

Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar

The new National Transport Strategy (NTS2) - assessing the strategy and addressing the challenges for implementation

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 26th November 2020

Taking Place Online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Edward Mountain MSP, Convener, Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee
- 9.05 **The NTS2 and next steps for meeting key objectives - transport modernisation, design of projects, and achieving inclusivity and growth**
Alison Irvine, Director, Transport Strategy and Analysis, Transport Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Applying the Strategy locally - engagement with passengers and the needs of rural communities, regional connectivity, and delivering safe services during the COVID-19 crisis**
Rachael Murphy, Director for Scotland, Community Transport Association
Ronald Robertson, Partnership Director, Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership
John Dowie, Director, Local Strategies, First Group
Professor Adrian Davis, Professor of Transport & Health, Edinburgh Napier University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Placing the environment at the centre of transport planning - emissions, air quality, and preserving landscapes**
Dr David Connolly, Member, Environment Protection Scotland Air Quality Expert Advisory Group; and Director, Technical Development, SYSTRA
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Edward Mountain MSP, Convener, Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 **Priorities for tackling the delivery challenges for new transport infrastructure in Scotland**

Assessing where local need is greatest for rail and road modernisation in Scotland, and how existing assets can be utilised more effectively
Rachel Skinner, Executive Director & UK Head of Transport (Planning & Advisory), WSP; Senior Vice President, ICE; and Infrastructure Commissioner for Scotland

Planning for future transport needs, tackling congestion, and ensuring transport networks are fit for purpose in cities and other built environments
Councillor Martin Bartos, Chair, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Preparing Scotland for electric vehicles capacity - rolling out charging capabilities, connection to the grid, and ensuring rural regions are not left behind
Robin Presswood, Executive Director of City Development, Dundee City Council

Incorporating best practice in the delivery of transport projects, and working with the policy and regulatory framework
Senior representative, legal
- 11.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 Break
- 12.00 **Expanding healthy forms of transport and improving health and wellbeing throughout Scotland**
Frank Toner, Policy and Public Affairs Officer, British Lung Foundation
Stuart Sneddon, Air Quality Business Manager Scotland, Ricardo
John Lauder, Deputy Chief Executive, Sustrans
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for decarbonising transport, improving connectivity, and delivering the wider policy programme for inclusivity and economic growth in Scotland**
Senior speaker to be announced
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jack Longman Senior Researcher, Scotland Policy Conferences