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Since 2015, the government has planned investment in England's Strategic Road Network (SRN) in 5-year Road Periods. The spending on the network, the performance outcomes that the government is buying and the long-term vision for the network is set out in a Road Investment Strategy (RIS). The SRN is the network of motorways and trunk A roads managed and operated by National Highways (NH). The Road Investment Strategy itself is a budgetary and performance setting document, not a planning document. We are currently in Road Period 2 covering 2020 to 2025. The third RIS will cover the period 2025 – 2030. The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) holds National Highways to account for delivering the current RIS, and also provides independent advice on the challenge and deliverability of the next RIS. Transport Focus (TF) represents the voice of road users in the RIS-setting process and undertakes the surveys of road user satisfaction metrics in the performance specification.

All Change!

Following the results of the General Election, the appointments of Louise Haigh as the Secretary of State for Transport, and Lilian Greenwood as the Minister for the Future of Roads have been confirmed.



Details of the full Transport Ministerial team can be accessed [here](#).

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Welcome to the next issue of the RIS3 bulletin. If you did not receive the previous issues and would like to - please email: RIS3Engagement@dft.gov.uk

Coming up . . .

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum

Save the date:

Tuesday 20th August

This will be an opportunity to discuss priorities for managing and investing in England's Strategic Road Network in preparation for the expected implementation of RIS3. This event will feature David Buttery, Director of Roads Strategy (DfT), Feras Alshaker, Director of Planning and Performance (ORR) and Katherine Beard Director of Future Road Investment Strategy and Government Relations (NH).

Book your place [here](#).

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RIS3 Update

The Department for Transport is yet to publish a draft Road Investment Strategy and an indicative funding envelope for RIS3. We are considering with new Ministers possible timelines for publishing a final RIS.

The National Infrastructure Commission - Infrastructure Progress Review 2024

[The report](#), published in May, recommends policies of sufficient scale and robust implementation plans to achieve the goals of net zero, support growth across regions, boost resilience, and improve the environment.

Economic Role of National Highways – An Overview

[This document](#) explains the vital role National Highways plays in supporting the UK economy; meeting their customers' needs by connecting the country safely, reliably, and delivering economic prosperity, social value, and a thriving environment.

Customer Service Plan 2024-25

This is the fourth [customer service plan](#) published by National Highways since launching their Customer Service Strategy: *Making a difference for our customers* in May 2021. The strategy sets out a vision for a relationship with their customers. Successive National Highways' customer service plans have detailed how it

Emergency Services Show

Save the date:

Tuesday 18-19 September

National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. [Book your ticket](#) to attend.

Highways UK

Save the date:

Tuesday 16-17 October

See you at the Highways UK Conference: 16-17 October at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. [Book your ticket](#)

The Department for Transport and National Highways are official partners of Highways UK and speakers at this conference. The Office for Rail and Road will also be represented.

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is delivering against performance goals for the second Road Period (2020-25).

Transport Focus Business Plan

Transport Focus has published its new Business Plan which sets out an exciting programme of work over the next three years. The Plan marks a key milestone for the organisation with a new leadership team and a refresh of the organisation's structure. Please click [here](#) for access.

National Networks National Policy Statement (NNPS)

In March, the [National Networks National Policy Statement Review](#) highlighted the need for the development of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects on the national road and rail networks in England.

The review emphasises the Strategic Road Network (SRN) as a significant driver of economic development, with 91% of businesses in England located within nine miles of the SRN. The Statement underscores the strategic need for developing national road, rail, and Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) projects to support economic growth, connectivity, and resilience.

Other information:

20 years of National Highways traffic officers keeping drivers safe

England's strategic road network saw the introduction of a new frontline service 20 years ago with the deployment of traffic officers onto motorways, their role to specifically help road users.

Traffic volume has increased over the years as have traffic officer numbers: from around ninety traffic officers two decades ago to over a thousand traffic officer patrols helping to keep road users safe.

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Annual assessment of National Highways' performance

In July, ORR published its [annual assessment](#) of how National Highways has performed over the previous year.

The assessment details the company's performance against its targets, commitments and capital programme.

Annual Reports and Accounts

[National Highways](#) and [The Office for Rail and Road](#) have now published their annual accounts. Please click on the links above to access the relevant page.

The next issue of the RIS3 Bulletin is due out in Autumn 2024.