

UK Network Management Board meeting held on 7 September 2016 at Welsh Government, Cardiff

In attendance (Board members)

Martin Low	Chairman; Westminster City Council's City Transport Advisor representing The Local Government Technical Advisers Group (TAG)
Satbir Gill	Network Manager, Hounslow Highways, representing (TAG)
Sheena Hague	Welsh Government
Helena Kakouratos	TfL
Mark Kemp	Deputy Chairman; Buckinghamshire County Council representing The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport (ADEPT)
Stewart Leggett	Transport Scotland
Robert Ringsell	DfT (for Wayne Duerden)
Justin Ward	CIHT (Secretariat)

In attendance (Guests) item 1-2

Ella Taylor	Centre for Connected & Autonomous Vehicles (CCAV)
Mike Schofield	Transport Technology Forum
Alan Kraven	TAG

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

Martin Low welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Sheena Hague and Colin Jones from the Welsh Government for hosting the meeting.

Apologies were recorded for Wayne Duerden (Department for Transport), Freda Rashdi and Harry Garnham (Highways England), Mark Whitaker (TfL), Steve Burrell, and Roy Gordon (NI Department for Infrastructure) and Colin Jones (Welsh Government).

2. Presentation by Ella Taylor from the Centre for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CCAV)

Ella Taylor gave a presentation on the work of the CCAV. This was followed by a wide range of questions. Details of CCAV see here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/driverless-vehicles-connected-and-autonomous-technologies>

3. Presentation from Mike Schofield on the Transport Technology Forum

Mike Schofield provided an update on the work of the Transport Technology Forum that has been running for about a year.

Action: Mike Schofield to share the draft local authority guide [white paper] to seek views on this.

There were a further range of questions following Mike's presentation regarding issues such what customers want, ITS provision going forward, network management implications, and how to apply a security-minded approach to data.

Action: Joint meeting/workshop to be arranged between ADEPT & TAG and TTF and CCAV

4. Minutes of last meeting

These were approved.

Matters arising

A number of issues were carried over:

Action: Freda Rashdi to share HE research programme and update on Expressways

Action: Mark Kemp to review (and if necessary update) his paper on postcodes and HGV routing and send onto Martin Low for progression

Action: Stewart Leggett to confirm the position with the Scottish Road Works Commission

Martin Low said that he was due to retire from Westminster City Council shortly but would look to continue on the Board until the end of the financial year (31 March 2017). He noted that the normal process would be initiated to seek nominations for the next Chairman of the UKNMB. Martin also noted that Mark Whitaker was taking over the role as Chairman of the National Traffic Managers' Forum at its next meeting on 29 September 2016.

5. Bus lanes

Martin Low sought reviews on a proposal that bus lanes could be used for NHS non-emergency vehicles. In a paper discussed at the meeting, it was noted that the Larrey Society argues that NHS funded ambulances, whether they are travelling on 'blue lights' or not should be allowed to use bus lanes because the safety and well-being of patients on board is paramount and is required under the regulations overseen by the Government's Care Quality Commission. The Board did not agree with this proposal.

Action: Martin Low to draft a response from the UKNMB to the Larrey Society proposal on the use of bus lanes

6. Bridge Strike Prevention Group

The Board noted the report and Martin Low noted that the project on autonomous vehicles might have potential to reduce bridge strikes if the systems were developed to warned drivers of over height vehicles of structures such as low bridges. The Board also welcomed Helena's suggestion of an app that would issue a warning to smartphones on potential bridge strikes based on the height of the vehicle based against the restrictions on the bridge height.

7. Any other business

There was a discussion about future items for the Board to focus on. The following suggestions were made:

- Devolution and the impact on local decision making
- E-bikes
- Air quality
- HGV movement
- TSRGD
- Active travel and cycling

8. Date of next meeting

Agreed the next meeting would include a focus on cycling and active travel, including presentations from:

- Welsh Government on Active Travel Act
- Transport for London on cycling
- Transport Scotland on cycling

It was noted that this could be either hosted by TfL or by CIHT.

Action: Martin Low and Justin Ward to agree date of next meeting via a Doodle Poll