

Dear Reader,

How time passes us by, it's already February!!! The **Roads & Transportation Society** is pleased to bring you details of upcoming events in the world of transport. Co-hosted with the **Heritage Society** and **Irish Railway Record Society**, we have a very interesting talk by Mr Gerald Beesley in early February (11th) on some of the unknown / unsung heroes of Ireland's Railway Engineers. Later in the month, co-hosting with **ITS Ireland**, Mr Brian Maxwell from **Roads Services** will give a welcomed talk about the ITS experience in Northern Ireland (control of traffic, pre-trip and on-trip traffic information, priority to public transport, management of incidents on the trunk road network etc.). We are also delighted to bring to your attention other transport related events, the **Dublin Cycling Campaign** Monthly Public Lecture on the **National Cycle Policy Framework** (11th February 2013) and the **9th ITS European Congress and Exhibition** held on the 4th - 7th June 2013 in the **Convention Centre Dublin**.

Enjoy.

NEWS

Road Users Thanked As Road Safety Strategy Target Achieved Three Years Ahead of Schedule

The third **Road Safety Strategy 2007 to 2012**, which will be replaced in early 2013 with a new eight year strategy, set a target of reducing road deaths to no more than 252 deaths per annum by the end of 2012. Not only was this target achieved ahead of schedule in 2009, it was significantly surpassed. Since the beginning of 2007 there has been a **56% decrease in road deaths**. While the total number of serious injuries sustained in crashes in 2012 is not yet available, there has been a 51% reduction in these injuries up to the end of 2011. For more information and to view the data, [click here](#).

In Short...

Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport Leo Varadkar launches new credit-card sized driving licences. For more information...[click here](#) Minister Varadkar also announces **Irish Presidency Programme for Transport, Tourism and Sport** (for more information...[click here](#)) and **2013 Ministerial Priorities** (for more information...[click here](#)).

Iarnród Éireann announces **New Rail Timetable for 2013**. For more information...[click here](#).

Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets will be launched on the 25th March next...more details will follow once available.

FREE EVENING LECTURES

Some of Ireland's Railway Engineers

The valuable heritage of the lesser known

Monday 11th February 2013 at 7.30pm

Engineers Ireland, 22 Clyde Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

Mr Gerald Beesley, BSc, CEng, FIMechE, FIEI.

Commissioner for Railway Safety in Ireland

Free. All welcome.

Nearly **1,000 railway engineers** with Irish connections have been identified by Gerald Beesley, Commissioner for Railway Safety in Ireland. These include Irish born railway engineers who worked at home, in Britain or overseas and British engineers who worked on railways in Ireland. This presentation concentrates on the careers of a small selection of them - ten of the lesser-known yet significant individuals who were involved with railways in **America, Europe, Africa, India, Australia** and **Asia** as well as **Ireland**. Unlike well-known engineers such as **Macneill, Hemans, LeFanu** and **Barton**, biographical information on the great majority of Ireland's railway engineers has yet to appear in published format though they have also made a valuable contribution to the worldwide railway heritage.

Hosted by Engineers Ireland's **Heritage Society** in conjunction with the **Roads & Transportation Society** and the **Irish Railway Record Society**.

For more information... [click here](#) or visit the Heritage section on the Engineers Ireland website (under Groups / Societies)

Can't attend? Watch it live on Engineers TV! To register [click here](#)

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Traffic and Travel Intelligent Transport Systems

(ITS) in Northern Ireland

Wednesday 27th February 2013 at 6.30pm

Engineers Ireland, 22 Clyde Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

Mr Brian Maxwell - Head of Intelligent Transport Systems,

Roads Service

Free. All welcome.

Roads Service is part of the **Department for Regional Development** in **Northern Ireland**, and is the sole roads authority responsible for all classes of public roads. The lecture will give an overview of how **Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)** have been used for the control of traffic on both the urban and motorway networks, and the provision of pre-trip and on-trip traffic information. Also included will be a description of measures taken to provide priority to public transport, the protocol for management of incidents on the trunk road network and also the involvement of Roads Service in the EU part funded project called **EASYWAY**.

Hosted by Engineers Ireland's **Roads & Transportation Society** in conjunction with **ITS Ireland**.

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OTHER EVENTS

Dublin Cycling Campaign Monthly Public Lecture

"On Our Bikes!? Ireland's National Cycle Policy Framework"

Monday 11th February 2013 at 8.00pm

Location: Central Hotel (Exchequer St / George's St corner). Go up the stairs & then turn right!

Ireland has a **National Cycle Policy Framework** since 2009, but how did it come about, and how is it working in practice? Is it time to take stock!?

Dave Fadden, a former senior Civil Servant in the Department of Transport and one of the architects behind the policy, will outline how the national policy came to be, also giving an insight into how strategy and policy is formulated within the Civil Service.

Ciarán Fallon was Ireland's first and only Cycling Officer and worked with Dublin City Council from 2009-2012. Ciarán will outline some of the challenges encountered in putting the new policy into practice.

For more information...[click here](#)

9th ITS European Congress and Exhibition

4th – 7th June 2013

Convention Centre Dublin (CCD)

Dublin 2013 Congress will primarily focus on **ITS solutions** that are driven by policy as opposed to being technology-led. The emphasis will be on proven deployed solutions and innovative R&D that is focused on solving real problems and delivering value for money in today's challenging economic environment.

For more information / registration...[click here](#)

To view through the ITS Ireland website...[click here](#)