

## **TEG Chair's Report for 2024**

This report covers the calendar year 2024, corresponding to the period covered by the finance report and accounts.

During 2024 the Transport Economists' Group (TEG) continued the lively discussions in key areas of transport economics with a wide array of fascinating topics. Our programme engaged a range of global participants and encouraged thoughtful debate, we are grateful to our presenters, facilitators and reporters.

During 2024 most of our meetings were online as per stated preference, but we do enjoy meeting in person where feasible for speakers and participants. Average attendance at meetings was 22, a 10% increase on 2023.

### **Monthly Meetings**

We were fortunate to have an excellent group of speakers in 2024, not least our very own Dick Dunmore, and we're grateful for their excellent and engaging presentations. The TEG held nine monthly meetings where experts spoke on a range of topics:

- Jan-24 Milla Hamunen (DfT) and Casa Pogonyi (Arup): Understanding and quantifying transformational impacts from transport interventions
- Feb-24 Paul Wiener (Steer): The challenges and costs of rolling out Hydrogen aircraft
- Mar-24 Daniel Hanson (NERA) Sandy Fong (New Zealand Transport Agency): Dynamic Clustering and Transport Appraisal
- Apr-24 Dick Dunmore (TEG) Appraising high-speed rail: what they don't tell you at party conferences
- May-24 William Barter: timetabling for HS2: what we did, why we did it and what we learnt
- Jun-24 Michael Colella (Steer): Developing high-speed rail in North America
- Sep-24 David Metz (University College London Centre for Transport Studies): Travel behaviour reconsidered in an era of decarbonisation
- Oct-24 Rachel Aldred and Ersilia Verlinghieri (University of Westminster): Low Traffic neighbourhoods
- Nov-24 Richard Davies: Rail infrastructure management where next?

Members engaged enthusiastically and challenged constructively with these topics.

### **Publications**

The Transport Economist, journal of the TEG, continued to be superbly edited by Committee member Peter Gordon. Three editions of the journal were published for 2024 (Volume 51 – Number 1 to 3).

As has been our convention for some time, copies of the slides used by speakers during their presentations were circulated by email to members after each meeting. We are grateful to our speakers for allowing us to share their material with members in this way.

### **Membership and Finance**

Our Treasurer and Membership Secretary has written a separate finance report, which shows that the Group is in a strong financial position and that membership numbers are being maintained.

## **Publicity**

The Committee continues to make efforts to publicise the TEG and our events, using the following means.

- Our website ([www.transecongroup.org](http://www.transecongroup.org)) which is updated each month with details of forthcoming talks.
- Monthly emails to members advising of the next talk and the forward programme. This is an effective marketing tool as many members forward this email on to other people in their networks, resulting in a wide distribution beyond the membership.
- A flyer for each talk sent out with the monthly email, intended to be suitable for posting on office notice boards.
- Linked-In alerts to upcoming meetings.

## **Committee**

All members of the Committee make significant contributions to the running of the TEG and we are most grateful to their continued involvement. Thank you to Dick Dunmore who continues to serve as Secretary and Webmaster. Thank you to Peter Gordon, Editor of *The Transport Economist*; to Gregory Marchant, Treasurer and Membership Secretary who has kept our accounts in order. We are also grateful to Arup who continue to host our virtual as well as in-person meetings. Thank you also to Julian for auditing our accounts. We also take this opportunity to congratulate Adriana on the new addition to her family! Thank you to all the committee.

We are very grateful to Melanie Buchan for her excellent work as our Group Administrator, thank you! Much of the work that keeps TEG running happens 'behind the scenes' which our members do not always have sight of. The contribution of volunteers like Melanie, and of committee members, makes TEG possible.

And of course we are most grateful to our members who continue to present and engage us with stimulating and thought-provoking topics and conversations and questions at each TEG meeting, thank you and here's to an engaging and captivating 2025!

*Tali Diamant, Chair, 4 March 2025*