

Shifting Gears II Lecture Series

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LEARNING FROM NEW YORK

Monday, October 19, 7 pm

Room 8 & 15, East Building (under the sails)
Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre,
999 Canada Place, Vancouver

Jeanette Sadik-Khan is a transportation superstar in North America. As New York City's Transportation Commissioner, she helped introduce protected bike lanes, pedestrian plazas, sustainable street designs and, most dramatically, closed five blocks of Broadway in Times Square to vehicles — while improving traffic flow! Find out how she transformed New York and how that could affect us, our health, and our urban environments.



Additional sponsorship for Jeanette Sadik-Khan's lecture provided by Translink.



This is a shoulder event to the Gaining Ground/Resilient Cities conference on October 20–22, 2009.

Admission is free but seating is extremely limited and reservations are required.

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LEARNING FROM TORONTO

Thursday, November 26, 7 pm

UBC Robson Square, 800 Robson Street, Vancouver

Elyse Parker, as the Director of the Public Realm Section for Toronto's Transportation Services Division, is helping to actively re-envision streets and public spaces for city greening, sustainable practices, beautification and active transportation.

Find out how Toronto is taking designs for a healthy city — and healthy people — to the streets.

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Biographies

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Elyse Parker is the Director of the newly created Public Realm Section in the Transportation Services Division of the City of Toronto. In this role she leads teams to coordinate and implement programs - including harmonized street furniture, pedestrian strategies and beautiful streets – all directed to make Toronto’s streets more appealing and liveable. She is a former planner for the Downtown area and was previously manager of Toronto’s Clean and Beautiful City Secretariat, an inter-divisional, multi-faceted program to improve public space across the city. She is a landscape architecture graduate of the University of Toronto, and holds Masters degrees in American Studies - Preservation Studies from Boston University and in Landscape Architecture in Urban Design from Harvard University. She is a member of the University

of Toronto’s Design Review Committee and is the recipient of the 2008 Ontario Association of Landscape Architects award for Public Practice.

At this time her particular passion is “Everyday Urbanism”, the unplanned, often unintentional design moves and small efforts that build cities incrementally.

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Janette Sadik-Khan was appointed Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg on April 27, 2007.

Commissioner Sadik-Khan is internationally recognized for her expertise in transportation issues, public policy development and innovative finance - knowledge gained in over 18 years of experience in federal and local government and the private sector.

Since becoming Commissioner, she has embarked on an aggressive agenda to improve air quality, mobility, and public space, and reach a state of good repair on all of the Department’s facilities. Commissioner Sadik-Khan pioneered the development of a Strategic Business Plan to bring all Departmental operations and planning in line with the sustainability goals of PlaNYC. She has reshaped the Department’s communications with Community Boards, elected officials, and individual citizens, with an emphasis on transparency and customer service.

Recognizing that transportation in New York City is as much about quality of life as it is about getting from points A to B, the Commissioner has looked to cities around the world for inspiration and initiated the development of a public realm strategy.

Prior to her appointment as Commissioner, she was a Senior Vice President of Parsons Brinckerhoff, a leading international engineering firm. Previously, she was Deputy Administrator at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), managing the capital construction budget and responsible for developing an innovative finance program which provided localities with increased funding and regulatory flexibility. As Director of the Office of Policy, she initiated the FTA’s Art in Transit program.

While serving as Director of the Mayor’s Office of Transportation, she was principal advisor to Mayor David Dinkins on mass transit issues. Key positions held at the New York City Department of Transportation included Special Counsel to the Commissioner and Legislative Director of the agency.

Commissioner Sadik-Khan holds a B.A. in Political Science from Occidental College, a law degree from Columbia University School of Law and is a member of the New York State Bar. She was a Rockefeller Fellow and has been a visiting scholar at New York University.