

ADEPT Engineering Board update – May 2020

The Engineering Board met virtually for the first time on the 5th June. Whilst getting used to the new format of meeting is a little challenging, there were the highest number of attendees for some time at the meeting, showing the benefit of not having to travel to attend.

There were two presentations to the Board; Steve Gooding from the RAC Foundation gave an updated presentation on the research that the Foundation has been carrying out on the use and interpretation of Scanner data for road condition. Dominic Proud of Balfour Beatty, representing LgTAG, spoke to the board about the work that LgTAG have been doing on climate change and resilience of transportation networks and systems. This has included the development of a qualification being offered by the Institute of Highway Engineers which was recently beta tested by some Board members.

The Board also discussed the response of the highways sector to the Covid-19 pandemic, and how sharing data and experience with each other and with the Department for Transport had assisted in getting the sector back towards business as usual as quickly as possible. All members are very busy responding to the opportunities for increasing cycling and walking provided by the pandemic.