

## **UK Roads Liaison Group meeting 20 July 2022**

John Lamb, LGTAG [Chaired meeting]

Stewart Leggett, Transport Scotland

Walter Scott, SCOTS

David Denner, UK Lighting & Technology Board

James Bailey, UK Roads Board

David Porter, Department for Infrastructure NI

Matthew Eglinton, DfT

Neill Bennett, UK Asset Management Board

Janvi Shah, UK Asset Management Board and National Highways

Justin Ward, CIHT

### **Welcome introduction and apologies**

John Lamb opened the meeting noting that the next steps on the calendar were that there could be a catch-up in September on Teams and then meeting in October/November in Scotland.

Neill Bennett said that the work has been useful on the review but there is a challenge with the direction might be lost a little in terms of the where UKRLG is going.

James Bailey said that the review had been useful and the tweak on the leadership in the name (from 'liaison' to 'leadership') is good. Not making any radical structural changes – feels proportionate. James added that people feel engaged now.

There was a discussion on UKRLG research proposals. Matt thanked those that had submitted full research bids and the prioritised versions.

**Action: Neill Bennett/Javi Shah to finalise top three Asset Management proposals with Justin Ward and Matt Eglinton**

**Action: David Denner to finalise the research proposal for top three lighting proposals with Justin Ward and Matt Eglinton**

**Action: Confirmed that the UK Bridges Board had completed their submissions of top three priorities, UK Network Management Board had submitted proposals with the top three, and UK Roads Board was very close to finalizing top three research proposals**

John Lamb noted he had consulted a bit further on the review with Graham Pendlebury and reflected that it was good that National Highways was more involved. John highlighted other points on coordination of research more widely within DfT and also on resilience.

Janvi Shah said that – is there merit – in all of the Boards saying listing topics and synergies to join topic areas and work priorities.

**Action: Matt Eglinton to speak with John Lamb about how to develop the forward plan for UKRLG**

There was a discussion on the **vision and mission for UKRLG**. David Denner reported back that this had been well received at his Board. David said that his Board was already engaging on the technology action point and on the engagement of young professionals.

There was a discussion the UKRLG action list, and this was supported. There was a discussion on the climate emergency and a reflection on how the infrastructure in the UK has been designed within tolerances that are now being pushed to the limits.

UKRLG set the priorities and the route to market – commissioning (making sure it is compliant

**Action: UKRLG Vision and Mission to be reviewed to frame research proposals for UKRLG**

**Action: UKRLG research proposals to be set out on a meeting for an internal check and challenge – within 7 or 14 days – Board Chairs and DfT to outline their top three research proposals – including Amanda Richards and Janvi Shah**