

ADEPT Transport Board meeting 29 September 2017

The Transport Board concentrated its September 2017 meeting on emerging Government proposals for the definition of a Major Road Network (MRN), making a tier of local authority roads eligible for support from the National Roads Fund. This discussion will help to formulate an ADEPT response to consultation on the proposals expected later in the autumn. Key issues for consideration will include:

- Ensuring that the fund is truly additional and not substituting existing sources;
- Clarifying the degree to which the fund will support maintenance alongside improvement projects;
- Understanding and influencing performance monitoring for the MRN;
- Establishing the role to be taken by sub-national transport bodies (STBs) in determining priorities and in monitoring, and how consistency will be established where no STB existed.

The Board also reviewed recent and current experience of preparing bids to the National Productivity Investment Fund, Maintenance Challenge Fund and Housing Infrastructure Fund. A consistent problem was for bidding authorities to identify adequate resources to assemble bids. It was noted, though, that the Department for Transport was carrying out some investigations into this problem.

Updates were received on relevant Local Government Association priorities, and from the Road Safety and Rights of Way Working Groups, the National Traffic Managers' Forum and UK Network Management Board.

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Secretary