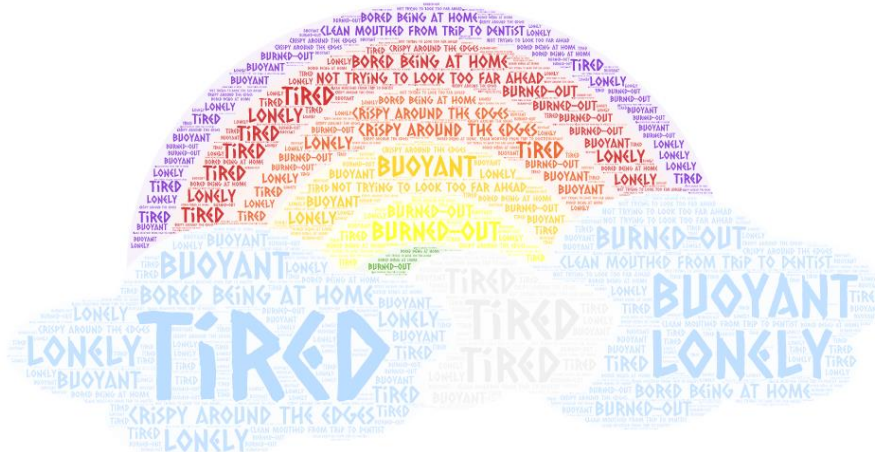


ADEPT Midlands Board

On 25 September 2020, representatives from eight Local authorities, Midlands Connect, Highways England, Department for Transport and ADEPT, virtually met.

The word cloud below represented the check-in.



Midlands Connect led a discussion on some of the challenges we face in capacity and capability in certain key/niche areas to help with a planned formal review of the region's current capacity and expertise across a range of specialisms required to develop and deliver major transport infrastructure. In addition, it was noted that the review will cover other emerging key specialisms to help the region take full advantage of technological developments in transport. Group members can expect to receive invites for structured discussions around 'asks and ideas', with the aim of Midlands Connect colleagues feeding back findings to their November Steering Group.

A round table discussion took place in which updates to share practice on 'build back green' recovery plans, including post-COVID experience were shared, as were views on the devolution and recovery white paper planning for the future consultation.

An update from the ADEPT Leadership was provided on their recent work undertaken by them and the working groups. Three items of notable interest were:

- Recently announced restrictions means this year's Autumn conference (5 and 6 November) will take place online: <https://www.adeptnet.org.uk/documents/adept-autumn-conference-programme-2020>
- The ADEPT spending review submission can be accessed here: <https://www.adeptnet.org.uk/documents/adept-submission-spending-review-2020>
- National Traffic Managers' Conference (7 October) <https://www.adeptnet.org.uk/invite>

Date of next meeting TBC.