

PRESS RELEASE

HIGHWAYS ASSET MANAGEMENT GEARS UP

A packed main theatre at the Institution of Civil Engineers last week heard a stimulating series of papers on the subject of Highways Asset Management, at the 2nd ICE/IHT-supported conference on the subject. The popularity of the conference, building on the success of 2005, delighted the organisers, exhibitors and speakers alike, and demonstrated how far asset management has progressed in a short space of time in the UK. Hot topics such as recent Codes of Practice, asset valuation and performance audit were addressed authoritatively from the perspective of government (HM Treasury and the Audit Commission) and practice (DRD Northern Ireland Roads Service). Overseas speaker Jan Jansen, from the Danish Road Directorate, gave an interesting insight into a combined approach for bridges and pavements, and other speakers addressed models and the development of local authority Asset Management Plans, from recent experience. The event encouraged participation, with lively question and answer sessions, as well as a well attended exhibition. For further details of this event and other asset management initiatives, contact the organiser, Chris Britton MICE FIHT, on 01483 405020 or visit www.chrisbritton.co.uk .

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Matthew Lugg, Roads Board Chairman



Kieran Rix, HM Treasury



Jan Jansen, Danish Road Directorate



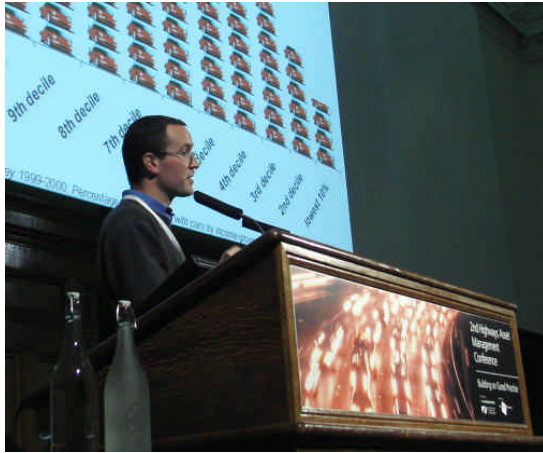
A Panel Discussion



Prof. Tony Swain, University College London



Marius Kynaston, Audit Commission



Tom Franklin, Chief Executive, Living Streets