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24th Annual Transport Practitioners' Meeting

Call for Papers

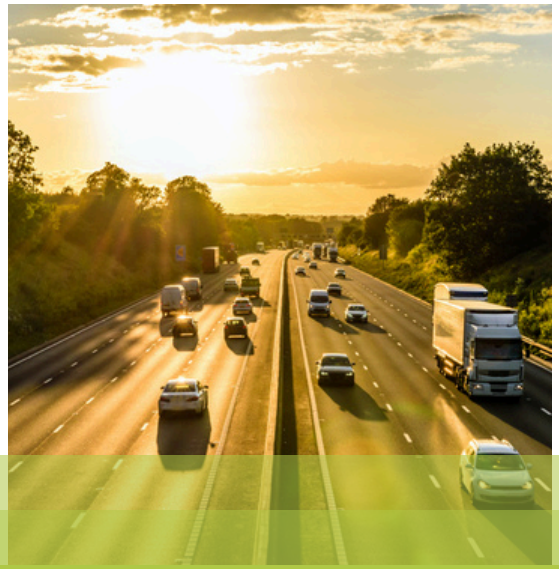
#2027TPM

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About The Transport Practitioners' Meeting

The annual meeting place for all transport planners, engineers and urban transport designers.

The Transport Practitioners' Meeting (TPM) started in the 70s as the 'Summer Annual Meeting' – a place for the small and growing community of Transport Planners to get together, network and share ideas. The event has stayed true to its roots over the years, becoming the must-attend annual gathering for all transport planners, modellers, placemakers, and urban transport designers.

For over 20 years, we have brought together transport practitioners to be empowered to make transport a force for good. The world today faces unprecedented transport, logistics and planning challenges, making the conference an even more invaluable space to debate, share and engage. TPM provides a home for the profession, an arena to find common solutions, to ensure that transportation managers are ready to build a world that is better than before.

There is plenty of opportunity to get involved, be it presenting a poster or presentation, delivering a hands-on workshop, sponsoring a network session or simply soaking in the atmosphere – The Transport Practitioners' Meeting is a must attend event for any practitioner!

Please contact shania.mccalla@ptrc-training.co.uk for further information and to discuss all options.

Call for Papers

Why submit an abstract?

Presenting at TPM, regardless of your career level, offers a wealth of valuable opportunities. Seasoned practitioners will find a unique platform to share their expertise with a diverse and knowledgeable community of peers, fostering meaningful debates and the dissemination of valuable insights. For emerging professionals, TPM provides a supportive and friendly environment to build confidence and enthusiasm while presenting to a receptive and knowledgeable audience of fellow practitioners.

All delegates benefit from a range of networking opportunities. Graduates will rub shoulders with CEOs who in turn will be able to chat to the decision makers at Local Authorities. Above all, TPM creates an enjoyable and relaxed atmosphere where professionals can discuss the latest trends, exchange ideas, and cultivate new projects.

Each day of attendance at TPM counts towards Continuing Professional Development Hours.

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 – think about the audience you would like to attract to your presentation when you write this!

What are the timescales?

Friday 15 January 2027 - Deadline for submission of abstracts is twelve noon

Monday 15 March 2027 – Authors will be notified whether their abstract has been selected

Tuesday 1st June 2027 – Deadline for submission of papers and presentation.

Presentation Styles

Paper Presentations

Traditional academic and practitioner-led presentations showcasing original research, case studies, or theoretical developments. Each speaker is allocated 20 minutes to present, followed by 10 minutes Q&A. These sessions are grouped thematically and chaired to encourage discussion and knowledge exchange.

Workshops

Interactive, hands-on sessions designed to engage participants in practical learning, collaborative problem-solving, or skill development. Workshops are scheduled for 60 minutes and should include group activities, discussion, or live demonstrations. They are ideal for exploring tools, methods, and emerging practices in depth.

Poster Presentations

A visual format for presenting research, practice-based insights, or innovations. Posters are displayed in a shared space, with dedicated times for authors to be present and discuss their work with attendees in an informal, conversational setting. This format encourages one-on-one engagement and detailed feedback.

PechaKucha Presentations

A fast-paced, visually engaging presentation format consisting of 20 slides shown for 20 seconds each (totaling 6 minutes and 40 seconds). Presenters speak alongside automatically timed slides, creating a concise and energetic storytelling experience. Ideal for sharing big ideas, snapshots of projects, or provocative provocations.

2027 Paper Themes

What topics are people interested in?

Recognising that something you have worked on is of interest to fellow practitioners is the first step; be it delivery of a tricky project, development of new best practice, a piece of research or even a critique of the status quo, TPM is all about sharing knowledge and ideas.

With an audience that works across the full spectrum of transport activities, a vast array of topics will be of interest to other delegates.

We have curated a list of hot topics we'd encourage people to consider when thinking about developing papers.

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

Please ensure to indicate which topic(s) you wish your abstract submission to be considered for.

For further details, contact shania.mccalla@ptrc-training.co.uk

People

- Putting people first
- Accessible Public Transport
- Active Travel & Safe Streets

Place

- Enabling growth through transport planning
- Battle for Road Space
- Reimagining freight and the last mile

Planet

- Decarbonising transport
- Resilient transport systems
- Getting to Net Zero

Predictions

- AI, Data & Digital Transport
- Transport in 2030
- Delivering more with less

Abstract Submission

To allow fair evaluation by the TPM Committee, abstracts should be submitted through the website or by following the below format:

- Abstract Title: [Title]
- Submitted as a: [Paper/Workshop/Poster/PechaKucha proposal]
- Author name/s
- Position(s) and Affiliation(s)
- Telephone number
- Email Address
- Young Practitioner? Please add a tick mark next to the relevant author's name(s)

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.

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]

Who do I send my abstract to?
Please submit abstracts through the website (www.transportconference.co.uk) by noon on Friday 15 January 2027. If you have any questions about submitting an abstract or any other aspects of the conference, please contact shania.mccalla@ptrc-training.co.uk - we're here to help!

Please note that as with all conferences of this nature, speakers are required to pay to attend. Discounted speaker rates apply as below:
One day speaker rate - £215
Two-day speaker rate - £315 (inc dinner)

TPM Sponsorship
There are plenty of opportunities to promote your business at TPM. 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 shania.mccalla@ptrctraining.co.uk for more information.

Early bird prices available until January 2027.