

NI Railways – Planning for Growth

Mal McGreevy – Translink

**AECOM, 2 Clarence Street West, Belfast
5.45 for 6.15pm Thursday 15th January 2015**

Northern Ireland Railways has been transformed. In 2000, with mounting safety concerns and life-expired rolling stock, government convened the Railways Taskforce Review and even considered closure options. However, the Review confirmed the value of network and the Regional Transportation Strategy of 2002 set the framework for substantial investment allied to a 60% passenger growth target. NI Railways has delivered. A new fleet of Spanish-built CAF trains were introduced in 2005 and the latest Class 4000 trains came into service in 2011/2012. The introduction of this new fleet and associated improvements in stations, staffing and ticketing has led to a huge increase in passenger numbers on the entire network, now 124% increased over 2000 levels.

Mal McGreevy is a Chartered Mechanical Engineer with over 40 years experience in a range of industries. Having worked initially in the aerospace, tobacco and paper industries he moved to public transport in 1988 when he joined Ulsterbus Ltd. Since then he has held positions of Chief Engineer, Ulsterbus and Citybus and Engineering Executive, Translink, which included responsibility for both bus and rail fleet strategies and fleet maintenance. Since 2004 as General Manager – Translink NI Railways, Mal has been responsible for all railway passenger service operations in addition to fleet engineering. Mal is currently Chair of the UITP Regional and Suburban Railway Committee and in 2012 was awarded an MBE for his services to public transport in Northern Ireland.

The Transport Planning Society invites you to this event on 15th January 2015 – followed by an opportunity to network with others in the profession over a drink.

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The timetable for the evening is :

5.45 – 6.15pm : tea and coffee

6.15 – 7.15pm approx: Presentation by Mal McGreevy followed by questions

7.15pm : networking over a drink

Please email peter.morrow@aecom.com to let us know you are coming to this FREE event. We look forward to seeing you!