

Overview

The population of South East England is expected to increase significantly in the next 20 years in both real terms and in the number of households. Extensive commuting already takes place with journeys often well in excess of 30 miles. This is driven by many factors such as multiple household employments, expense, reluctance to relocate and the frequency of changing employment etc.

All transport types, public or private, are increasingly overloaded at peak times and are now running to virtually full capacity. This ninth annual Prestige Seminar will investigate how this challenge may be addressed in engineering and sociological terms.

We have all experienced the M25 and routes into our towns and cities at a standstill. Trains can be seriously overcrowded yet simply building more roads or railways is expensive and strongly opposed by local residents and environmental groups. 'Doing nothing' is not an option, but can we get smarter?

A panel of three speakers will explore the current and future demands for transport as well as the means of influencing that demand. They will go on to discuss how engineers and technology can help to satisfy demand in an economically, socially and politically acceptable way.

An essential element of the prestige seminar is the final chaired discussion when the audience can put forward their views and questions to the speakers and debate some of the decisions ahead.

This event will be recorded by IET TV (www.iet.tv) and will be available at www.eeesta.org.uk

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Welcome

Professor TIM WILSON, Vice Chancellor at the University of Hertfordshire, is our host for the evening and will welcome the audience. www.herts.ac.uk

Chair

TONY ROCHE FEng, FIMechE, HonDTech, former Board Member, Engineering & Safety, British Rail, and President of the IMechE (2001/02) will Chair the event. www.imeche.org

Speakers

JIM STEER MSc, CEng, FCILT, MICE. Jim is a Director of the Steer Davies Gleave transport consultancy. As a former Director with the Strategic Rail Authority he was responsible for strategic planning and led the transformation of major projects such as the West Coast Main Line Upgrade. Jim has extensive management and consultancy experience for major projects in Britain, Europe, the Far East and Australasia with an emphasis on public transport. He has a personal interest in the development of high-speed rail lines in the UK. www.steerdaviesgleave.com

ADRIAN SHOOTER FEng, FIMechE, FCILT. In the course of his career, Adrian has had management responsibility for railway activities including operations, engineering and marketing. He has always been at the forefront of improving productivity and delivering change. Adrian is currently Chairman of Chiltern Railways and the Association of Train Operating Companies and is a non-executive director of the Rail Safety and Standards Board. www.chilternrailways.co.uk

Professor MIKE McDONALD BSc, PhD, FICE, FCILT. As Director of the Transportation Research Group at the University of Southampton, Mike has been responsible for some 100 research contracts with a particular focus on the application of new technology. He is Vice Chair of the European Road Transport Research Advisory Council and past Chair of ITS UK (Intelligent Transport Systems). www.soton.ac.uk

Vote of Thanks

Sir ANTHONY CLEAVER Chairman of the Engineering and Technology Board will propose the vote of thanks. www.etcchb.co.uk

Organisers

EEESTA Herts & Beds - The main focus of the group's activities is to promote the engineering, science and technology professions to the community at large by staging an annual prestige seminar each November.

Previous titles in the series:

1999 – Millennium Dawn – The Next 1000 Years

2000 – Global Guardians – Sustainability

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2002 – Risk In Uncertainty

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Planned for 2008 – Medical Engineering

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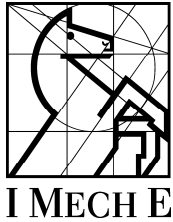
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Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

This Prestige Seminar will help all attendees keep up-to-date on important issues. Members of the engineering profession may wish to record this seminar as part of their individual CPD.

**GRIDLOCK?
TRANSPORT IN 2030**

**Solving Congestion
in the South East**

**A prestige seminar on
Wednesday 14th November 2007
at University of Hertfordshire
Hatfield**

**Attendance by advance
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