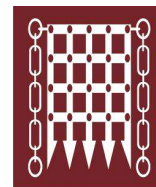


Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference
Next steps for England's strategic and major road networks - investment, improvements and modernisation, and supporting both decarbonisation and economic recovery

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **England's road network in the context of RIS2 - connectivity, efficiency, and wider economic benefits**
Senior speaker to be announced
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **RIS2 and optimising road network improvements, and next steps for developing the Strategic Road Network (SRN)**
- Funding a safer road system and improving reliability for users*
Senior representative, trade association
- The levelling up policy agenda and increasing connectivity between key regions*
Senior representative, sub-regional transport body
- Maximising the economic impact of the SRN - access to intermodal transport, and providing the connectivity needed for businesses, communities and households*
Duncan Buchanan, Director, Policy, Road Haulage Association
- Tackling legal and regulatory hurdles for road projects and infrastructure development in the UK*
Senior representative, legal
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 **Delivering physical road upgrade projects in England and strategies for overcoming engineering challenges**
David Ogden, Business Director, Highways, Amey
- 11.00 **Involving local supply chains in regional road projects and opportunities for infrastructure-led economic recovery**
Senior representative, LEP
- 11.10 **The future of smart motorways in England - innovation, safety and relieving congestion**
Senior representative, smart highway
- 11.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Next steps the Major Road Network and local road modernisation - improving local access and reliability, tackling potholes and road quality, and meeting changing needs for public transport**
Steve Gooding, Director, RAC Foundation
Senior representative, local authority
- 11.50 **Preparing the road network for decarbonisation by 2050 - scaling up low-carbon transport infrastructure, EV charging readiness, and options for active travel**
Silviya Barrett, Head of Policy, Research and Projects, Campaign for Better Transport
Philippa Oldham, Head of National Network Programmes, Advanced Propulsion Centre
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **A long-term plan for road network in England - priorities for enabling expansion and supporting economic recovery**
Feras Alshaker, Deputy Director, Highways, Office of Rail and Road
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jack Longman, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum