



# URBAN FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD

## Introduction

Maria Lindholm has always focused on logistics and transportation, but with a specific interest in urban freight transport, as both consultant (e.g. WSP group) and as a researcher at Chalmers University of Technology (with the PhD title: "Enabling sustainable development of urban freight from a local authority perspective"). Currently, Maria is working as a project manager and research coordinator at Lindholmen Science Park AB in Gothenburg. Maria's research at Chalmers have focused on solutions for urban freight, e.g. electric vehicles, logistics solutions, regulation, incentives and soft measures such as awareness raising and improving knowledge of stakeholders. Maria have performed research in the area of sustainable urban freight transport, transport policy and the interaction between local authorities and transport operators, with a special interest in freight quality partnerships. Maria is chairing the local freight partnership in Gothenburg and have amongst other things led the work to develop a national roadmap for urban freight transport in Sweden.



## Professional Background

2012 – present Lindholmen Science Park AB/CLOSER

*Project management of Urban mobility projects. Responsible for research partners. Process leader of developing the Swedish national city logistics road map as well as coordinating work within urban freight transport and the Urban Mobility Round Table. Member of different advisory boards for European projects within Urban freight, etc. Chairing the Local Freight Network in Gothenburg.*

2013-2015 Chalmers University of Technology/Northern LEAD

*Director of Northern LEAD Research Centre: leading the strategic development of the Northern LEAD research centre and managing the research council for logistics research at Chalmers University of Technology and University of Gothenburg.*

2008-2012 Chalmers University of Technology

*PhD Candidate: conducting independent scientific research (80%) and teaching undergraduate and master level courses (20%) in the field of logistics, transportation and supply chain management. The research was externally funded and empirically grounded with aim of creating a significant practical contribution. The results are evaluated both based on scientific quality and in terms of deliverables to the funding agencies. PhD title: Enabling sustainable development of urban freight from a local authority perspective*

2007-2012 WSP Group – Analysis and Strategy

*Conducting consultant work in both small and large projects, national as well as international. Topics regarding mainly city logistics and sustainable transports.*

2005-2006 Transek AB

*Project manager and consultant in both small and large projects, national as well as international. Topics regarding mainly city logistics and sustainable transports.*

2002-2005 TFK AB

*Researcher and project manager in both small and large projects, national as well as international. Topics regarding mainly city logistics and sustainable transports*

2002 Chalmers University of Technology



*Master in Civil Engineering, focusing on environmental logistics.*

#### **TRB Involvement**

- 2015 Participant at TRB Annual meeting
- 2016 Member of TRB Urban Freight Transportation Committee

#### **Personal Note**

The Urban Freight Transportation Committee is a great way to increase the network of urban freight experts around the world. I have always had an interest in international projects and believe that it's not possible to "change the world" if we don't work together. I hope that I can contribute to enhancing the network between Europe and America through being a member of this committee and to help increasing the possibilities for more efficient urban freight transport operations through better cooperation between experts (in academia, society and industry) in our different countries.

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