

19th Annual Transport Practitioners' Meeting

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Call for Papers

What is TPM?

TPM is the annual meeting place for all transport planners, highway engineers and urban transport designers. Practitioners, policy makers and academics will present numerous, topical papers over the course of the two days, enabling lively debates, networking and the dissemination of the latest thinking across the profession. Now in its 19th year, TPM is the must attend event for any transport professional!

Why submit an abstract?

Presenting a paper at TPM is an excellent opportunity to raise both your personal, as well as your company's profile in connection with a specific topic. All delegates benefit from a range of networking opportunities. Graduates will rub shoulders with Directors who in turn will be able to chat to the decision makers in Local Government. Most importantly, TPM is a fun and relaxed environment where practitioners can discuss latest trends, disseminate ideas and develop new projects.

How are papers presented?

The conference is split into a series of parallel streams. Speakers are advised to allow 20 minutes to present their paper and 10 minutes for discussion with the audience; a chairperson ensures that speakers remain within their allotted 30 minutes. This format allows delegates the freedom to explore a wide range of topics and papers

Want to present a workshop?

Workshop sessions will be arranged to allow delegates to explore particular issues in more depth. We encourage presenters to view workshops as interactive sessions, not simply a longer paper presentation.

What topics are people interested in?

Recognising that something you've worked on, be it delivery of a tricky project, development of a new way of doing something, a piece of research or even a critique of the status quo, is of interest to fellow practitioners, is the first step. This conference is all about sharing knowledge, and with the audience coming from across the full spectrum of transport activities, plenty of topics will interest other delegates.

We have a few ideas on hot topics of the day, which to consider when thinking about developing papers:

Climate agenda

- Decarbonising transport
- Future mobility
- Shared economy and ownership

Lessons Learnt

- Recovering from missteps
- Changing industry standards
- Trial and Error

Changing Travel Behaviour

- Demand management
- Travel Planning
- Accessibility and health

Marketing and Communications

- Examples of successful engagement campaigns
- Consultation methods and strategies
- Marketing approaches

The new world of Modelling

- Next generation modelling
- Uncertainties in decision making
- Activity based model

Transport Economics and appraisal

- Fiscal policies
- Funding and investment approaches
- Wider environmental and social impact

Public Transport

- Alternative approaches to planning public transport
- Bus and accessibility planning
- Needs of rural and urban residents



Construction, Freight and Logistics

- Managing freight and construction in cities
- Modelling logistics and freight
- Technology and freight

Decision making under disruption

- COVID
- Traffic management and operations
- Emergency responses

Urban design

- Active travel network
- Reshaping infrastructure
- Future streets and places

Sustainable landuse planning

- Regeneration and redevelopment
- Sustainable urbanism
- Transit oriented development

But these are by no means exclusive, we are happy to accept papers on the latest developments in all areas of transport!

How are papers selected?

The TPM Committee considers all submitted abstracts and discuss which ones should be presented at the conference. The intention is to select interesting papers that will inspire lively and fruitful debates. As papers are selected on the basis of the abstracts received, it's important that abstracts contain sufficient information to demonstrate the value of the paper to transport practitioners. If selected, the abstract title and summary will be used in delegate packs

What are the timescales?

Thursday 28 January 2021 – Deadline for submission of abstracts is twelve noon

Thursday 4 March 2021 – Authors will be notified whether their abstract has been selected

Friday 28 May 2021 – Deadline for submission of papers and presentations

Young Practitioners

We love to see papers from those under the age of 28, particularly those working in the public sector. Each year PTRC offers a bursary award to a young professional working in Local Government. This provides free attendance to the conference and applies to sole authors only. There is also a prize up for grabs by young practitioners...

Want to get your company's name in the lights?

There are plenty of opportunities to promote your business at TPM. Sponsorship opportunities include: exhibition spaces, headline sponsorship and many more. If you would like to apply a more innovative approach to promoting your business in the run up to TPM, and at the conference itself, we would love to hear from you!

Contact Brogan McPherson at brogan@ptrc-training.co.uk or 0207 348 1979 for more information.



What needs to go into an abstract?

In order to allow fair evaluation by the TPM Committee, abstracts should be submitted through the website or by following the below format.

Header: Full names of all authors

Abstract Title: [Title]

Submitted as a: [Paper/Workshop proposal]

Author name/s

Position/s and Affiliation/s

Postal Address

Telephone number

Email Address

Please indicate which authors will be presenting the paper at the conference.

Young Practitioner? Please add a tick mark next to the relevant author's name(s).

Abstract (Max. 300 words, outlining):

Project Idea

Purpose and Objectives

Findings and Originality

Conclusion and Policy Implications

Keywords: [word one, word two, word three – please refer to TPM themes]

Summary (Max. 100 words):

The abstract summary will be included in the information made available to delegates in order for them to choose which sessions they would like to attend at the conference.

All text should be in Arial 12pt font, aligned left.

Please note that as with all conferences of this nature, speakers are required to pay to attend. Discounted speaker rates apply.

Who do I send my abstract to?

Please submit your abstract via the website or to info@ptrc-training.co.uk by noon on Thursday 28 January 2021. If you have any questions about submitting an abstract or any other aspects of the conference, please drop us a line at the same address – we're here to help.

"As ever, a broad and fascinating range of topics covered. This is a 'must' in the training calendar and highly recommended for transport planners at any stage in their career"

Dominic McGrath
Hampshire County Council

"A great opportunity for catching up with colleagues and peers in the industry and finding out about the latest technical developments"

Stephen Bennett
Arup