

VIRTUAL EVENT - 15 SEPTEMBER - 09.30-13.00

# Connecting People Transforming Journeys

ENGLAND'S ECONOMIC HEARTLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WITH



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## Agenda

Event moderator: **Antony Oliver**, infrastructure and editorial communications advisor

**09.30-10.05**

### Theme 1: Introduction and scene setting

Ministerial address

**Baroness Vere**, Roads Minister, Department for Transport

Mayor **Dave Hodgson**, elected Mayor of Bedford and Chair of EEH's Strategic Transport Forum offers an update on EEH's draft Transport Strategy

A political perspective from **Greg Smith**, MP for Buckingham and member of the Transport Select Committee

#### Panel Q&A

**Naomi Green** EEH's Head of Technical Programme joins Mayor Dave and Greg Smith in a quick-fire Q&A panel

**10.05-10.40**

### Theme 2: What it means to me

A business perspective: **Nigel MacKenzie**, Westcott Project Manager, outlines how transport improvements are key to this unique business park outside Aylesbury fulfilling its full potential

A young professional's perspective: **Lucy Ellis** a Rail Engineering Apprentice with Laing O'Rourke involved with East West Rail sets out how transport influences her opportunities to work and live in the Heartland.

An environmental perspective: **Paul Leinster**, Professor of Environmental Assessment at Cranfield University and lead on the Oxford-Cambridge Arc environment group, sets out why it is important to consider transport propositions within the wider system within which they operate

#### **Panel Q&A**

... with Nigel, Lucy and Paul

### **10.40-11.20**

#### **Theme 3: Shaping the future**

**Emily Seabrook**: a view from the Heartland based graduate engineer with Skanska and winner of EEH's Vision 2050 competition for young professionals

**Abi Nichols**, Project Lead with EEH outlines their connectivity studies and how these influence their future transport priorities

Satellite Applications Catapult's **Gemma Ball**, Business Development Transport Lead and **George Nicola**, Solutions Architect, Transport and Aviation Systems on the role space plays in the development and decarbonisation of intelligent transport infrastructure

**Steve Gooding**, Director, RAC Foundation sets out the connectivity challenges of rural communities within the Heartland

#### **Panel Q&A**

... with Emily, Abi, Gemma and Steve

### **[11.20-11.30... Comfort break]**

### **11.30-12.10**

#### **Theme 4: Innovations in delivery**

Transport for Buckinghamshire colleagues **Dave Stewart**, Network Delivery Manager and **Keith Carpenter**, Technical Director show the opportunities for turning data into intelligence with the aim of delivering better transport solutions when and where they are needed

**Hannah Probert**, Carbon Consultant with WSP looks at achieving carbon neutrality

**Ed Godsiffe**, Skanska's Sustainability Manager sets out how to achieve carbon reductions during construction

**Matthew D'Archambaud**, Client Director with Atkins outlines a partnership approach to EEH's connectivity studies

**Sian Thomas**, Heartland based Network Improvement Manager with Ringway Jacobs outlines the implementation of active travel initiatives during the COVID-19 recovery

**Panel Q&A**

... with Hannah, Ed, Dave, Keith, Matthew and Sian

**12.10-12.45**

**Theme 5: Transformational projects**

East West Rail: **Rob Brighouse**, Chair, East West Railway Company

Cambridge Autonomous Metro: **Mayor James Palmer**, Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

A428 Black Cat improvements: **Lee Galloway**, Project Director, Highways England

Varsity Way: **Matthew Barber**, Head of Partnerships, Sustrans

**Panel Q&A**

... with Rob, James, Lee and Matt

**12.45-13.00**

**Q&A with concluding remarks 12.45-13.00**

**Martin Tugwell**, Programme Director, England's Economic Heartland

**13.00**

**Conference ends**