



Delivering Highway Services in an age of austerity

18 January 2011, Austin Court, Birmingham, B12NP

What is the **free** event about?

The government's spending review and the impact on transport budgets of at least 30% over the next three years will inevitably provide Highway Authorities with huge challenges to balance the books. This will require radical new service models and redesign together with service reductions. At the heart of this agenda of doing "more for less" is the efficiency challenge.

This **free** event provides an opportunity to hear the learning lessons on the improvement and efficiency programme from the members of the Midlands Highway Alliance (MHA). The MHA is an alliance of 24 Highway Authorities in both the East and West Midlands focusing on new ways of working to deliver sustainable service improvements and efficiency savings.

To date, fifteen demonstrator projects have been completed delivering projected savings of over £30 million. This has significant additional potential to be rolled out further across the Midlands area and generate huge savings. The MHA is recognised nationally as a forerunner in innovative partnership and collaborative working and a way forward for the future as Councils and partner organisations respond to the current difficult economic and environmental challenges and pressures.

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Who should attend and why?

All Directors, Assistant Directors, Members and Senior Managers will benefit from attending this workshop because it will:

- Provide an overview of the governance and programme management arrangements are funded, delivered, monitored and reviewed.
- Provide an insight into how the MHA Efficiency projects have identified the potential to save £30 million within the participating Councils with significant additional potential regionally and nationally.
- How partnerships were cultivated between Councils and their private sector partners to focus on a common goal to improve services and deliver sustainable cashable savings.
- Allow you to listen and learn on the practical experiences, the lessons learned and how partnership "clusters" were developed and successfully delivered.
- Listen to how the modern best practice techniques of LEAN thinking, smarter procurement and sustainability are embraced positively within the programme to deliver benefits.
- Enable participants to debate and implement the key learning lessons from the day into their Councils.

Agenda

9.30am Registrations & refreshments

10.00am **Setting the Context**

John Hobbs, Director of Environmental Services, Worcestershire County Council

10.10am **The National Improvement & Efficiency Partnership Programme**

Keith Gordon, Assistant Director Efficiency & Delivery, Improvement & Efficiency West Midlands

10.20am **Delivering Savings through Frameworks**

Mark Stevens, Assistant Director (Highways), Leicestershire County Council

10.50am **The West Midlands LEAN Programme £20 million Savings Project**

Dave Neil – Transformation Team Leader, Improvement & Efficiency West Midlands

11.10am Refreshment break, networking, and exhibitors

11.30pm **The Staffordshire/Enterprise Partnership saves £8 million**

David Walters, Head of Highways Business Improvement, Staffordshire County Council

12.00pm **Delivering Efficiencies through Materials Standardisation**

Chris Simpson, Principal Engineer, Warwickshire County Council

12.30pm **Asset Management - A Route to Longer Term Efficiencies**

Derek Lawlor, Network Implementation Manager, Solihull Metropolitan Council

1.00pm Lunch, networking and exhibitors

1.40pm **Commodities Procurement - A Collaborative Programme**

Nick Yarwood, Contracts & Programme Manager, Worcestershire County Council

2.10pm **Delivering Major Projects - Improved Skills and Capacity**

Peter Davenport, Head of Transport Policy & Strategy, Staffordshire County Council

2.30pm **Transforming Walsall's Re-active Repairs with TARMAC**

Glyn Oliver, Service Manager, Walsall Metropolitan Council

3.00pm **The 2011/12 Improvement & Efficiency Programme – The Next Steps**

John Hobbs, Director of Environmental Services, Worcestershire County Council

3.10pm Finish

Improvement and Efficiency West Midlands is pleased to bring you this event in partnership with the following organisations:



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