Tren Urbano

A Study in Structural Inspection and Management Policy

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Research Summary

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Goals and Objectives

- The purpose of this research is to:
 - I Investigate the Structural Inspection and Management Strategies Necessary for the Successful Long-Term Operation of Tren Urbano
 - Recommend Options for Implementation of an Effective Structural Management System

Research Background

- Structural Management Systems
 - Bridges, Tunnels, Stations, etc.
- STTT Contract Provisions
 - "Proper" Inspection
- Technical Provisions O & M
 - Facilities Maintenance Policy and Procedures Manual



Focus of Research

- Four Main Questions
 - Structural Make-up of Tren Urbano?
 - Inspection/Management Plans and Budget?
 - Accepted Inspection/Management Policies?
 - Experience of Other Rail Transit Agencies?

How can the answers to these questions be utilized to develop an inspection and management system specific to Tren Urbano's needs?



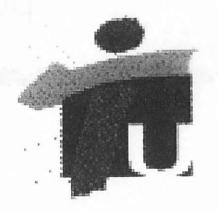
Agenda

- Structural Management Software Review
 - PONTIS (AASHTO) & BRIDGIT
- Railroad Bridge Inspection Procedures?
- Tunnel/Station Inspection Procedures?
- Local Boston Contacts/Site Visits
 - MBTA, MassHighway
- Overall Inspection Strategy
 - Track, Systems, etc.



Methodology

- Data Collection
 - Literature, Siemens, Tren Urbano, Survey
- Assessment of Information
 - Results of Survey
 - Identification of Successful Policies
 - Relevance to Tren Urbano
- Conclusions/Recommendations



Current Progress

- Inspection/Management Policies and Procedures
 - Literature Search
- Transit Agency Data Collection
 - Data Identification Survey
 - Contacts
- Identification of Resources

