



49th European Transport Conference 9 – 15 September 2021



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Transport Economics, Finance and Appraisal

2020 has been a year like no other. Our economic, funding and appraisal models have been subject to fundamental challenges. Climate change, changing living and working patterns and technological change will all lead to greater future uncertainty. Whilst societal changes are challenging how we value our activities.

The Transport Economics, Finance and Appraisal Programme Committee especially invites papers that will help us to address the challenges set out below:

- Economic appraisal in times of uncertainty - given major transport schemes are appraised over 20 years plus how should uncertainty be treated
- In the age of working from home what will happen to agglomeration
- How will home working change the relationship between transport and land use
- How do we appraise the trip not made and the trip made more slowly – we value trips made but in an age of climate change surely the trip not made or a trip made more sustainably should be positively appraised
- Residential street closures and greening the last mile deliveries – how should local road closures be appraised in a time of increased home deliveries
- Broadband or physical transport – how do we prioritise investment between them
- What should be the price of Carbon in appraisals if we need to get to net zero by 2050
- Electric vehicles – how are we going to cope with no fuel tax revenues
- Values of time – are women’s trips undervalued - why is a women’s escort trip to school/hospital treated the same as a man’s trip for a day out golfing
- In the light of the Black Lives Matter movement – how colour blind are transport appraisals
- Do we fully capture benefits/disbenefits for the mobility impaired in transport appraisals
- Do economic appraisals favour those who already have over those do not - common complaint is investment goes to larger economic centres that are already better served
- How can we fund and sustain public transport when government tells us not to use it
- Is infrastructure spending the right way to kick start the economy post-Covid if travel habits have fundamentally changed
- What long run changes to travel demand/behaviour arising from Covid-19 are occurring, and what are their appraisal implications – eg mode choice, crowding penalties
- How should we appraise willingness to take risks in achieving mode shift to more sustainable modes and is this reflected in value of life and accidents
- Option values – how do we appraise the provision of services that people may use – willingness to pay for the option of being able to use a service
- Do national values of time benefit deprived areas
- What impact will the opportunities in the European Green Deal proposal and the EC ‘Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy’ have
- Is road pricing now an acceptable form of funding transport
- 2020 the year “no-one” flew – how did the economy fare – how important is aviation to regional and national economies
- Essential workers – why is freight under-valued in transport appraisals
- How do appraisal and funding models deal with shared ownership and autonomous vehicles



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Before submitting your abstract, please make sure at least one of the authors can attend the conference to present the paper or poster, that finances are available and that you have/will obtain the approval needed (from management or client) to present the work in public at the time of the conference.

We do understand that sometimes circumstances change, forcing authors to withdraw. If so, you would help us by informing us as soon as possible, preferably ample time before the conference. Last minute withdrawals or no-shows negatively affect the conference experience of your fellow transport professionals.