

EJTIR Discussion notes & replies

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Starting with this issue, EJTIR plans to complement its regular content with so-called *discussion notes & replies*.

A discussion note can be sent to us by either scholars or practitioners. The approximately six-page document comments on particular trends, issues or visions in the field of transportation. Such a discussion note, rather than being sent out for review, is forwarded to a number of experts on the topic discussed, with the request to react by means of a brief reply. After having received all replies, the author of the initial discussion note is provided with the opportunity to respond. Subsequently, all documents are published in an EJTIR-issue under the heading *discussion notes & replies*.

We trust that, by extending our content towards including these discussions, we are able to further increase our relevance for scholars and practitioners in the field of transportation: in our view, many of the important transportation challenges ahead of us could benefit from a discussion among experts as sketched above.

Our first discussion deals with a new form of public transport, aimed at providing an alternative to private car-use in densely populated urban areas. The author of the discussion note, Joop Evers, envisages an integral concept called Fast Transport on Request, built around the notion of high-speed, demand oriented, bus services on dedicated tracks. Ulrich Weidmann and Karel Brookhuis, each from a different perspective reflecting their own expertise, comment on Joop's ideas.

We wish you a pleasant reading of EJTIR's first publication of *discussion notes & replies*.

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