Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for regional transport connectivity and local integration in England
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 **Rail integration with regional transport networks - next steps for planning, coordination and passenger connectivity**
Anit Chandarana, Group Director and System Operator, Network Rail
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 **Implementation priorities for integrated regional transport - national strategy, devolved decision-making and coordination across boundaries**
Better Connected in practice | national priorities and devolved decision-making | roles and responsibilities across national, regional and local transport bodies | strategic authority powers and local government reorganisation | bus franchising and enhanced partnerships | Great British Railways partnerships with mayoral authorities | cross-boundary planning | coordination between authorities and operators | multi-modal journeys across rail, bus, tram and active travel | interchanges and first and last mile links | measuring integration and using passenger feedback
Senior representative, mayoral strategic authority
Senior representative, public transport operator
Senior representative, local transport authority
Senior representative, roads
Senior representative, passengers
Questions and comments from the floor

10.20 **'Joined-up journeys: achieving and measuring transport integration' - key findings from the Transport Committee**
Ruth Cadbury MP, Chair, Transport Committee
Questions and comments from the floor

10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

10.50 Break

11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.05 **Delivering integrated public transport at the regional level - experience, priorities and next steps in the West Midlands**
Pete Bond, Director, Integrated Transport Services, Transport for West Midlands

11.15 **Funding and investment for improved transport connectivity - infrastructure, housing and regional growth**
funding certainty and investment priorities | Transport for City Regions settlements and the Local Transport Grant | capital and revenue funding | maintenance, renewal and new schemes, including local roads | Everitt Review of transport capacity and capability | local authority expertise, resources and support | sharing experience and good practice between areas | aligning transport investment with housing, planning and economic growth | development around transport hubs | appraisal, consenting and planning reform, including new Local Transport Plans | measuring economic, social and environmental outcomes | climate resilience of transport assets | decarbonisation and nature recovery
Senior representative, planning
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, consultancy
Senior representative, environment

11.35 Questions and comments from the floor

12.00 **Access, affordability, standards and the future for technology in improving passenger experience**
regional and rural disparities in connectivity | £2 fare cap and affordability beyond 2027 | bus, community transport and demand-responsive services | connectivity for employment and essential services | accessible journeys and the Accessible Travel Charter | personal safety and security | passenger expectations for standards, voice and redress | integrated contactless ticketing and fare capping | open data, real-time passenger information and journey planning | AI and data in planning and network management | data sharing and interoperability | procurement and opportunities for widening the use of digital innovation
Senior representative, technology
Senior representative, passenger accessibility
Senior representative, transport
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor

12.50 **Priorities for regional transport connectivity and local integration in England**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor

13.15 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum