Spiro Pollalis  Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program
Harvard University GSD

Joan Zofnass  Director of Conferences and Senior Advisor
The Environmental Financial Consulting Group [EFCG]

12:00 p.m.

ZPH Research
Sustainability and Lifecycle Assessment [LCA]

In collaboration with the National Research Council of Canada and
the Ontario Ministry of Transportation West Region.
Moderated by Prof. Spiro Pollalis.

Spiro Pollalis  Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program
Harvard University GSD

Jieying Zhang  Senior Research Scientist
National Research Council of Canada (NRC)

12:10 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Session 1
Climate Action at the Building Level:
Decarbonizing the Building Stock
Moderated by Kathy Collins.

Aladdine Joroff  Senior Staff Attorney and Lecturer
Emmett Environmental Law & Policy Clinic,
Harvard Law School

Ari Greenberg  Senior Associate
BR+A Consulting Engineers

Kathy Collins  Director of Sustainability
NV5 / SIAB

Amy Leedham  Associate
Atelier Ten

1:05 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

12:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Session 2
Planning, Design, and Monitoring Tools for
Decarbonization
Moderated by Deepa Sathiaram.

Andrea Love  Director of Building Science & Associate Principal
Payette / Lecturer, Harvard GSD

German Aparicio  Project Manager and LEED AP
Trimble / SIAB

Deepa Sathiaram  Executive Director
En3 Sustainability Solutions / SIAB

4:05 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.

Session 3
Climate Action at the Country Level
Moderated by Tom Lewis.

Loren Lavobitch  Vice President for International Development
Stantec / SIAB

Thomas Lewis  National Business Line Leader for Climate,
Resilience & Sustainability [CRS]
WSP / SIAB

Deepa Sathiaram  Executive Director
En3 Sustainability Solutions / SIAB

5:20 p.m.

Wrap-up Day 1 by Prof. Spiro Pollalis.

SIAB Dinner
Harvard Faculty Club, Library Room, 20 Quincy St., Cambridge MA
Networking from 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

<End of Day 1>
Agenda

[All times shown in ET]

7:00 a.m.
SIAB Meeting [By invitation only]

9:00 a.m.
Welcome to the ZPH Workshop Day 2

Spiro Pollalis
Professor and Director of the Zofnass Program
Harvard University GSD

9:05 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
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Shallan Fitzgerald
Infrastructure Manager
Harvard Allston Land Company [HALC]

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Senior Vice President, Director of Strategy
Stantec / SIAB

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Rebecca Hatchadorian
Associate Principal
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11:05 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Session 5
Assessing Climate Change Risk
Moderated by Roberto Mezzalama.

Roberto Mezzalama
Senior Project Director
Golder Associates – WSP / SIAB

Alexis Lautard
Corporate Advisor, Sustainable Development
Société de Transport de Montréal (STM)

Nichola Mckenzie
Environment Manager
Transport for London [TfL]

Cris B. Liban
Chief Sustainability Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority / SIAB

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lunch Break [Food available to attendees]

1:30 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.
Session 6
Climate Action at the Company Level
Moderated by Prof. Spiro Pollalis.

Deepa Sathiaram
Executive Director
En3 Sustainability Solutions / SIAB

Carrie Sabin
Vice President, Corporate Sustainability
Stantec / SIAB

2:30 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.
Session 7
Climate Action in Transportation Projects, Networks, and Systems
Moderated by Jim Grant.

Jim Grant
Associate Vice President; Sustainable Energy and Utilities Director, HNTB Corporation

Margaret Cederoth
Director of Planning and Sustainability
California High-Speed Rail Authority

Annika Ragsdale
Climate Analyst
California High-Speed Rail Authority

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3:55 p.m.
Closing Remarks

May 17, 2022
TUESDAY

End of Day 2
**Detailed Program: Monday**

May 16, 2022

*<Light lunch available for attendees from 11:45 a.m.*>

12:00 p.m.

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Prof. Pollalis received his first degree from the University in Athens (EMP) and his Master’s and PhD from MIT. His MBA in high technology is from Northeastern University. He has an honorary Master’s degree in Architecture from Harvard.

**Joan Zofnass, PhD**
Director of Conferences, The Environmental Financial Consulting Group.

Joan joined EFCG in 1996 and is the firm’s Director of Conferences and head of internal HR and the outside office garden. She is responsible for all five of EFCG’s conferences. Joan holds both a PhD and certificate in psychoanalytic psychotherapy, and still maintains a private practice.

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**ZPH Research**

**Sustainability and Lifecycle Assessment [LCA]**

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Presented and moderated by Prof. Spiro Pollalis.

**Integrating Sustainability and LCA: Pilot Application on transportation infrastructure projects**

This research proposes a Sustainability Lifecycle Tool for integrating infrastructure sustainability assessment with the lifecycle assessment for transportation projects. The tool development is based on research review of Lifecycle Assessment (LCA) of infrastructure in terms of the triple bottom line (TBL); three widely used Sustainability Assessment systems for the lifecycle of a project (Envision. CEEQUAL and ISCA); and the analysis of a transportation infrastructure project.

The research findings were summarized and formulated into a sustainability assessment-based LCA tool to enhance the lifecycle sustainability of transportation infrastructure projects. Project sustainability is defined as a balance of social, economic, and environmental trade-offs, considering the project’s lifecycle performance.

For the Sustainability Lifecycle Tool, a sustainability assessment-based system was chosen as methodology since:

- A sustainability assessment framework, by definition, considers the environmental, social, and economic aspects of a project.
- In contrast, LCA, as explained in the analysis, accounts only for either environmental or economic impacts.
- A sustainability assessment considers the entire Lifecycle of a project.
- LCA follows a highly technical and labor- and data-intensive process. Capacity building is necessary for agencies to perform LCAs in-house, which has been a constraint for LCA’s use.

Among the three analyzed sustainability assessment systems, the Envision® framework was selected to address lifecycle sustainability and the needs of transportation. The tool prioritizes strategies on the triple bottom line impacts and potential trade-offs.

The Sustainability Lifecycle Tool, can be used for the self-assessment of transportation projects (roadways, bridges, and transit) within the Envision® framework. It incorporates input from: (1) The literature review on infrastructure LCA and transportation infrastructure LCA; (2) Analysis of the three Sustainability Assessment frameworks; (3) Input from Ontario’s Ministry of Transportation West Region Bridge Office for the replacement of a typical bridge.

The Sustainability Lifecycle Tool highlights Envision-based indicators specific to the lifecycle stages and the Triple Bottom Line, and works together with the Envision Guidance manual. The criteria contains greater detail than the Envision Pre-assessment Checklist YES/NO-based criteria, but contains less detail than the Envision Online Scoresheet, which constitutes a full Envision assessment.

The Sustainability Lifecycle Tool is presented with its manual, and the replacement of the bridge by the MTO West Region Bridge Office is used as a case study of how to use the tool. This application should be considered as a first step to eventually lead to a general tool for all types of infrastructure projects, consistent with Envision and its philosophy.
Decarbonization of the built environment is perhaps the greatest challenge of our time, and if we intend to reach NetZero by 2050, we will need to decarbonize 3 times faster than typical operation and construction practices over the next 30 years. The path forward is holding each and every building accountable—owners, occupiers/users, operators, manufacturers, infrastructure & the grid, and most importantly innovators. This cannot be achieved with just buildings alone--infrastructure plus renewables will play a major role.
**Embodied Carbon**

In the critical 10 year time span to take climate action, embodied carbon comprises 80% of building-related emissions. Most building-focused embodied carbon programs focus on core and shell, but expanding the focus to include interiors, site design, and infrastructure elements reveals many more opportunities to reduce the carbon footprint of our built environment.

**Towards a Greener Future**

As environmental sustainability becomes an increasingly hot topic, the construction industry is falling under pressure to reduce its carbon emissions, fast. In order to achieve the aspiration of ‘building green’, you first need to be able to assess, analyze and evaluate the embodied carbon within a building or structure at the initial stages of design. Only then can you make more informed and engineered decisions about its delivery. Fortunately, there are tools available to help designers, engineers and contractors deliver on this greener future.

**Design Tool for Decarbonizing Buildings**

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**Session 2**

**Planning, Design, and Monitoring Tools for Decarbonization**

Moderated by Deepa Sathiaram.

**Andrea Love**

Director of Building Science & Associate Principal
Payette / Lecturer, Harvard GSD

Andrea is the Director of Building Science and Associate Principal at Payette, working across all projects to bring rigor to the performance of their work. Additionally, she leads the firm’s internal research projects, and was the Principal Investigator on the AIA Upjohn Grant focused on thermal bridging. She is also Lecturer at MIT in the Building Technology group where she teaches a class on building envelope performance. Andrea is a licensed architect, and has her Bachelor of Architecture from Carnegie Mellon as well as a Masters in Building Technology from MIT where she was the recipient of the Tucker-Voss Award. She chairs the Board of Directors for the USGBC Massachusetts, and was recently on the USGBC Chapter Steering Committee and Education Steering Committee. She is former a member of the AIA COTE Advisory Group and chair the AIA 2030 Working Group. She is a LEED Fellow and was a 2017 recipient of the AIA Young Architect Award.

**Deepa Sathiaram**

Executive Director, En3 Sustainability Solutions / SIAB
LEED Fellow, IGBC Fellow, USGBC & WELL Faculty

Deepa is a leading international sustainability, HVAC and wellness design professional. Deepa has been named as one of “India’s Top 15 Nature’s Keepers” for actively spearheading India’s green building movement in the last 20 years and tirelessly propagating sustainability in the built environment. She has also been recognized and featured as one of the “Top 5 Women in Sustainability in the World” by USGBC+ in early 2020.

She is a USGBC LEED Fellow Class of 2013, IGBC Fellow and an international recognized USGBC and WELL Faculty. She is the recipient of the USGBC Leadership award at the Inaugural Greenbuild India 2018 Conference and the IWBI Leadership Award in 2019 and the WELL Community Award in 2020.

As a highly admired leader and technical expert in the built environment, Deepa founded En3 in 2003 to specialize in sustainability and energy efficiency consulting. Since then, under her leadership, En3 has been consulting for over 500 million square feet of green and well buildings world-wide with operations in the U.S., India the Middle East and Africa.

Her sustainability work has gained world-wide recognition and the same is evident from the fact that En3 has won 3 “LEED Earth Awards” from USGBC, an unique recognition for demonstrating sustainability leadership in new regions and helping establish LEED and sustainable development in those new geographies. Deepa was chosen by USGBC as one of the select few leaders world-over to be the face of the USGBC “LEED ON” campaign in their effort to promote sustainability and recognize champions leading the green movement globally.
In Data We Trust
As countries and organizations move towards a zero-carbon approach, it is becoming more critical than ever before for organizations to embrace sustainability, energy efficiency, zero carbon strategies for all their activities. For the Real Estate Sector and the A/E/C industry, buildings are the single largest emitters of greenhouse gases and it is imperative that buildings reduce their energy use, water use, waste generation and most importantly its carbon emissions and all these efforts start with performance data tracking, analysis and management. Tracking performance data for buildings is easier said than done and this session will talk about the various platforms/frameworks available for tracking building performance data and management, the various challenges faced by buildings and strategies that can be adopted to overcome them.

Q & A led by Deepa Sathiaram.

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Loren Lavobitch
Vice President for International Development, Stantec / SIAB

Loren Labovitch, Stantec Vice President for International Development, is an environmental and social sustainability specialist with 29 years of international project, policy, and management experience. Loren has held technical and managerial roles in the design and implementation of a wide range of infrastructure, natural resource management, and remediation projects in the water, power, agriculture, and extractives sectors. Loren is a credentialed Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP) with extensive knowledge of international environmental and social performance standards such as those of the World Bank, International Finance Corporation, and others. Prior to joining Stantec, Loren spent eight years as a Director of Environmental and Social Performance at MCC, and a year as Climate Adaption Manager for the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

Renewed Emphasis on Climate Change in U.S. Foreign Assistance Programs
In June 2021, President Biden and G7 partners launched a new global infrastructure partnership called “Build Back Better World (B3W)” designed to help “narrow the $40+ trillion infrastructure need in the developing world” by mobilizing private sector capital in four key focus areas, one of which is climate change. This initiative prompted the development of new climate change strategies or action plans by several U.S. foreign assistance agencies, including the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), and the U.S. Development Finance Corporation (DFC). This presentation will provide an overview of these strategies and how the Envision Framework could potentially be used to guide or support some of the key objectives contained in these strategies.

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Tom is a licensed professional engineer (PE) and passed the bar in multiple states, holds both a bachelor of science and a master’s degree in Engineering from the University of Connecticut, and holds a Doctorate of Jurisprudence with focus on environmental law/regulation from Rutgers University.

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Q & A led by Thomas Lewis.

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Detailed Program: Tuesday

May 17, 2022

7:00 a.m. <Breakfast and coffee available>
Solo Breakfast Meeting [by invitation only]

9:00 a.m. <Start of Workshop Day 2, coffee available>

Welcome to the ZPH Workshop Day 2
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ZPH Research
Climate Action at the Project Level
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Climate Action at the Project Level
This research aimed to assist the Envision framework in adapting and contributing to the ongoing global discourse and research on climate change and the urgency of channeling investments in climate action projects.

The Zofnass Program focus for 2020-2021 consisted of research to help support investors for funding projects that address climate change through mitigation and adaptation. A dual approach is proposed to address the importance of climate change mitigation and adaptation while supporting investors on decision-making or selecting projects to invest in.

The research builds upon the Envision V3 framework and studies how Envision can respond to the current urgency and investors demand for climate-friendly projects. To bring out these high-priority criteria, a specific ‘filtering’ of Envision credits has been developed. The filtering follows the research methodology of the Lifecycle Sustainability tool, developed in collaboration with the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) geared for the early decision-making process.

Priority credits and strategies were considered across the full extent of their related impacts to provide a stronger case of why investors should choose to fund these projects and the multiple benefits and trade-offs of such decisions. This holistic approach for climate change avoids the limitations of monocriteria or two-or-three criteria analysis of projects.

Key related research areas were highlighted, and current climate-action goals were identified based on a literature review [a] on climate change and [b] the investors’ demand for climate action. The analysis of selected established ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) standards – the primary tool for investor knowledge on companies’ sustainable performance- and climate-related reporting frameworks like the Taskforce for Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations provides additional insight on how climate-related performance is defined and communicated to investors.

Based on the findings of the literature review and the ESG systems analysis, key criteria for assessing climate-related performance were identified and used for a targeted analysis of Envision. The analysis focused on [a] how Envision assesses project performance in climate change mitigation and adaptation, [b] if Envision is in line with current trends and methods, and [c] if the climate-related risks and opportunities of projects for investors are adequately captured.

The findings of the review process were synthesized as follows:

- Identification of gaps in Envision’s climate-related assessment of projects and guidance to project teams,
- Potential recommendations to Envision on how to address the identified gaps and enhance its climate-related assessment and guidance, and
- Prioritization of 26 Envision credits to assist in selecting the right projects for climate action, which is critical in the current climate emergency.

Shallan Fitzgerald
Infrastructure Manager, Harvard Allston Land Company [HALC]

Shallan Fitzgerald is the Infrastructure Manager at the Harvard Allston Land Company, where she leads a diverse group of consultants and internal stakeholders to implement Enabling Infrastructure in support of the ERC’s Phase A development. She began her career in construction on Boston’s Central Artery Tunnel Project, continued in design on local and state municipal roadway and water resources projects, and progressed to project management for state and institutional clients. As a consultant, Shallan provided construction management and program controls services for several large infrastructure projects including the MBTA Greenline Extension Project (GLX), MIT’s Investment Management Company and Harvard University’s Capital Projects Group.
In addition, Shallan is an active member of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers (BSCES), serving as President of the Section for FY22. She is registered Professional Engineer (in MA, NH, NCES), a certified Project Management Professional (PMP), a certified Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP) and holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of New Hampshire.

Envision for Climate Action in the Harvard Allston Campus

David A. Smith  
Senior Vice President, Director of Strategy, Stantec / SIAB

David heads Stantec’s corporate and global strategy. He has over 30 years of utility and infrastructure sector experience and advises on infrastructure strategies using knowledge of trends and best practices from across the world. He holds Board Director positions within Stantec’s Global, Europe and UK operating companies.

David has completed the University of Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership; he is a graduate of Harvard Business School’s Advanced Management Program; and a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers. He co-founded the ICE/Heriot-Watt/Stantec prestige lecture series on Resilience and has co-authored recent publications and articles such as ‘Community Futures’ and ‘Beyond Sustainability’. David is chair of the ICE Sustainable, Resilient Infrastructure Community Advisory Board and a member of the ICE Decarbonization CAB.

Clifton Integrated Constructed Wetland

Q & A led by Prof. Spiro Pollalis.

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Aladdine Joroff is a Senior Staff Attorney and Lecturer at Harvard Law School’s Emmett Environmental Law & Policy Clinic, where her work includes supporting innovative municipal, state and tribal climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives. Aladdine runs the Climate Solutions Living Lab course and teaches at the College and Extension School. Prior to joining Harvard Law School, Aladdine practiced environmental, energy and land use law in the Boston offices of Beveridge & Diamond and Goodwin Procter. She received her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and her M.S. and B.S. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Leading Up: Climate Action at the Municipal Level

If states are the laboratories of democracy, as posited by Justice Brandeis, then cities and towns may be the laboratories for climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies. But innovation at the local level can call into question the dividing lines between municipal and state authority, as well as policy questions as to when it makes sense to have a patchwork approach to addressing climate change versus more uniform requirements and funding mechanisms.

Rebecca Hatchadorian  
Associate Principal, Arup / SIAB

Rebecca Hatchadorian, is an Associate Principal at Arup with over 17 years of experience driving a more sustainable built environment. Rebecca works to optimize environmental and human outcomes with project teams which range from mixed-use masterplans, to higher education, commercial office, residences and labs. Her experience has evolved to larger strategic planning work focused on decarbonization on projects such as Carbon Free Boston, and the Massachusetts Decarbonization Roadmap, and the City of Cambridge to ESG strategy and due diligence assessment. She is on the Board of Directors for Built Environment Plus and is a LEED and WELL AP.

Using advanced modeling to decarbonize Boston’s building sector

The Carbon Free Boston report, released in 2019, identified the pathways and most impactful actions for the City of Boston to reach its Net Zero 2050 goal. Comprising approximately 75% of Boston’s GHG emissions, the buildings sector technical analysis provided the foundation for changes to BERDO and the Zero Net Carbon Zoning proposal. At the time, the analysis was the most comprehensive energy analysis at a city scale and shed new light on priorities and policy potential.

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Roberto Mezzalama  
Senior Project Director, Golder Associates – WSP / SIAB

Roberto Mezzalama is Senior Project Director of Golder – WSP where he carries out his professional activities from 1999. In 2004 and 2005 he has been the Manager of the Environmental Assessment Division of the Calgary office, and from 2007 to 2011 he has been the Managing Director of Golder Associates Europe. From 2011 to 2014 he has been Global Sustainability Advisor for Golder Associates Corporation. From May 2014 to March 2019, he was Leader of the Global ESIA community for Golder Associates Corporation. He is external board member of the Polytechnique University of Torino and member of the Sustainable Infrastructures Industry Board at the Zofnass Program at Harvard University. He holds a B.Sc. in ecology and an M.Sc. in environmental engineering; his technical experience includes leading projects in Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, Biodiversity assessment and Climate change risk assessment for infrastructure developments. His geographical experience includes projects
Climate Change Risk Assessment for Infrastructure Projects
The reality of a rapidly changing climate is starting to have a strong influence in decision making during the regulatory approval and financing of new infrastructures. Physical assets are exposed to climatic factors and particularly to extreme meteorological events for a very long time and some infrastructures are also exposed to economic and societal changes related to the decarbonization process. Several International and National regulatory bodies, particularly in the financial sector, are now routinely requiring an assessment of the physical and transition risks for new projects and this is creating a strong demand for a rigorous process that incorporates the best science and engineering as well as market and economic considerations. Given the uncertainties infuture climatic conditions and their effects on infrastructures this increased demand is creating various challenges to practitioners and clients. In this presentation we will introduce the basic concepts and methodologies for physical risk assessment and discuss some of the main challenges based on the experience of our team in conducting physical risk assessment in different countries in Europe, Africa, and Central Asia.

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Climate Resilience Assessment In STM
This presentation will highlight the climate resilience assessment of the extension of Montreal Metro Blue Line project. Alexis Lautard will present the key elements of the assessment methodology (scope of the assessment, selection of climate hazards, risk assessment tools/matrix etc.).

Nichola Mckenzie
Environment Manager, Transport for London (TfL)
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Assessing Climate Change Risk for Transport for London
Focussing on the development, methodology and results of a Pan-TfL asset climate risk assessment. This presentation highlights the key climate risks at an asset category level, and how this information will be used for adaptation planning.

Cris B. Liban
Chief Sustainability Officer, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority / SIAB
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Assessing Climate Risk in LA Metro

Q & A led by Roberto Mezzalama.

12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Lunch Break (Food available for attendees)
Session 6
1:30 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Climate Action at the Company Level
Moderated by Prof. Spiro Pollalis.

Deepa Sathiaram
Executive Director, En3 Sustainability Solutions / SIAB
LEED Fellow, IGBC Fellow, USGBC & WELL Faculty

A Survey of the ESG Adoption by Real Estate Companies in India & Future Trends
Real Estate and infrastructure companies constitute more than 20% of India’s GDP. As government and private expenditure is set to exponentially increase and drive further GDP growth adoption of ESG becomes crucial to achieve the goals of sustainable development. This session will present the results of a survey of ESG Adoption and practices of the Top 25 Real Estate Organizations and Funds in India. It will also highlight the key future trends in the real estate sector that will drive its progress towards a zero-carbon industry.

Carrie Sabin
Vice President, Corporate Sustainability, Stantec / SIAB

As vice president, corporate sustainability, Carrie manages our corporate sustainability commitments. She has 28 years of experience in sustainability, community engagement, and operations management with more than 12 years managing projects with staff from around the world including Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brunei, Chile, China, India, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Committed to sustainability and social partnerships, Carrie focuses on effective change management, stakeholder adoption, and attention to cultural norms. As manager for the overall sustainability program, which encompasses an environmental, social, and governance approach, Carrie oversees internal change management and performance reporting.

Carrie holds a Masters Certificate in Sustainability, a Masters in Business Administration with a focus on International Business, a Bachelors in Communications, and is a certified Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP) and Corporate Social Responsibility Professional (CSR-P). She’s also fluent in Spanish as a result of multiple years of living and working in Spain and Latin America.

Stantec Net Zero Commitments

Q & A led by Prof. Spiro Pollalis.

Session 7
2:30 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

Climate Action in Transportation Projects, Networks, and Systems
Moderated by Jim Grant.

Jim Grant
PE, MBA, BSME, ENVISION SP
Associate Vice President; Sustainable Energy and Utilities Director, HNTB Corporation

Mr. Grant has over 40 years’ experience and currently serves as Director for the Energy & Utilities Services Group in HNTB’s Bellevue, Washington, office. He provides subject matter expertise in central utility plants, renewable energy systems, distributed resources, energy conservation and aviation fueling systems for airports. Jim has led over a dozen utilities master plans at some of the largest airports in the world including ORD, SFO and LAX. He is currently leading the mechanical/electrical infrastructure design for the $10 Billion Terminal Area Program at O’Hare. He has prepared several white papers and studies on self-generation and shifting electrical demand to save energy costs. Jim has served as a Sustainable Infrastructure Advisory Board (SIAB) member on the Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure at Harvard since 2010.

Margaret Cederoth
Director of Planning and Sustainability, California High-Speed Rail Authority

Margaret Cederoth is the Director of Planning and Sustainability at the California High-Speed Rail Authority. Her duties include policy development and implementation, station delivery, station area planning, greenhouse gas emissions inventory, tracking, and offsets, renewable energy planning, climate adaptation planning, sustainable design, and district-scale sustainability approaches.

Annika Ragsdale
Climate Analyst, California High-Speed Rail Authority

Annika Ragsdale is a Climate Analyst with the California High-Speed Rail Authority, who identifies climate change risks to the program and collaborates with HSR planners, engineers, asset managers, and others to develop adaptation responses.

Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Action on a Mega-Project Scale: California High-Speed Rail
The California High-Speed Rail system is a statewide, transformational transportation investment. Intended to serve as the backbone of electrified, high-speed transportation over the next century, the system is being designed intentionally to both mitigate and adapt to a changing global climate with localized stressors and events. The California High-Speed Rail Authority [Authority] actively considers the impacts of climate change and extreme weather
in system design, delivery and operation.

How do multi-jurisdictional projects manage climate risks and exposure across jurisdictions, when climate stressor thresholds may vary? How do agencies adapt processes and delivery methods to best accommodate the evolving nature of climate data? What role do State and Federal agencies play in setting climate risk data and thresholds? The Authority will provide details on one of our major achievements: the 2021 Climate Adaptation Plan (CAP), as well as work with other California agencies on core state climate documents.

The Authority’s CAP summarizes work to date to assess changing climate hazards like temperature rise and precipitation change and ways in which the Authority is preparing for those changes through design, operations and maintenance, and program-level strategies. The CAP also summarizes key next steps for the agency, which include implementing a Climate Policy and integrating climate risks into the Authority’s risk management process. The plan is a core resource for Authority staff who need to understand how climate change may affect the system and decisions they make day-to-day.

The presentation will also touch on how the CAP will be updated as new climate data and information become available, and as the Authority makes progress on the next steps identified to prepare for an uncertain future.

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Transport for London’s Climate Action for Adaptation. Focussing on current adaptation activity and how this will provide a benefit to TfL. Covering research programmes and physical adaptation interventions for assets and infrastructure projects.

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Climate Action in the Blue Line Metro Expansion—Montreal

This presentation is dedicated the results of the climate resilience assessment of the extension of the Montreal Metro Blue Line project. Alexis Lautard will present the main risks identified and the mitigation measures planned for design and operations.

Q & A led by Jim Grant.

Closing Remarks by Prof. Spiro Pollalis.

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