



Job Title: Senior Transport Specialist (GG)

Global Practice: Transport

Position Number:

Length of Assignment: 24 months

BACKGROUND:

The World Bank Group serves more than twenty client countries in the Latin-American and the Caribbean (LCR) region. Clients range from middle-income countries (MICs) such as Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, or Peru, with high demand for knowledge services and technical assistance in addition to lending, to IDA countries like Haiti and Nicaragua, with an emphasis on poverty reduction and programs that support equitable and enhanced access to social and economic opportunities.

The Bank's transport sector portfolio in LCR consists of about thirty five projects with loan commitments of about USD 6 billion. This portfolio covers a wide spectrum of transport modes, although the road sector and urban transport operations represent the largest share. The region's demand for transport infrastructure and services has grown alongside the needs required by its, generally, strong economic growth and strategies for poverty reduction and shared prosperity. The countries in the region seek high quality support from the Bank and the key strategic areas of our assistance are: (a) planning and programming of transport infrastructure and services, with particular attention to the reduction of economic imbalances across intra-country regions and to the enhancement of accessibility in rural and urban areas; (b) strategies and mechanisms for managing, financing, and maintaining infrastructure assets (with continued strong interest in expanding private sector participation and private-public partnerships); (c) attention to externalities of transport modes, including environmental, climate change, and air quality issues and travel safety; (d) promotion of technological innovations (transport on demand platforms, e-tolling, digital development in transport) and commercial practices (incorporating private sector participation); and (e) the institutional/governance setup and financial frameworks, and the rules and regulations in support of the above strategic areas. In addition, fueled by governments' interest in improving the competitiveness of their economies, the transport and logistics agenda has gained momentum as client government request Bank support in the form of analytical studies.

The LCR unit of the Transport Global Practice seeks to identify and assign a 24 month Senior Transport Specialist (GG) for 2019/20 period based in Washington DC.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Senior Transport Specialist (GG) will focus on transport sector initiatives in the LCR Region and will be posted with the operational teams within the Transport Unit in that Region of the Transport Global Practice (GP) of the World Bank, located at its headquarters in Washington DC. She/he will work under the supervision of the Practice Manager at LCR of the Transport GP and in close association with the Task Team Leaders of selected operational teams.

The duties of the Senior Transport Specialist (GG) will include the following:

- i. Develop and supervise initially as team member a portion of the Bank's transport portfolio in the Latin America and Caribbean region addressing transport sector technical issues ranging from general transport sector institutional setups and reforms to planning, implementation and disaster risk management in transport. Prepare analyses and documentation for lending and technical assistance activities, with a focus on transport planning, policy and operations, transport modelling, data analytics, and disaster risk management and adaptation in transport.
- ii. Participate and at times co-lead teams in operational missions, supporting the identification, preparation or appraisal of potential new operations and the supervision of the implementation of a selected number of ongoing projects.
- iii. Provide and lead analytical work including preparation of strategic documentation (including presentations, proposals, notes, and other material) required for business development, supervision and dissemination of the unit activities or strategies. Analytical tasks cover transport policies (transport planning, transport system governance issues, transport asset management and financing, subsidy and tariff policies, demand management, new technologies in transport, disaster risk management and adaptation), the provision of multimodal and logistics transport infrastructure and services, urban transport and mobility initiatives, financing options, asset management and operations, gender, impact evaluation, and management and delivery of infrastructure and services.
- iv. Support project teams in the preparation of analytical activities including the application process for resources from trust funds, the revision of outputs, and the monitoring of the activities of the pertinent consulting companies and individuals.
- v. Assist in the preparation of different documents including Aide Memoire, Implementation Status Reports, Implementation Completion Reports, Concept Notes, and Appraisal Documents.
- vi. Participate in research activities in the areas of strategic planning of transport infrastructure, data analytics, and modelling aimed at sharing the knowledge generated by the unit's operations and initiatives across the GP.
- vii. Participate in research and knowledge-sharing initiatives across the GP, as well as in the dialogue with client governments pertaining of data analytics, modelling, and strategic planning of transport infrastructure.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- i. Advanced degree (Masters level or higher) in Transport/Urban Planning, Transport Engineering, Transport Economics, Transport PPPs Finance, or equivalent.
- ii. At least 8 years relevant experience in transport projects, with demonstrated track record of increasing responsibility in operational and analytical work;

- iii. Strong operational and analytical skills in one or more technical areas, such as: road or railway transport project financing and operations, urban transport, climate change financing, public-private partnerships, or infrastructure regulatory issues.
- iv. Strong operational and analytical skills in one or more technical areas, such as: road or rail transport asset management and operations, digital development in transport, urban transport projects, urban mobility;
- v. Strong organizational skills, as well as the ability to prioritize tasks and ensure timely completion of tasks under pressure.
- vi. Enthusiasms for and ability to work in teams.
- vii. Excellent communications skills, including writing and presentation skills in English and desirable basic fluency in Spanish and/or Portuguese.