

French High Speed Network : Pragmatized State Top-down Transportation Planning

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Abstract

We review ongoing transportation infrastructure projects in France, particularly High Speed Lines being built or in diverse stages of the project. This qualitative analysis aims to provide insights into possible mechanisms of transportation planning processes at different scales.

1 Introduction

Context LGV network : read and synthesize Zembri [Zembri, 1997, Zembri, 2008].

2 Projects

List and characteristics of reviewed projects.

- LGV Est
- LGV Rhin Rhne
- LGV Bretagne/PdL
- LGV Ouest Atlantique
- Lyon Turin ?

<http://www.ligne-montpellier-perpignan.com/> <http://www.ocvia.fr/> etc.

3 Top-Down Planning versus Local Compromises

3.1 Paradigm switching

From High Speed Lines to mixed “Lignes Nouvelles” : pragmatization of the Top-Down project ?
Local Stations/Compromises ?

3.2 Communication

Analyze how project are presented/analyzed.

Particular case of Lyon/Turin.

Contestation of “big unuseful projects”

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