

West Midlands Branch e-Newsletter September 2020

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Since our July e-news there has been significant changes in both passenger use and government policies with announcement today of their continuation of management contracts to Train Operating Companies, effectively Concessions, although described as Emergency Recovery Measures Agreements (ERMAs).

The future for Rail looks different from that at the beginning of the year and your Committee are anxious to hear your views on what policies and lobbying you would like us to undertake in the coming months.

So, we have arranged an On-line Meeting open to **ALL our members on Wednesday 14th October** using Zoom details below and urge you will join us on that evening.

Hoping you and yours are safe and well
Colin Major

ON-LINE MEMBERS' MEETING Wednesday 14th October

The Meeting will **begin at 6.30 pm** using Zoom link: -

<https://zoom.us/j/94607715513?pwd=YjVYbEZPWDRnNmdOWFBaQ01RUGxTdz09>

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The topics to be discussed are: -

- **Members concerns and suggested Committee Action.**
 - **This is YOUR opportunity to give us your views**
 - The WM Rail Investment Strategy covering the whole of West Midlands including Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and the WMCA is being reviewed with consultants engaged to look at interventions that could satisfy the long- term output requirements. (since the current version defines long term outputs only - not how to deliver them) **So we Need Your views for us to ensure that this revised Strategy meets your needs.**

- **An Alternative proposal to Andy Street's 2040 Vision for Rail and Metro.**
 - **Presentation by Owen O'Neill MEng West Midlands Railfuture member.**

Owen is an engineer based in the West Midlands with experience in the analysis of complex systems, particularly networks & optimisation for performance. He has recently taken a keen interest in local transport connectivity, turning his network analysis expertise to the rail network, absorbing the available transport +

route studies using a fresh eye to identify problems & take a different approach to long-term solutions that he hopes will stimulate even better ideas from a wider audience.

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Joining our on-line meeting by Zoom

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