

TRANSPIRE

QUARTERLY TRANSPORTATION UPDATE FROM MACE GROUP



WELCOME TO TRANSPIRE,

Mace Group's first quarterly newsletter focused on rail and surface transport. Our intention is to share our experiences from our wide ranging rail and surface transport project portfolio. In each issue we'll highlight projects with transportation challenges and demonstrate how we have worked with our clients and other stakeholders to offer tangible benefits and improved delivery.



I hope you enjoy this first edition, if you have any feedback feel free to contact me at the address below.

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NEW GOVERNMENT FOCUS ON RAIL

In his recent and much publicised 2000 mile sojourn around Britain's railway system, UK Transport Minister Lord Adonis kept a daily blog of his experiences on the network.

A week travelling in standard class from big city to local station provided evidence of failings and areas for improvement. From the variations in service frequency on busy commuter lines and the need for more consistency in the provision of station services, to his forthright insistence on the importance of "High Speed 2", everything points to a continuing and increasing emphasis on rail infrastructure upgrades in the UK.

Passenger numbers are up almost everywhere so it is vital to ensure that the infrastructure meets the growing demand. With the global economic downturn providing impetus to greater public funding of infrastructure projects, now is the time for private sector firms to show we can deliver efficiently whilst doing right by the public purse. Despite the world's economic woes, at Mace we believe these are exciting times to be working in transportation.

Mace is currently working with Transport for London, London Underground Limited, Network Rail, Southwest Trains, Department for Transport, Bombardier and a range of private companies with major transport interfaces. Our 200-strong team has grown significantly over the past three years and is currently responsible for more than £14bn of transport and infrastructure delivery.

Every Mace project benefits from an integrated, partnership approach, with ideas and experiences communicated from each project via our extensive internal communication and project review process. Lessons learned today will benefit ongoing and future projects, which is why we would like your feedback and contribution to future editions.

PROJECT ROUNDUP

GOLD FOR SAFETY

We're proud to have won a gold RoSPA safety award for our ongoing work with client Metronet. A 40-strong team is collaborating with Metronet to develop and deliver a number of station modernisation projects and this award coincides with the safety milestone of 250,000 working hours without a lost time accident. This is a significant achievement given the site access constraints and we've worked closely with LUL and the programme team to obtain better access.

HIGHWAY COLLABORATION

In collaboration with Turner and Townsend, we've secured an appointment to provide strategic consultancy advice to the Highways Agency on delivery systems and processes for the recently announced £6bn managed motorways programme. Having previously established delivery offices for BA's Terminal 5, the London 2012 Olympic Games and other major public sector programmes, the Highways Agency will benefit from our considerable expertise in this area.

LOGISTICS AT LONDON BRIDGE STATION



In February 2009, Mace Group signed the fixed price contract to build the Shard at London Bridge and construction is now underway. Adjacent to London Bridge Station, the logistics involved in building what will be Europe's tallest mixed-use building while keeping the station open and operational are complex. Preconstruction planning is a key element of our group-wide service offer and the team presented a detailed logistics methodology to secure approval to proceed from Network Rail.

A COOL EXTENSION

With an excellent track record of delivery against key performance indicators, we've secured a contract extension with TfL on its 'Cooling the Tube' programme. We're providing portfolio management, project management, commercial/cost management and project planning services.

BIRMINGHAM NEW STREET

Work is also getting underway on the major Birmingham New Street Station redevelopment for which we're appointed as Network Rail's delivery partner. Drawing on extensive programme management expertise, we're working alongside the in-house team to provide governance, procurement and contract management.

