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UTA head touts Utah's progress at climate conference (18 Dec. 09)

Walkable communities » State Department asked for Utah representation.

Utah's decade of light-rail development and "smart growth" planning became a case study for carbon reduction last week in one panel session at the United Nations Climate Change Conference.

Utah Transit Authority General Manager John English traveled to Copenhagen, Denmark, to discuss TRAX rail development, the Envision Utah planning process and the groundwork for walkable communities, UTA spokesman Gerry Carpenter said. The U.S. State Department invited English, he said, and the American Public Transportation Association paid for the trip with U.S. Department of Transportation funds.

English joined a panel that included Federal Transit Administration Deputy Administrator Therese McMillian, Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, University of California professor Robert Cervero and Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon General Manager Fred Hanson.