

Report Workshop 2

Effective institutional relationships, regulatory frameworks and contract strategies



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Workshop overview

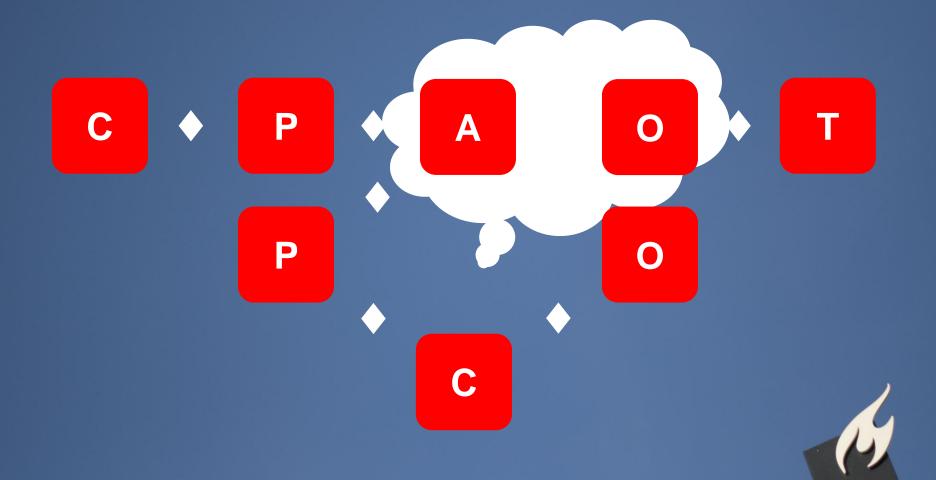
- Countries we passed by:
 - Australia, Brazil, Chili, Ecuador, Finland, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and many more.
 - 18 papers
 - 30 participants
- Workshop report 2013
 - Follow up on Workshop 5 in Thredbo 13.
 - Specifying concession that are attractive to potential bidders
 - Providing adequate data to all bidders
 - Retaining risks that the operator cannot control
 - Ensuring that bidders can acquire the assets they need, if necessary by leasing them to the operator themselves



Key outcomes

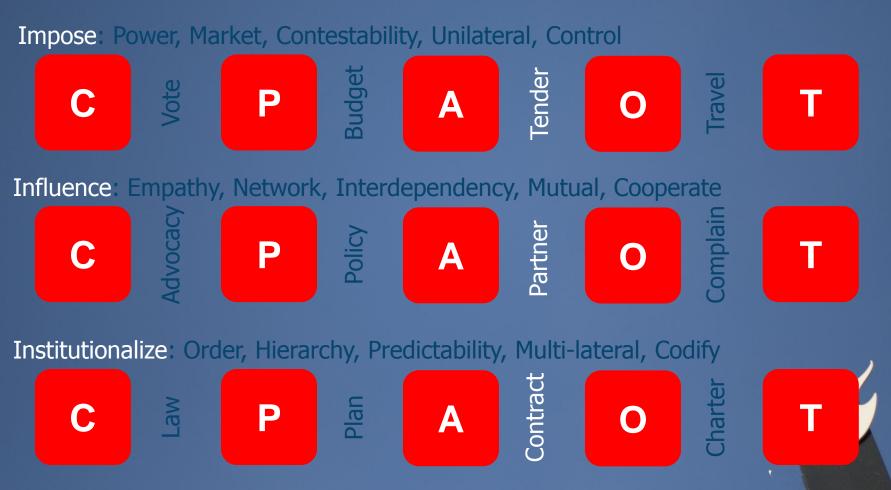
- Any governance of public transport has to serve public goals
 - From fiddling with the model, to aligning governance with goals
 - Optimizing efficiency and effectively delivering on public demands
- Tactical planning not an issue anymore
 - Cooperation is key
 - Award the right way and move on
- Flexibility, did we mention this earlier?
 - More important than ever because of the need for austerity and growth
 - Outside challenges: hybridization, innovation, participation
- Tendering
 - A powerful tool, like benchmarking, yardstick, other, use with caution
 - · Move from focus on tendering to focus on goal oriented governance
 - New developments challenge the status quo

Actors in public transport governance





Three aims of actor interactions





Tendering (one more time...)

- Tendering in a mixed environment seems more promising, using partnerships, benchmarking, yardstick, direct-award, and tendering
- Phasing, more mature not necessarily better
 - Mature rail in UK, struggling
 - Mature bus in Netherlands and Sweden, gains captured, cost growing
 - Selective in Japan (in Tokyo in 2003), little efficiency gains
 - Slow introductions bus in Norway and Finland, little efficiency gains
 - Tendered in Santiago, rethinking
 - Started in Singapore in 2014
- Where are the transaction and transition costs?
- Gross-cost, net-cost, suppletion, and then the counter arrangement



The nuggets

- Awarding committees have biases, however, a rigid focus on objectivity can hamper the quality of the award
- External authorities with less direct ties to the government of the jurisdiction seem to provide more efficient public transport
- Asset (vehicles, depots) ownership seems to shift from operator to authority (Japan, Singapore, Netherlands), challenges exist but prove culturally dependent
- Legal analysis shows that requirements definition by the authority is the key variable of failing tendering procedures
- More data (GPS, RFID) available, but getting it in the right hands, from incumbent, to authority, to bidders, is still a challenge



Policy and research recommendations

Policy

- Allow for mixed models (Japan, New Zealand, Netherlands, Singapore)
 - Tendering is valuable when performance is lagging
 - Partnerships are valuable when performance is sound
 - Combines tools, like benchmarking and yardsticks, partnerships, direct-award
- Include all costs, transition and transaction, in evaluation
- What was the goal again?

Research

- Great tools for researching efficiency, what about effectiveness?
- What intervening variables do we miss in analyses of tendering success?
- What can we provide for the more matured tendering authorities?
- Do we deliver results that provide governance design cues?

Impact

Keep eye on: Singapore and Santiago, Ozzi operators in court



Thank you!





