

Open-Loop Payment Integration Across Operators

Workshop Agenda

28 October 2026 (Wednesday) | Montreal, Canada

10:00	Welcome and introduction
10:15	Agency case studies and Q&A Starting situations, target horizons, anticipated pathways and alignment needs • Sylvain Perras, Executive Director, Digital Transformation (CIO) ARTM, Montreal, Canada • Carl Jackson, Head of cEMV Delivery, Transport for West Midlands and Project Coral, UK • Ali Attari, Senior Consultant, Rebel, Oakland, California, US, presenting the Los Angeles perspective • Toronto perspective to be confirmed
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Introduction to the roundtable sessions
14:20	Facilitated roundtables Session 1: Starting situations and target horizons • This session aims to map participants' starting situations and their target horizons for interoperable open-loop payment, and discuss the main obstacles they see along the way Break Session 2: Alignment needs • This session aims to explore what should be aligned, coordinated or interoperable, and what can remain independently managed
16:20	Roundtable feedback and project synthesis • Share key alignment needs, independent areas and unresolved questions
16:45	Next steps and Q&A
17:00	End of workshop

Speakers and Facilitators



Sylvain Perras, Executive Director, Digital Transformation (CIO) ARTM | Montreal, Canada

Sylvain Perras is an information technology executive with more than 30 years of experience. Currently serving as Executive Director, Digital Transformation (CIO) at the ARTM, he leads the evolution of the digital ecosystem supporting metropolitan mobility. Over the course of his career, he has held senior leadership positions with the City of Montréal, CBC/Radio-Canada, and the National Bank of Canada.



Carl Jackson, Head of cEMV Delivery, Transport for West Midlands | Birmingham, UK

Carl Jackson is Head of cEMV for Transport for West Midlands and leads Project Coral, the national programme developing multi-operator contactless capping across England. He has 15 years' experience delivering technology and innovation programmes, including more than a decade in smart ticketing and several years focused on contactless payments. His work spans strategy, commercial development, procurement and delivery across government, transport authorities, operators and technology partners.'



Ali Attari, Senior Consultant, Rebel | Oakland, California, USA

Ali Attari is a Senior Consultant with Rebel based in Oakland, California. He specializes in transit payment implementations, procurement advisory, and transit technology adoption. His work spans North America and international markets, bringing a global perspective to payments and fare collection.



Andy Taylor, Director of Global Urban Mobility, Mastercard | New York, USA

Andy Taylor is a global transportation expert with 30 years of diverse in Public Transport and Mobility-as-a-Service. Andy joined Mastercard in 2022 and is responsible for the global strategy and engagement for public transport, as well as managing several key mobility partnerships in North and Latin America.



Venceslas Cartier, Global Head of Transit, Thales | France

Venceslas Cartier is a payments and transit expert with experience at Visa, Worldline and Ingenico. As Global Head of Transit at Thales PAY, he leads business development for Transit & Ticketing, working with transport authorities, operators, wallet providers and payment networks to digitize closed-loop systems and enable more seamless travel.



Andrea Soehnchen, Manager Urban Mobility Open Payments Forum, UITP | Brussels, Belgium

Andrea Soehnchen is a graduated Civil Engineer, specialised in infrastructure and transport planning. She joined UITP in 2001 and is now also supporting UITP as Manager of the Urban Mobility Open Payment Forum, as well as expert and trainer in the context of security, crisis management and business strategy.