

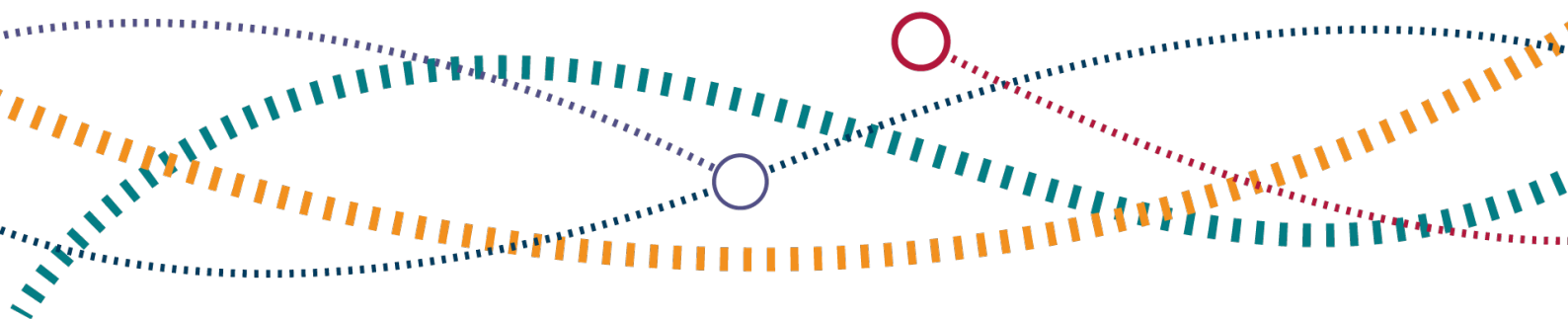


# Road Expert Panel

29 September 2022

25 Cabot Square, London

1030 to 1040	Welcome, setup, and declarations of interest
1040 to 1050	Update on items from the last meeting
1050 to 1100	Update from the Highways Team
1100 to 1150	Transport Select Committee recommendations 4 and 6 assessments
1150 to 1200	Break
1200 to 1300	Development of the RIS3 performance specification
1300 to 1310	Annual assessment stakeholder feedback
1310 to 1320	REP forward look
1320 to 1330	AOB and close



## Welcome, setup, and declarations of interest

1. ORR welcomed Panel members.
2. There were no declarations of interest from the members.

## Update on items from the last meeting

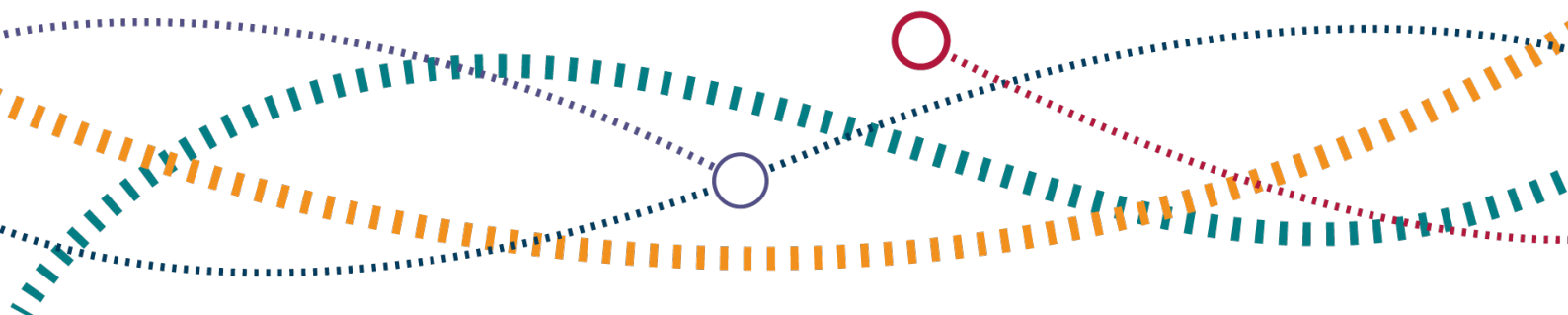
3. Panel members discussed the work being done on road safety performance.

## Update from the Highways Team

4. ORR provided an update on items from the 2021-22 [annual assessment](#) of National Highways performance.
5. ORR wanted National Highways to demonstrate that it is delivering its asset management strategy in the right way at the right time. Following publication, ORR had several interactions with the company to resolve the outstanding asset management issues. This provided ORR with more assurance and enabled us to de-escalate our concern. ORR will continue to keep this area under review.
6. ORR expected National Highways to share a new biodiversity plan by the end of September 2022. The plan should explain how the company intends to achieve no net loss in biodiversity by 2025.

## Transport Select Committee (TSC) recommendations 4 and 6 assessments

7. ORR presented an update on two TSC recommendations:
  - Recommendation 4 requires ORR to conduct an independent evaluation of the effectiveness and operation of stopped vehicle detection (SVD) technology; and
  - Recommendation 6 requires ORR to evaluate how successful the smart motorway action plan has been in reducing incidents and waiting times of people who breakdown in a live lane and educating drivers on what to do in such situations.



8. The Panel discussed the scope of ORR's work and the whole end-to-end safety system on smart motorways.
9. The Panel recognised the importance of reviewing National Highways' smart motorway education campaigns.

## Development of the RIS3 performance specification

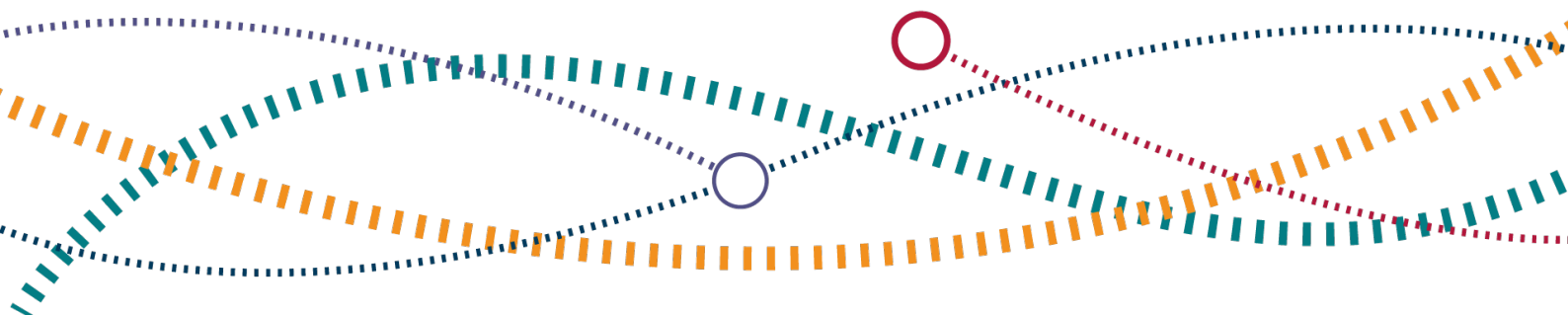
10. ORR presented an update on its work with Department for Transport, National Highways and Transport Focus to develop the performance specification for the third road period (RP3).
11. Panel members suggested a range of metrics and priorities for the third road investment strategy (RIS3) performance specification. It discussed engagement with local authorities, workforce safety, structures, electric vehicle charging points and environmental objectives.

## Annual assessment stakeholder feedback

12. ORR asked Panel members for their thoughts and feedback on the publication of the 2021-22 annual assessment.
13. The Panel reflected that the launch of the report had been relatively quiet across their networks and suggested that ORR should liaise with relevant professional bodies, such as UKRLG, ADEPT, TAG, CIHT and SIKA to raise the profile of the report.
14. Panel members observed that National Highways did not retweet any of ORR's annual assessment-related posts or released any official response to the report or indicate what it would do in response.

## Forward look

15. Panel members suggested topics it would like to cover at future meetings.





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