

# Transport Planning Society

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## TPS Transport Planner of the Year Award 2018 – Citations

### 1. AB Abdulahi, State Transport Officer, State of Osun, Nigeria

**Osun has an area of approx. 3500 sq. miles and a population of 3.5m**

I'm nominating myself because of the positive roles I have been playing in transportation sector in the State of Osun in Nigeria. I have taken active roles in Transport Policy formulation, Social Protection Policy, the Committee on Road Safety, Planning and Coordinating all the activities of Transport Planning / Operations in the State.

I've won "Best Staff Member of the Week" twice in the State.

Currently, I'm facilitating the first Transport Summit in the State of Osun considering Transport Roadmap planning for the State up to year 2030.

**Nominated by himself**

### 2. Alan Bailes, TPP, MSc, FCIHT, FCILT, TPS, Managing Director – The Transportation Consultancy Ltd.

Alan has been a Transport Planning professional for 40 years and currently is the managing director of The Transportation Consultancy (TTC).

Over the last year Alan has worked on numerous prestigious transport infrastructure projects throughout the UK and overseas and his key achievements to date rank as directing the transport planning aspects for implementing Bus Rapid Transit projects in Africa and Asia. In addition Alan was selected for the position of 'Study Advisor' to assist the Pakistan Government in the development of the National Transport Plan for the country.

Alan is also a director of Training for Transport Professionals (TfTP) which is a non-profit organisation that is dedicated to training and the development of Transport Planners and over the last year he has hosted training events and organises Transport Planning courses.

Over the last year Alan has promoted the Transport Planning Profession (TPP) and acts as a mentor, where he is currently guiding 10 Transport Planners seeking to gain the TPP qualification. Alan is a reviewer of the TPP qualification and reviews 6 prospective applications a year.

Additionally Alan is a professional reviewer for the Transport Planning Society (TPS) Professional Development Scheme in the Midlands and oversees 7 companies.

Alan has been elected as Chairman of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) UK which is a non-profit organisation that promotes BRT as a sustainable mode of transport across the UK.

Alan has raised over £5,000 for charity through cycle and walking challenges in the Himalayas, Tanzania, Burma, Vietnam and Cambodia.

**Nominated by George Bailes, Director, The Transport Consultancy**

### **3. Mike Garratt, Chair, MDS Transmodal**

Mike Garratt, originally an economist, has provided an evidence based approach to freight planning for two decades. His GB Freight Model was a first and covers all modes. It has been used by the DfT but is run independently by the company which Mike chairs: MDS Transmodal.

He has produced reports which are unique in their multi-modal analysis and in particular revealing the potential for rail freight and a realistic approach to the practicalities and obstacles of mode switch. He has worked for a wide range of clients including DfT, CfBT, the Northern Powerhouse (Freight Strategy) and most recently the scenario forecasting for Network Rail's 2017 freight strategy.

Mike is also an acknowledged expert in port policy and how it relates to inland transport systems and is widely known in the freight sector. He regularly gives presentations and leads projects for local authorities as well as national government. I have known Mike for over a decade and recently worked with him on a project for DfT looking at the potential for transferring goods from the largest articulated vehicles on the strategic road network, to parallel rail corridors. He was helpful, inventive and his team produced some really informative map graphics which greatly enhanced the study. He is the epitome of someone who uses data and modelling in a transparent and open way.

If he is chosen, I suggest we would ask him to present about the 2017 Network Rail report, but also more generally on his scenario freight forecasts.

**Nominated by Keith Buchan**

### **4. Mike Keegan, Strategy and Policy Manager, TfL**

I would like to nominate Mike Keegan, TfL's Strategy and Policy Manager as Transport Planner of the Year. In the last year, Mike has dedicated himself to drafting and managing the production of the new Transport Strategy for London. Link attached:  
<https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/mayors-transport-strategy-2018.pdf>

This is an ambitious plan for London to enable it to grow and thrive in future. The Strategy takes an innovative approach to transport planning – setting a clear direction to improve Londoners' health while improving transport outcomes. It introduces and evidences engaging new transport planning concepts, such as Healthy Streets and the importance of mode shift to 'space efficient modes'. There are many ideas in the strategy which will benefit other cities facing similar challenges.

The work involved was complex and involved numerous modelling scenarios of London's future and analysis of options. The strategy, which has been warmly received by the Mayor and the public, is an excellent and engaging document. This is largely due to Mike's personal dedication to working with partners within and beyond TfL to ensure that we challenge ourselves to create a better city by taking ambitious action over the next 25 years to achieve an 80% sustainable mode share, cleaner air, and a more accessible and fairer city.

Mike has worked incredibly hard and deployed all of his extensive transport planning experience. Remarkably, this plan was also produced at a time his department was going through major organisational change, and Mike never missed a beat in both managing and

supporting staff, while driving the Strategy forward. He is truly committed to delivering a strategy which will make life in London better and keep the city growing and thriving.

**Nominated by Lilli Matson, Director of City Planning, TfL**

**5. Nick Richardson, BA MA TPP FCIHT FCILT, Projects Director, Mott MacDonald**

Nick is one of the most committed transport planners to professional development that I know. He is a former Chair of the Transport Planning Society, he is a Director and Trustee of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK) and he is the Chair of PTRC Education and Research Services Ltd. He is also an example of personal commitment to professional development and accreditation: he was one of the first Transport Planning Professionals via the Senior Route, and he is a Fellow of both CILT and of CIHT.

It is only 20 years ago that TPS as a learned society, a professional body was set up for transport planners, and only 10 years ago that through the efforts from people such as Nick, a professional qualification for transport planners was not only developed, but also achieved accreditation from the appropriate bodies. And it is through the continued efforts of people such as Nick that TPS as a society thrives, and that the qualification is now regarded by some clients as essential for those that fulfil senior transport planning positions in teams providing services.

Nick started his career as a Transport Planning Technician, and following a short period as a bus driver is now a successful Projects Director in Mott MacDonald. He writes prolifically on his favourite topic, public transport, often in *Passenger Transport*.

**Nominated by Tom van Vuren**

**6. Dr. Sonny Tolofari, Modelling Specialist, Leicestershire County Council**

My colleague **Sonny Tolofari** will be retiring from his position as Modelling specialist from Leicestershire County Council at the end of the year. Sonny is very well known within the industry and has been involved in the development of transport models for some 30+ years. During his time at LCC Sonny has overseen the development of the Leicester and Leicestershire Integrated Transport Model (LLITM) which is one of the most advanced transport models in the country and has been subject to numerous white papers presented at numerous conferences. Indeed the LLITM was actually the first model in the UK to make use of mobile phone data in defining its demand matrices.

Of particular relevance in supporting our nomination are the recent research projects featuring LLITM - Forecasting Fixed Speeds in Urban Areas and Hybrid Gravity Modelling Approach For Trip Matrix Synthesis. This year the former was incorporated in to the DfT's regional models. Both research projects have been presented internationally.

Sonny is renowned for creating a 'centre of excellence', supporting a learning environment for our graduate trainees and apprentice transport planners, and increasing their modelling skills. Sonny often speaks at conferences on these subjects sharing his knowledge and expertise.

Overall, we believe that Sonny should be recognised for his dedicated work in transport both locally regionally and nationally. His contribution has been immense and it would be fitting to award him this accolade as he retires.

**Nominated by Peter Barclay, Julia Brown and Alex Gray, Leicestershire County Council**

