

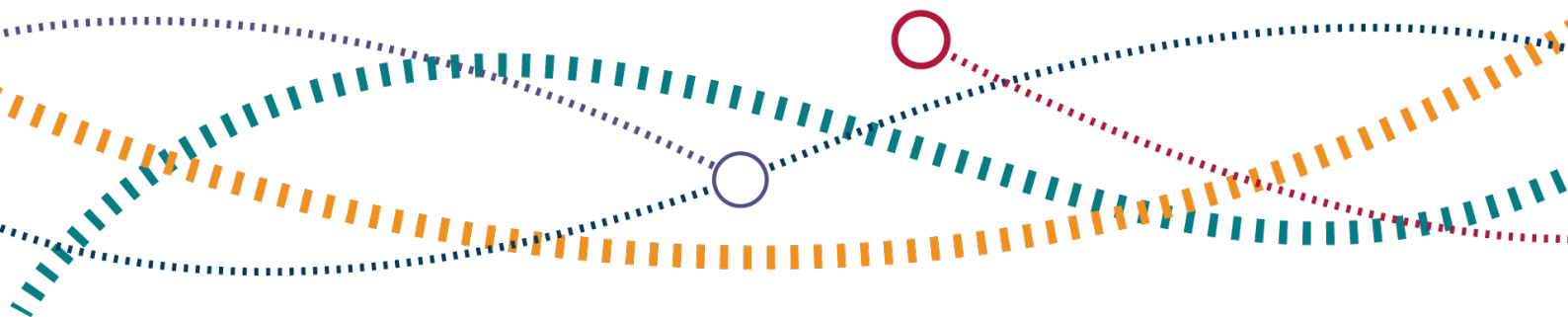


Road Expert Panel

29 June 2023

In-person meeting: 25 Cabot Square, London and online Virtual Meeting on Teams

1000	Welcome, setup, and declarations of interest
1015	Update from the Highways Team
1035	Area of focus 1: Digital roads: holding to account
1130	Break
1245	Area of focus 2: Stakeholder engagement and Road Expert Panel forward look
1350	AOB and close



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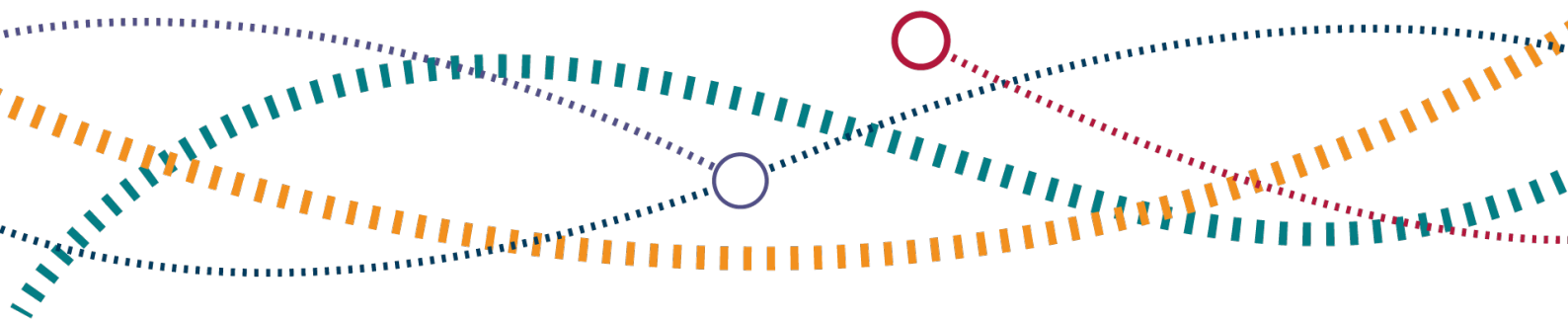
1. ORR welcomed panel members.
2. There were no declarations of interest from members.

Update from the Highways Team

3. ORR provided an update on current monitoring activities. The update covered the third road investment strategy (RIS3) planning, smart motorway programmes (SMP) and the Transport Select Committee 's (TSC) recommendations and publication of the 2022-23 annual assessment.
4. ORR noted that the themes for the key messages for the annual assessment remained unchanged since the last meeting in March 2023. ORR and the panel discussed methods to promote the publication and attract greater interaction from a broader range of stakeholders.

Area of focus 1: Digital roads: holding to account

5. ORR introduced its plans for monitoring digital roads and invited the panel to assess its approach. Panel members welcomed ORR's plan.
6. Panel members commended National Highways' Digital, Data and Technology (DDaT) strategy and the company's overall digital approach, specifically the detail of the DDaT report and its strategic approach to problem-solving. Panel members wanted to see how the strategy would manifest in actual delivery.
7. ORR welcomed suggestions from Panel members on how they could input into its monitoring of National Highways' digital plans. Panel members offered access to their networks and expertise to support ORR's work. They also pointed to industries facing similar challenges and highlighted existing technological solutions.
8. Panel members identified limited electric vehicle charging infrastructure on the SRN as an issue. They acknowledged the existence of coordination challenges and integration difficulties of Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAVs) with local networks. Discussions covered topics such as rapid charging, charging infrastructure capacity, residential charging, and the legal challenges associated with setting up the charging network. The Panel also noted the carbon implications of electrifying the network, including the reliance on cooling and the broader implications for National Highways' carbon targets.



Area of focus 2: Stakeholder engagement and Road Expert Panel forward look

9. The Panel discussed regulatory good practice and stakeholder engagement.
10. Panel members said that ORR must continue to engagement stakeholders and talk about what it is and what it does. The challenge is to ensure that its messaging and activities are successful within its scope/ licence.
11. Panel members discussed improving engagement methods to promote ORR and strengthen existing relations. Engagement activities suggested included increasing its diversity of stakeholders, increasing interaction with government departments, promoting ORR via social media, and attending greater variety of conferences.

Summary of discussion

12. ORR thanked the panel members for their input and summarised the main points from the discussion.

Any other business

13. No other business.
14. Next meeting is scheduled for October 2023.



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