

TEG Chair's Report for 2025

Dear TEG Members, thank you for your membership of the Transport Economist Group!

This report covers the calendar year 2025, corresponding to the period covered by the finance report and accounts.

During 2025 TEG engaged with and debated key topics in transport economics, as is our way.

During 2025 our meetings were online with an average of 20 participants attending, a slight decrease on 2024.

Monthly Meetings

We were fortunate to have an excellent group of speakers in 2025 and we're grateful for their topical and engaging presentations. We held eight monthly meetings where experts spoke on a range of topics:

- Jan-25 Matthew Howells (AtkinsRéalis): The Bus Business Case Generator Tool
- Mar-25 Ian Palmer and Tom Sansom (Transport for Greater Manchester): Bus Franchising in Greater Manchester: economics of the case for franchising and early transport outcomes.
- Apr-25 Kieran Arter (Arup): Integrated Network Management Digital Twin: Economic Benefit Analysis
- May-25 Nikolas Thomopoulos (University of Surrey): Future Raul Planning: A Tourism Perspective
- Jun-25 Andy Park (Transport Scotland): Evaluation of the ScotRail Peak Fares Removal Pilot Scheme
- Sep-25 Edward Dallas and Paola Bueno (Simetrica-Jacobs): Using Wellbeing To Assess Impacts of Transport Projects and Policies.
- Oct-25 Peter White (Emeritus Professor, University of Westminster): Economic and Financial Impacts of COVID-19 on Public Transport Systems
- Nov-25 Martin Kerridge: Myths of (Transport) Economics – Why They Matter and Why We Need a Rethink

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 2025 (Volume 52 – Number 1 to 3).

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) 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

Thank you to all our Committee members, you keep TEG running! 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.

Thank you to all the committee.

We are very grateful to Melanie Buchan for her excellent work as our Group Administrator, thank you!

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 2026!

Tali Diamant, Chair, 12 February 2026