



**Brunel Award Winners Recognized by DOT Secretary LaHood,  
FRA Administrator Szabo**

*44 projects from 12 nations recognized for excellence in design*

**Washington, D.C./ Paris – Oct. 17, 2011** – U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood together with Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Administrator Joe Szabo, International Union of Railways (UIC) Director General Jean-Pierre Loubinoux and Center for Industrial Design in Transportation Board Chairman James Michel recently awarded the prestigious 2011 Brunel International Railway Design Competition Award to 20 projects from nine nations and recognized another 24 projects for excellence in design. The awards were presented during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on October 14, 2011.

Metro North Railroad and the JR Kyushu were awarded the special “Jury Prize for Overall Design Excellence” in recognition of their holistic approaches to quality design that focus on the customer and deliver quality transportation. The prizes were presented to the winners by Secretary LaHood and Jury Chairman Prof. Ronald Kemnitzer of Virginia Tech.

The U.S. and Japan won the most Brunel Awards. Other nations receiving awards include Austria, China, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden. A complete list of the winning projects is attached.

“As we work to rebuild our transportation systems and create jobs, it is more essential than ever that we recognize the innovative engineers, architects, and designers who make new rail projects possible,” said Secretary LaHood. “These projects – including eight right here in the United States – all exemplify the idea that when we invest in transportation, we lay the groundwork for a new century of economic development, opportunity, and growth.”

“I commend the Awards Jury for the diversity of their selections...truly representing rail’s role in moving goods and people throughout the world,” said FRA Administrator Szabo in remarks during the ceremony. “We’re particularly proud of the eight US projects selected...representing the best of our freight and passenger network.”

The Brunel Awards competition recognizes and promotes the best in railway architecture, engineering, landscape and environmental design, product design, locomotive and car design, graphic arts, and corporate branding amongst the world’s railways.

“The Brunel Awards celebrates the innovation behind the railroad industry and brings well-deserved awareness to the tremendous commitment our industry has to research and quality design,” said AAR President and CEO Edward R. Hamberger. “The efficiency and productivity of American railroads has long been admired throughout the world and I am so pleased that the Award Committee has presented U.S. freight and passenger railroads with five Brunel Awards and three Commendations.”

UIC Director General, Jean-Pierre Loubinoux said, “Engineers, architects and designers, have a leading responsibility in developing the image of rail as a modern, attractive and sustainable transport mode, well accepted by people, and cost efficient for its owners. This year’s Brunel Award winners exemplify excellence and dedication to that responsibility.”

“Infrastructure and buildings projects in the rail transportation sector must incorporate sustainable and attractive features so the stakeholders can be proud of their investment,” said James Michel, Board Chairman of C4IDT. “The Brunel Awards is a means to make owners and public officials aware of the positive results that can accrue when they incorporate quality design processes at the very start of new projects.”

Over 150 entries were received from railway and government organizations throughout the world that own or operate railway services and/or manage rail infrastructure.

The Brunel Awards are sanctioned by the Watford Group of International Railway Designers, an organization founded in 1963 and composed of railway design professionals from 20 countries in Europe, Asia and the Americas. The Brunel Awards were created in 1985 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of England’s Great Western Railway designed by the renowned British architect and engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Subsequently, the competition has been held at three-year intervals rotating among the Watford member nations. This year’s competition was organized by the Watford Group, the Center for Industrial Design in Transportation, Inc.(C4IDT), jointly with the American Association of Railroads (AAR) and the International Union of Railways (UIC).

Additional information is available upon request from the Center for Industrial Design in Transportation, Inc. at [brunel2011@c4idt.org](mailto:brunel2011@c4idt.org).

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**The International Railway Union (UIC)** is the worldwide organization for promotion of rail transport and cooperation across the world and comprises 200 members on all 5 continents. UIC, as a technical platform, provides its members with technical know-how and expertise (regulations and specifications in order to enhance technical cooperation) and ensures the

coherence of the rail system to help meet the challenges of mobility and sustainable development. For more information, visit [www.uic.org](http://www.uic.org)

**The Center for Industrial Design in Transportation, Inc. (C4IDT)** is a non-profit educational corporation whose mission is to promote outstanding visual appearance and design in all modes of transport incorporating both infrastructure and vehicles, and to educate transport owner/operators and transportation officials on the value of applying industrial design as an integrated process from the outset of new projects. As part of its mission, the Center sponsors scholarships and educational outreach to universities via seminars and guest lecturers, and organizes exhibits and design competitions to showcase good design in transportation. The Center has an independent board of directors drawn from the transportation design and supply industry.

## BRUNEL AWARDS RESULTS BY COUNTRY

(Asterisk indicates Brunel Award; other projects received Commendations)

### Austria

Freudenauer Harbour Bridge*	Austrian Railways (OBB)
Vienna Heiligenstadt Station	Austrian Railways (OBB)
Salzach Bridge	Austrian Railways (OBB)
Public Information Box at Vienna Station*	Austrian Railways (OBB)

### China

Wuhan Railway Station*	China Ministry of Railways
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### France

Orleans Multi-modal Transport Hub	SNCF Gares & Connexions
Redevelopment of Vichy Station	SNCF Gares & Connexions
Bellegarde sur Valserine Station	SNCF Gares & Connexions
Facilities at Rungis National Food Market Paris	Semmaris Paris Markets Corporation

### Germany

Frankfurt Station “Kaffeepunkt” Pavilion*	German Railways (DB)
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### Japan

Iwamizawa Station*	Japan Rail Hokkaido
Shin Tosu Station*	Japan Railway Construction Transport & Technology Agency
Kumamoto Station Passageway	Japan Rail Kyushu
Shin Tamana Station	Japan Railway Construction Transport & Technology Agency
SCMaglev and Railway Park Museum	Central Japan Railway
Hakata City Station Roof Garden & Park	Japan Rail Kyushu
Hakata City Station Tile Art Project	Japan Rail Kyushu
Kyushu Shinkansen Travel Campaign	Japan Rail Kyushu
Series E5 Shinkansen Trainset*	East Japan Railway
Narita Express E259 Trainset*	East Japan Railway
Series N700-7000/8000 Trainset*	West Japan Railway / Japan Rail Kyushu
HB-300 Hybrid Sightseeing Train	East Japan Railway

### Netherlands

Hilversum Station*	ProRail
Emmen Zuid Station*	ProRail
Drontemeer Tunnel Facility Service Bldg.*	ProRail

### Portugal

Rossio Station	Portuguese Rail Infrastructure Manager (REFER)
Sado River Bridge*	Portuguese Rail Infrastructure Manager (REFER)
Lisbon Operations Control Center	Portuguese Rail Infrastructure Manager (REFER)

## Spain

Cuenca High Speed Rail Station  
New Seating at Laguna Station\*

Spanish Rail Infrastructure Administrator (ADIF)  
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## Sweden

Malmo Railway Station Extension\*

Jernhusen AB

## Switzerland

Brig Station  
Chur Station  
Zurich Letten Viaduct Shops  
Ee992 Dual Voltage Shunting Loco

Swiss Federal Railways (SBB)  
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## United Kingdom

Corporate Offices Branding Program

Network Rail UK

## United States

Joseph Biden Wilmington Delaware Station\*  
Ft. Washington/Ambler/North Wales Stations\*  
Massachusetts Avenue & Columbia Road Bridges  
Heartland Corridor Project  
Croton Harmon Loco and Car Shop\*  
Washington Union Station Bike Transit Center.\*  
Heritage Locomotive Fleet Program\*  
Superliner I Coach Overhaul Program

Amtrak  
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Auth.  
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority  
Norfolk Southern Railway  
Metro North Railroad  
District of Columbia Dept. of Transportation  
Union Pacific Railroad  
Amtrak

## **BRUNEL JURY PRIZE FOR OVERALL DESIGN EXCELLENCE**

The Brunel Jury may award a special prize to acknowledge a railway organization that displays a holistic approach to good design. The initial requirement is that a nominee must have entered at least one entry in each of the five categories in the Brunel competition. This year two railways met that requirement, Metro North Railroad in the United States and JR Kyushu from Japan.

**The Jury opted to award concurrent prizes to Metro North Railroad and JR Kyushu.**