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**Joint Session of the IGU Commissions on Transport and Geography &
Urban Geography: Emerging Urban Transformation**

Session C08.35 Transportation

CALL FOR PAPERS ON:

Large scale transport infrastructure and regional and urban impacts

There is a growing interest in the relationship between investment in large scale transport infrastructure and economic development and regeneration both at the urban and regional scale.

Investment at the urban scale, particularly in megacities and conurbations, includes heavy and light rail systems and bus rapid transit as well as road improvements and also relates to relieving traffic congestion and environmental issues. Investment at the regional scale includes high speed trains, fixed link bridges and tunnels, airports and new roads and also relates to intra and inter-national transport networks, the elimination of key bottlenecks and environmental issues.

Transport plays a critical role in facilitating economic competitiveness. High quality infrastructure and transport services improve the performance of the labour market, helps attract inward investment and can improve the quality of life. However there is a long history of inaccurate traffic predictions and cost overruns on large scale transport investments.

Titles and abstracts (no more than 3000 characters) should be submitted to the IGC website at www.igc2012.org **before 15th December 2011**. Please also send a copy to the Joint Session Convenors: Richard Knowles r.d.knowles@salford.ac.uk and Christian Matthiessen cwm@geo.ku.dk. The IGC website first requires you to create a personal user account without charge before you can submit an Abstract.

**We have asked the IGC to schedule this session on Wednesday 29th August but the IGC Cologne 2012 Programme timetable is not yet confirmed.*

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