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SPECIAL SESSION

Transportation Research Board (TRB)

Practice Informing Research: India's Transportation Experts Participating in the Transportation Research Board

15th November - 12:00-13:30

Session Leader: Neil Pedersen, Executive Director, TRB, USA

DESCRIPTION:

Past research has shown that the transportation system plays a critical role in the country's economic growth by making and enhancing connections between individuals and firms, thus improving the business climate and overall economic growth. However, the relationship between the system and economic growth is complex. The extent of the system's contribution is dependent on how efficient it operates, how well it connects communities and people with resources and services, the physical condition of the infrastructure. The four presentations in this session will explore issues surrounding the relationship between mobility, accessibility, and productivity.

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Moderator:

Sharada Vadali, Texas A&M University; Chair of the Standing Committee on Transportation and Economic Development.

Presenters:

Members of Standing Committee on Accessible Transportation and Mobility

- Sminu Jindal, Svayam – Global Centre for Inclusive Environments
- Adha Negi, Global Forum for Empowerment



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Member of Standing Committee on Low-Volume Roads

- Ashok Kumar, The World Bank

Member of Standing Committee on Highway Safety Workforce Development

- Sudeshna Mitra, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur