

GTFS FOR THE REST OF US

Towards a data standard for paratransit and flexible transportation services

WELCOME

On behalf of the World Bank, Columbia University, the MIT Civic Data Design Lab, the University of Nairobi, and Groupshot, we would like to welcome you all to this workshop in Washington, DC.

From Jakarta to Nairobi to Mexico City to right here in the USA, transit data collection efforts have encountered similar difficulties and barriers. We believe there is a need for a broader dialogue on the issue and the ways in which we might move forward.

The workshop aims to more systematically share and compare experiences of collecting paratransit data in different parts of the world and to solidify a growing network around non-scheduled and non-stop-based transportation data.

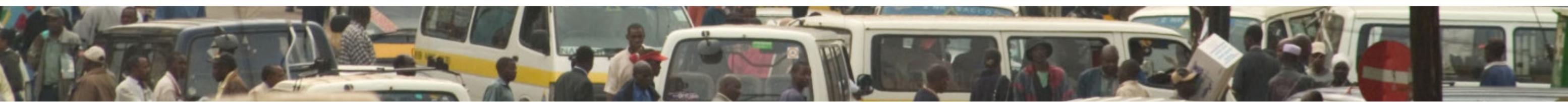
The workshop also aims to discuss whether, based on experiences so far, there exists a need to modify the GTFS or develop a new data format and if so, what such a standard might look like.

We're excited and encouraged by the amount of interest we've seen from individuals working in such varied contexts around the globe, and we eagerly look forward to meeting with you all in DC.

Best wishes, and welcome to the workshop,

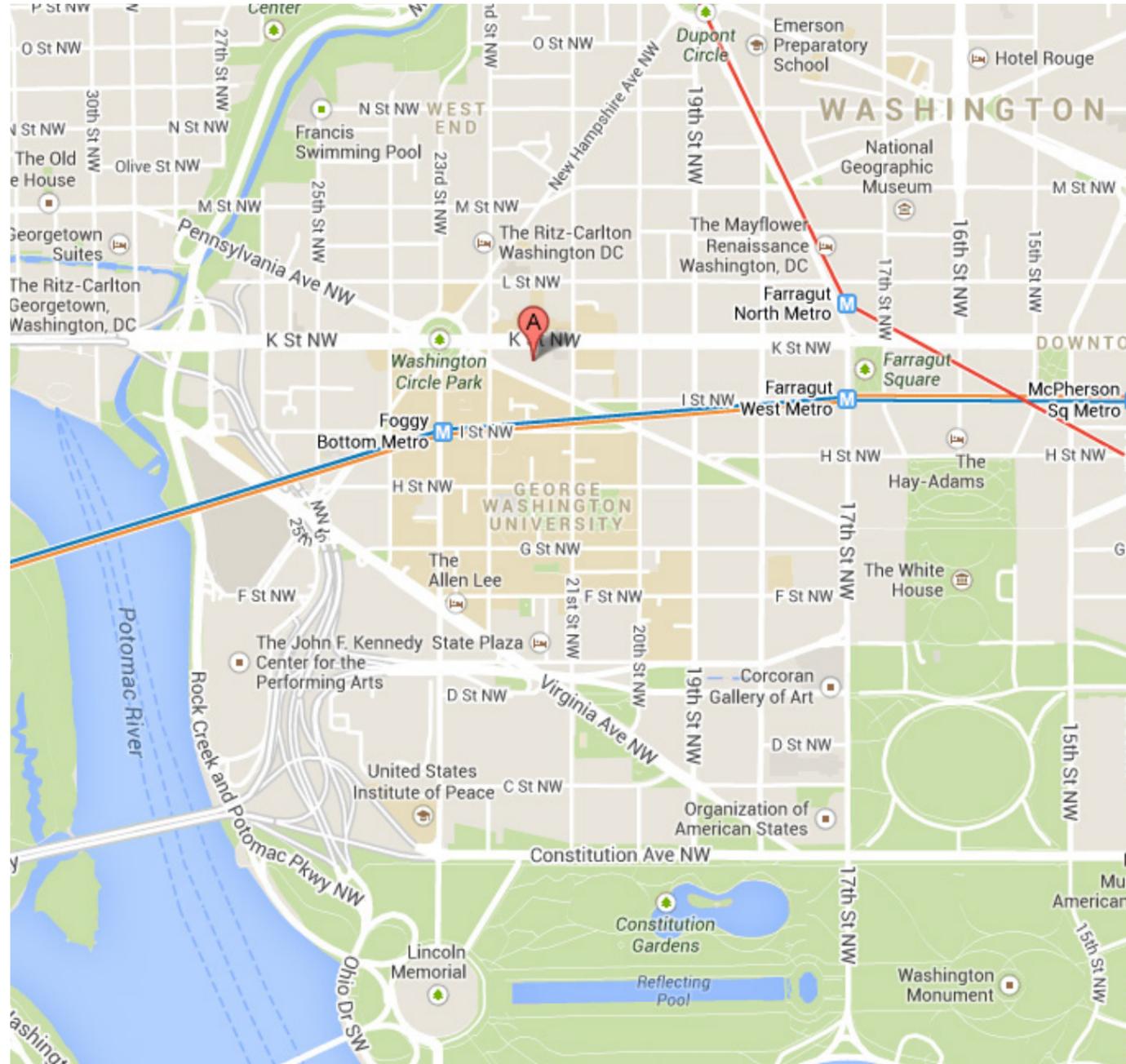


Sarah Williams, Jackie Klopp, and Holly Krambeck



LOCATION

All sessions will take place in Room 5-P100 of the International Finance Corporation, located at 2121 Pennsylvania Ave NW in Washington, DC.



AGENDA

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

9:00am - 9:15am	Why GTFs for the rest of us?	Sarah Williams, MIT Civic Data Design Lab; Holly Krambeck, World Bank
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GTFs EXPERIENCES

9:15am - 9:40am	Mexico City, Mexico	Mariana Campos, SETRAVI; Shomik Mehndiratta, World Bank
9:40am - 10:00am	Manila, Philippines	Patricia Mariano, Philippines DOTC; Neil Taylor, ITP
10:00am - 10:20am	Three-city pilot, China	Li Qu, The World Bank; Linghong Zou, Columbia University; Aaron Antrim, Trillium Transit
10:20am - 10:55am	Q&A and discussion	Moderator: Brian Ferris, Google
10:55am - 11:15am	Break	
11:15am - 11:35am	Nairobi, Kenya	Peter Ochieng and Dan Orwa, University of Nairobi; Adam White, Groupshot; Jackie Klopp, Columbia University; Sarah Williams, MIT Civic Data Design Lab
11:35am - 11:55am	Dhaka, Bangladesh	Kuan Butts, MIT/Urban Launchpad; Emily Eros, MIT
11:55pm - 12:30pm	Q&A and discussion	Moderator: Neil Taylor, ITP

LUNCH

12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch will be provided for all participants.

TRANSIT DATA FOR THE REST OF US - HOW?

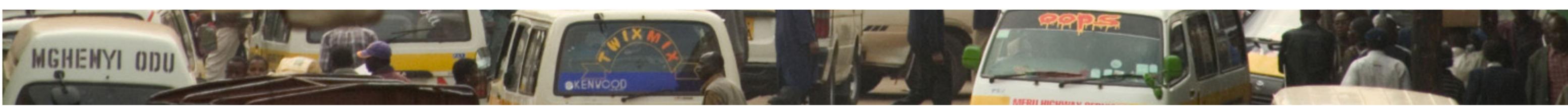
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Break-out discussion groups	Moderator: Kevin Webb, Conveyal
3:15pm - 4:15pm	Continued discussion groups	Moderator: Kevin Webb, Conveyal

CONCLUDING REMARKS

4:15pm - 5:00pm	Summary and steps forward	Jackie Klopp, Columbia University
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TOPIC IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION GROUPS

- How do we support cities and society in collecting and maintaining updated transit information for paratransit?
- How can such data be useful to planners, operators and users?
- What role can a data standard play?
- Should GTFs be modified to support wider adoption across the globe or do we need to develop something else?
- What are the roles of the developer community, the private sector (i.e., Google), the public sector, and the NGOs in ensuring consistent application of a global standard? In supporting a global repository of links to these data?



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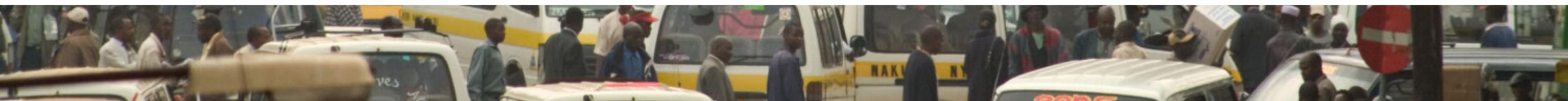
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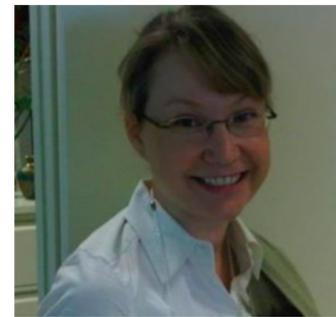
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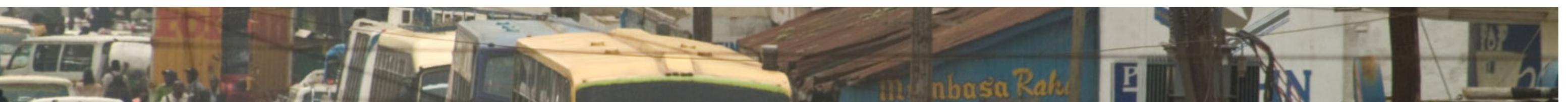
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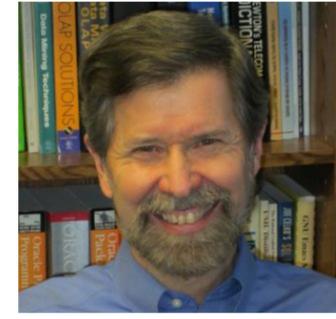
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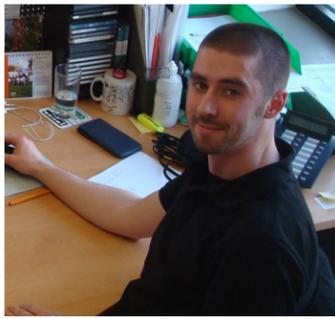
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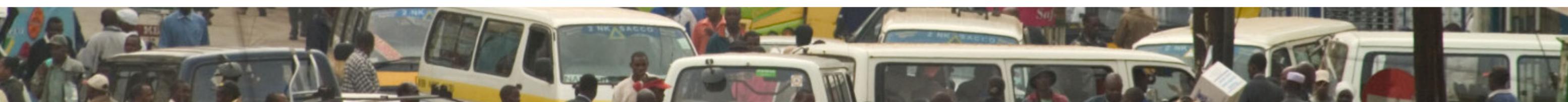
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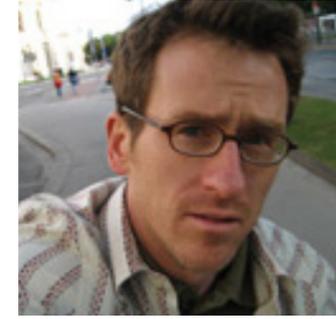
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