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Background and Expectations

Public Private Partnerships (PPP) are now commonly used in many countries and have been recognised as an important avenue for funding major public sector infrastructure capital projects. The scheme, in many cases, has been advanced by the need to restrict public sector spending, leverage public funds and exploit private sector skills in management, operation, innovation and to share/transfer risks. The transport sector has especially benefited from the PPP scheme, in many cases, also as a political means of deregulation and promotion of transport policy with respect to the development and operation of transport infrastructure. As such, PPPs have been the object of interest for both academia and practitioners. In order to enhance and support the success of these endeavours, research leading to future predictions and forecasts of outcome is important. However, this may be achieved only through close “partnership” with market developments.

The proposed special issue calls for developments from both academia and practice and seeks to identify potential “partnerships”. Topics to be included are tendering and contracting, implementation and monitoring, institutional impact and case studies from the motorway, rail, port, airport and urban transport sectors, reflecting a robust and holistic approach to PPPs in the transport sector. As the transport sector is highly correlated to macro-economic trends and the global economy, papers reflecting this impact on PPPs are very welcome. Hence, topics include:

- The decision-making process for PPP selection and award
- Implementation and operation for PPP projects in the transport sector
- PPP performance in the transport sector
- Institutional issues concerning PPPs in the transport sector
- The impact of the global economy on PPPs in the transport sector.

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The Guest Editors will conduct an initial review of submitted papers. Those judged suitable for the special issue will be sent to at least two independent referees for double blind peer review, after which submissions may be recommended for revisions and further review, acceptance or rejection.

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