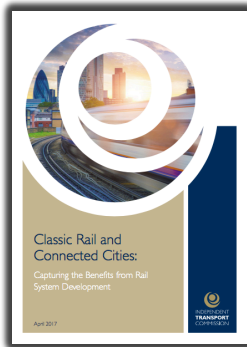


ITC NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 2017

RESEARCH UPDATE



Classic Rail and Connected Cities: Capturing the benefits from rail system development

The Independent Transport Commission (ITC) was pleased to release in April 2017 a new report entitled *Classic Rail and Connected Cities*. Covered extensively in the press and complemented by a foreword from ITC Patron and Chairman of Network Rail, Sir Peter Hendy CBE, the report uses the learning articulated in our previous reports *Ambitions and Opportunities* and *Connected Cities* to consider how our cities can capture the full value of investment in the classic rail network.

Building on the five key principles identified in our previous research work as essential for capturing the benefits of new high speed rail infrastructure, the report considers their applicability to the national rail network using a wide range of examples. To these a sixth principle was included to address improving planning and delivery processes.

The report confirms that the principles identified in the ITC's research for capturing the maximum value from infrastructure investment are as relevant to the classic rail network as they are to the new and developing high-speed network. The report also highlights the long-term effects of major infrastructure development and urges industry leaders and the Government to improve their planning processes to create a longer-term, more collaborative approach that ensures robust planning decisions, thereby ensuring that the infrastructure is durable and adaptable over a period of many decades.

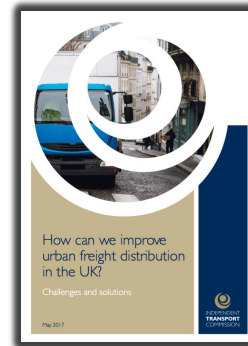
Classic Rail and Connected Cities argues that rail infrastructure and services will continue to evolve in the decades ahead and that it is important for those who take the decisions about the stewardship of that infrastructure reflect on the opportunities for future development beyond their immediate project or control period accountabilities. Rail's relationship to the communities it serves is now a wider issue than merely train services alone, and can act as a catalyst for regeneration. The ITC will now be developing a new project exploring wider policy issues connecting transport infrastructure and cities.

Strategic challenges for UK Aviation: An ITC Consultation

The ITC has commissioned a new study assessing the strategic challenges and opportunities that will shape the UK aviation sector over the next 25 years. In the light of the decision to introduce a third runway at Heathrow, the ITC considers that the time is ripe to focus on developing a broader strategy for UK aviation, and to provide a sound evidence-base to inform future decision making. To inform this study, we are undertaking a **Call for Evidence**, and are looking to the whole industry, from airports to support services, for views on the key trends that will shape UK aviation in the coming decades.

If you would like to contribute to this consultation, please get in touch with us at consultations@theitc.org.uk

How can we improve urban freight distribution in the UK?



The ITC is committed to exploring policy issues arising from freight movements as well as passenger transport. Our earlier report on freight movements identified the major policy challenges that would arise in urban areas from the rise in demand for door-to-door deliveries as well as the growth of our cities. In this new report the ITC explores the scale of the growing urban logistics challenge in Britain, outlines a variety of successful initiatives and identifies some of the necessary tools and actions that can improve urban freight distribution.

The report draws on three case studies that showcase new initiatives on the retiming of deliveries, the use of consolidation centres and harnessing new technology to address the 'last mile' challenge. The focus is on London where the challenges are most acute, although the lessons identified are applicable to other UK urban areas where more than 80% of the population now live. In conclusion, the report provides a number of principles for improving urban freight movements, which can lead to lower emissions and reduced congestion, and calls on metro mayors, transport authorities, local authorities and other public bodies to lead change through a combination of actions.

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ITC EVENTS

21ST FEBRUARY WINTER DISCUSSION EVENING

How will rising levels of tourism influence UK transport?

Tourism has been described as the fastest growing sector of the British economy, providing almost 10% of UK jobs, and is estimated to generate over £257 billion to the UK economy by 2025. Britain is also an increasingly attractive destination for international travellers, welcoming more than 36 million visitors in 2015. What do these rising levels of tourism mean for UK transport, and how can we accommodate the needs of visitors? Are there currently barriers that visitors face when travelling in Britain, and how can we ensure that users of our transport networks find them convenient and easy to use?



Chaired by ITC Commissioner and social research expert **Kris Beuret OBE**, over 60 senior guests attended the ITC's winter discussion exploring this topic, and guests heard insights from an expert panel including **Derek Robbins** from Bournemouth University, **Jay Parmar** from the BVRLA, and **Patricia Yates** of VisitBritain.

The discussion raised a number of key issues including the important role that tourism plays in the UK economy and the need to achieve closer integration of transport and services for overseas visitors, thereby encouraging them to spend more time in the UK and enjoy a better experience. Delegates also agreed that the UK should work to develop a digital strategy for attracting these international visitors in order to help them understand their travel options, and that new travel solutions should be both multi-modal and geographically appropriate. Finally, it was clear through the discussion that a balance needed to be achieved between national and local travel policies for visitors, with many delegates calling for the creation of a national tourism strategy in order to help identify where government interventions are necessary. As is the ITC's custom, a summary report of the talks and discussion was made available after the event.

9TH MAY SPRING DISCUSSION EVENING

How will autonomous cars change our travel behaviour?

The rapid pace of automation of vehicles raises many questions for policy makers. Will automated cars become mobile offices rather than driving machines; will the car become more attractive compared to other modes; and what does this mean for challenges such as congestion and road safety? The ITC explored these questions at its Spring Discussion Evening on 9th May with an audience of distinguished experts and guests.



The subject was introduced by ITC Commissioner **Professor Peter Jones OBE** and through talks from a panel of leading experts, including **Professor John Miles** from the University of Cambridge, **Professor Nick Reed** from TRL, **Paul Piliste** from the RCA's Vehicle Design Group, and **Steve Gooding**, Director of the RAC Foundation. Many important issues were raised, including the need to consider how road infrastructure would need to change, how to safeguard the public interest impacts of autonomous vehicles, the extent to which economic policy would affect the take up of such cars, and how these vehicles might change urban and rural mobility. The ITC will be exploring some of these themes further through our 'Technology and Travel' work stream.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

21ST June 2017: ITC Annual Lecture on Transport and Health

Burdett Suite, 11 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0AN

The ITC is delighted to welcome corporate supporters to our 5th Annual Lecture, with special guests **Professor Sir Mark Walport FRS** (Chief Scientific Adviser), **Simon Stevens** (Chief Executive, NHS), and **Tricia Hayes** (Director-General of Roads, DfT)

11TH July 2017: Summer Discussion Evening: How can we address overcrowding on passenger transport in our cities?

Alan Baxter Gallery, 70 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ

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