

Today's News - Wednesday, January 21, 2009

- Inaugural festivities are over; now it's time to get down to business: What does House Democrats' Stimulus Plan mean for A/E/C industry?
- CNU offers priorities and suggestions.
- Jacobs re-imagines transforming the interstate highway system into an intermodal-transportation-and-energy corridor.
- Rochon calls on Toronto to pool stimulus cash to transform a massive (and defunct) generating station into a "place where you could swim and float your mind."
- Worried you might not have a shot at some of the funds? Apply for a grant.
- Hawthorne x 2 from the National Mall, and the "value of long-term (urban) planning" (something L.A. needs to learn).
- Is the architecture of Dubai socially responsive? It should be...
- Ouroussoff on Nouvel's Copenhagen Concert Hall: "one of the most gorgeous buildings I have recently seen."
- Hadid x 2: eye-fuls of a "Diamond Grasshopper" in Antwerp, and a university library in Vienna (nick-name still to be determined, but could be a grasshopper, too).
- An office tower boom in Calgary: it's "big, bold and green" (but will it last?).
- In Vancouver, a \$1.1 billion, 32-acre development seems to be moving forward (original architect, new firm).
- In the Middle East, street furniture is becoming an "essential part of the urban fabric" and "a positive step in engendering people to take more pride in their environment."
- Some interesting (to say the least) proposals for the future of Tempelhof airport in Berlin.
- An eye-ful of Kaplický's final project; and two public farewells in Prague next week.
- Call for entries: International Open Design Competition for the redesign of Maidstone's High Street (U.K.).

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[What Does House Democrats' Stimulus Plan Mean for A/E/C Industry? While the AIA is optimistic, the proposal drew quick and sharp criticism from some infrastructure advocates, who contend that it short-changes key public-works sectors.](#) - Architectural Record

[There's Still Time for the Stimulus Bill to Get Public Transportation and Pavement Right: With more funds for rail and walkable streets, Obama will help Americans live well on less energy.](#) [images, links] - Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)

[Rethinking the Interstate: What if we used our 46,000 miles of highway as the backbone of a new 21st-century infrastructure? ...say we reimagine the interstate system so that it becomes not just a route for cars and trucks but an intermodal-transportation-and-energy corridor.](#) By Karrie Jacobs - Metropolis Magazine

[Toronto Needs a Great Aquatic Centre ... or pool your stimulus cash here: ...Hearn Generating Station is a civic legend waiting to be unleashed...The moment has come for the mayor to lead on a critical piece of urban revitalization...There are plenty of architects in town with the talent...](#) By Lisa Rochon -- MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller - Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Unemployed? Why Not Apply for a Grant...now may be an ideal time to pursue long-delayed personal projects...take stock of available funding...various grant and fellowship opportunities...](#) [links] - Architectural Record

[Public space takes center stage at Obama inauguration: Just when...urban scholars had convinced a generation of planners, architects and critics that public initiative was gone for good...the city -- the real city...is back at the center of the political conversation, not to mention in the center of the inaugural spotlight.](#) By Christopher Hawthorne - Los Angeles Times

[Scenes from the Mall, Part 3: Jay-Z, Pierre L'Enfant and the value of long-term \(urban\) planning...that urban planning can take many decades and even centuries to bear fully ripe fruit -- is a recurring one in the life of cities...In Los Angeles, we have trouble thinking 10 years out, let alone a hundred.](#) By Christopher Hawthorne -- Daniel Burnham; Charles McKim; Frederick Olmsted Jr. - Los Angeles Times

[Op-Ed: Is the architecture of Dubai socially responsive? ...has become the new global icon of engineered urbanism...How much of this development benefits the common person? Architecture cannot alleviate all the social and physical woes of the communities living here, but there should be a willingness to seek solutions...](#) - ConstructionWeekOnline (Dubai)

[For Intimate Music, the Boldest of Designs: Jean Nouvel's Copenhagen Concert Hall...is a loving tribute to Hans Scharoun's 1963 Berlin Philharmonie...Nouvel has encased his homage in one of the most gorgeous buildings I have recently seen...](#) By Nicoali Ouroussoff - New York Times

[Zaha Hadid unveils 'the Diamond Grasshopper': Starchitect wins competition for Port Authority building in Antwerp, Belgium](#) - Bureau Bouwtechniek [images] - Building (UK)

[Zaha Hadid Chosen to Design Vienna Library: ...new Library and Learning Center for the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration...the largest business school in the European Union...-- BUSarchitektur \[slide show\]](#) - Architectural Record

[A Boom in Office Towers in Calgary: Eight new office towers are under construction in a city at the center of Canada's oil and gas industry...boom also reflects this city's growing attention to bold architecture and environmentally friendly construction.](#) -- Foster + Partners; Calatrava - New York Times

[Architect offers new 'Twist' on waterfront: Developers hire Seattle man as lead designer for \\$1.1 billion, 32-acre Vancouver project](#) -- David Hansen/Twist Architecture & Design; Ankrom Moisan Architects [image] - The Columbian (Vancouver)

[Urban punctuation: From benches to bollards, street lamps to bus shelters, street furniture is an essential part of the urban fabric. Lauren Hills reports on its growing importance in the Middle East...a positive step in engendering people to take more pride in their environment...](#) - ConstructionWeekOnline

[Future of Tempelhof: Magic Mountain for Berlin? Berlin has long been trying to decide what to do with the monumental Tempelhof airport, built in the heart of the city by the Nazis. Some of the most recent proposals include a 1,000 meter mountain and a gigantic red-light district.](#) -- Jakob Tigges [slide show] - Der Spiegel (Germany)

[Kaplický's final project: ...a concert hall in České Budějovice, the Czech Republic, is due to start construction in 2010.](#) -- Future Systems [slide show] - The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Public farewell to Jan Kaplický to take place next week...Tuesday 27 January in Prague...Students from civic organization "Democracy is building"...are planning to organize a commemoration gathering and a demonstration January 26 to demand the National Library be built according to Kaplický's design.](#) - CzechNews/Aktuálne.cz

[Call for entries: International Open Design Competition for the redesign of Maidstone's High Street; registration deadline:](#)



Jean Nouvel: DR Concert Hall, Copenhagen, Denmark

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