



Digital Transport Forum 2026

Agenda

08:45 - 09:45	Registration refreshments exhibition viewing
09:45 - 09:55	Welcome & introduction Ryan Hood, Digital Highways Leader, Arup & Chair, Digital Transport Forum Committee
09:55 - 10:10	From Routes to Relationships: Designing Transport Around People in the Age of AI Keith White, Strategic Industry Lead, Public Sector - Transport, Salesforce
10:10 - 10:35	Utilising AI to Support Transport in the Liverpool City Region Tiffany St James, Chief AI Officer, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
10:35 - 11:00	An Overview of the Transport Data Action Plan Robyn Brass, Operational Researcher, Data Transformation Lead, DIPAD, Department for Transport
11:00 - 11:30	Refreshment break exhibition viewing
<i>Making Better Use of Data Chair: Matt Kendrick, Theoremus</i>	
11:30 - 11:55	Digital Twin Programme for UK Transport Chris Brown, Integrated Transport Digital Twins (ITDT) - Engagement Lead, Department for Transport
11:55 - 12:20	Update on Smart Data for Transport Matthew Coleman, Head of Smart Transport Data, Department for Transport
12:20 - 12:45	Quantum Technologies in Transport Martine Harvey, Digital Transport Innovation Lead, Innovate UK
12:45 - 13:25	Panel Discussion: Delivering Better Transport Through Open Data Jez Smith, Rail Data Marketplace Lead, Rail Delivery Group Paul Chandler, Head of Digital - Traffic and Technology, Department for Transport Kamran Ashraf, Head of Digital Lab, National Highways Miranda Sharp, Founder, Metis Digital
13:25 - 14:25	Lunch break exhibition viewing
<i>Utilising AI and Automation Chair: Andy Hamer, Simplifai</i>	
14:25 - 14:35	Quick Fire Session 1: Aviation Paris Bielby - Director of Data & AI CAVU (Part of Manchester Airport Group)
14:35 - 14:45	Quick Fire Session 2: Rail Sarah Schlobohm, Director of AI Incubator Accelerator, GBRX
14:45 - 14:55	Quick Fire Session 3: Ethics and Standards James Cruddas, Technical Director, Informed Solutions
14:55 - 15:05	Quick Fire Session 4: Urban Transport Sam Li, Senior Innovation Officer, Transport for Greater Manchester
15:05 - 15:45	Panel Discussion: Demystifying AI: How is AI Being Used in Transport? Paris Bielby - Director of Data & AI CAVU (Part of Manchester Airport Group) Sarah Schlobohm, Director of AI Incubator Accelerator, GBRX James Cruddas, Technical Director, Informed Solutions Sam Li, Senior Innovation Officer, Transport for Greater Manchester
15:45 - 16:15	Refreshment break exhibition viewing
<i>IoT, Digital Connectivity and Cybersecurity Chair: Betty Helienek, WSP</i>	
16:15 - 16:40	Digital Connectivity Karen Cleale, Head of Customer Delivery, Vodafone
16:40 - 17:20	Panel Discussion: Cybersecurity: Is the Sector Prepared? James Morris, Director, CSBR Caroline Hildreth, Principal, Netcompany Karen Cleale, Head of Customer Delivery, Vodafone
17:20 - 17:30	Closing remarks