**TRANSPORT PLANNING SOCETY BURSARY AWARD WINNERS**

The Transport Planning Society offers £500 bursaries to young transport planners to produce original thinking on a topic of current relevance to transport planning. The topic for the 2015 competition was “How can Demand Management be achieved without full Road User Charging?”

**The Society is delighted to announce three winners** :

Hannah Beaven (WSP) – “Making the Case for Active Travel Initiatives as a Travel Demand Management Tool – Ways forward given Problems with Evaluation”

Melina Christina (Atkins) – “Time to Spread the Peak!”

Tom Fleming (ITP) – “Travel Budgeting – the New Incentive-led Approach to an Integrated System of Travel Taxation”.

**Melina Christina was awarded the prize for** **Bursary of the Year** at the TPS meeting on 3 March 2016.

Melina explained the potential benefits of peak spreading on London Underground. Through a literature review and a survey of central London employees, she identified the opportunities and constraints involved, and the incentives needed to achieve it, such as financial savings for travelling off-peak and realtime information about crowding. Case studies from overseas supported her conclusions.

**Tim Morton**, TPS Director responsible for the 2015 Bursary competition, commented “All three Bursary papers were well researched and very thought provoking. The TPS Board particularly liked Melina’s paper because it was a rounded piece of work and her employee survey added a new insight to the subject.”

The competition for the 2016 Bursary Awards will be announced in April.

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*Separate photo attached of :*

*TPS Director,* ***Tim Morton*** *giving the award to* ***Melina Christina***