



ROAD2000 Seminar

"Tuesday 22nd November 2005 saw the 6th Road 2000 Annual Seminar which took place at the Novotel Hammersmith. This successful meeting, attended by around 150 delegates where all thirty three London boroughs were represented, was led by Hammersmith and Fulham Highways. The Road 2000 project operates on a lead borough basis and delivers condition and asset survey data to the London boroughs. This year the borough delivered details SCRIM and accident data for all of London's principal roads that would enable each of the thirty three London boroughs to carry out investigations into the condition of their road network as well as GPR and coring results of the same network. Hammersmith have launched a website to enable access for every London borough to view all the Road 2000 surveys carried out since 1999. Surveys include carriageway and footway DVI surveys, SCRIM, GRP and TTS surveys for all of the 1300 carriageway kilometres of London's principal roads.

The seminar takes the opportunity of not only delivering the Road 2000 works to the boroughs but also to introduce topical issues for maintenance practitioners.

A joint paper was given by Mardiana Tukiran (Hammersmith & Fulham) and Nicola Cheetham (Transport for London) who are both Urban Designers, on their role in producing Street Scene guides for London highway authorities. There were three papers on SCANNER surveys. A very practical use of SCANNER surveys presented by Garry Fitch (Kent County Council) that set out how they use the data to determine treatments and measure survey efficiency and performance. Alex Wright (TRL) showed how the SCANNER machines are accredited and the rigorous tests that the vehicles are put through to deliver the degree of accuracy currently being achieved and Andy Pickett (Chris Britton Consultancy) tried to explain why the TTS surveys differ so much from the visual surveys. The Performance indicators for London showed that some of the best performing inner London boroughs measured under DVI appeared to be the worst measured using TTS where as two of the outer boroughs were the worst for DVI now appeared to be among the best for TTs.

Gavin Jackman from Ordnance Survey gave a useful talk on their Integrated Transport Network product which replaces OSCAR within Master Map.

Jim Compot (Portsmouth City Council) and Brian Hicks (Colas) gave a presentation on the Portsmouth PFI contract and the benefits brought by the new contract arrangements.

Mike Bordiss set out the details of the updates introduced with the latest version of the Highway Maintenance Code of Practice Well Maintained Highways and Dr Andrew Murray complemented this setting out the work of the Footways Working Group, a technical sub-group of the UK Roads Board. Details of the work of the Road 2000 team at Hammersmith can be found on the ROAD2000 pages of www.lotag.com"

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