



Smart Cities Challenge Judges Announced

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CENTREVILLE, Va., Nov. 8, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Parsons Corporation (NYSE: PSN) is excited to announce the following judges for its Smart Cities Challenge: His Excellency Eng. Abdullah Al-Mogbel; Amy Ford; Tim McManus; John Rossant; and Sam Schwartz. The group will be responsible for identifying the winner of the Parsons challenge. Semi-finalists will be announced on Nov. 15 during CoMotion LA in Los Angeles.

The judges are:

- **His Excellency Eng. Abdullah Al-Mogbel:** His Excellency, who will chair the panel of judges, has served as Saudi Arabia's minister of transport and is a former mayor of Riyadh, giving him the opportunity to work on some of Saudi Arabia's largest infrastructure projects.
- **Amy Ford:** As the director of the Mobility on Demand Alliance (MODA) for ITS America, Amy Ford leads the creation, strategic direction, and activities of MODA. MODA promotes an innovative, traveler-focused approach to transportation that leverages emerging mobility services, integrated transit networks and operations, real-time data, connected travelers, and cooperative intelligent transportation systems (ITS).
- **Tim McManus:** Tim McManus is a global expert on the development and delivery of major capital projects and programs. He's currently an associate professor at Columbia University's School of Engineering. From 2015 to 2019, Tim was a vice president and client development advisor at McKinsey & Company.
- **John Rossant:** John Rossant is the CEO of CoMotion, the new mobility platform that organizes CoMotion LA, the annual gathering of public- and private-sector leaders of the mobility revolution. He's also the founder and chairman of the NewCities Foundation, which is dedicated to improving the quality of life and work in global cities.
- **Sam Schwartz:** Sam Schwartz, a former New York City traffic commissioner, is the CEO of Sam Schwartz Engineering, a firm specializing in transportation planning and engineering. Sam's transportation career began in the late 1960s as a New York City cabbie, and he first joined the Traffic Department, as a junior engineer, in 1971.

In August, the company announced a Smart Cities Challenge – titled *Improving Intersections*– to enhance city mobility, shorten commute times and increase safety at intersections around the world. The goal is to change the way cities move by collaborating with governments to solve some of the most complex mobility issues they face today, including frustrated motorists sitting at intersections in traffic backups waiting for lights to change.

Parsons solution to the global mobility issue includes automated traffic re-timing based on changing traffic patterns, systems that connect vehicles with traffic signals, and accounting for the rise of pedestrians, bicycle, electric scooter and other means of current transportation. More information can be found at <https://www.parsons.com/smart-cities-challenge>.

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