

Board Meeting Paper		
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Purpose of report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion / debate <input type="checkbox"/> Information only ²	
Sensitive Information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If sensitive, protective marking³		
Date of Meeting	17 March 2016	
Agenda Item	C 3.5	
Report Title	RIS2 Route Strategies research project	
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1. Summary

The project is a survey of road user's right across the Strategic Road Network, which we are conducting for Highways England. The purpose of the research is to investigate:

- The problems and issues experienced by motorised users across the network in the priority areas identified in the earlier Transport Focus research, and more generally.
- User views on addressing problems and issues, and ideas for future developments.

2. Recommendations / decision required

Please approve the appointment of Future Thinking and the spend of £139,122.00 on this research project. This sum will be recharged to Highways England along with a management fee of £7,000.00.

3. Further details

The project has been discussed and approved by the Management Team – see links.

4. Implications – Financial, Risk, Legal, Staffing

We have committed to HE to undertake this research on their behalf.

5. Background information

Description	Web Link
Project brief	https://portal.transportfocus.org.uk/projects/RIS2userinput/Shared%20Documents/B55%20-%20RIS2-Route%20Strategies%20User%20Research_pdf%20-%20Google%20Drive.mht
Management Team approval	https://portal.transportfocus.org.uk/projects/RIS2userinput/Shared%20Documents/Jan%2016%20MT%20D%2003%201)%20B55%20-%20RIS2Route%20Strategies%20User%20Research%20-%20signed%20approval.pdf

¹ If a decision is required, or you are asking for the paper to be formally noted, please set this out in section 2

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6. Equalities screen

Sometimes, an equalities impact assessment (EIA) is required for a given report, proposal or project. To help decide whether an EIA is required, a screen must be undertaken based on the information provided above. The screen seeks answers to four questions which are used to determine impact on the protected characteristics – major, minor or none (default). Please choose the correct impact value and, if **major**, link it to an explanation below.

Gender	Age	Sexual orient'n	Disability	Marital status	Political belief	Religious belief	Racial group
1. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, for each of the Section 75 equality categories?							
None	None	None	Minor	None	None	None	None
2. Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within the Section 75 equalities categories?							
None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
3. To what extent is the policy likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?							
					None	None	None
4. Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?							
					None	None	None

Summary of **major** impacts

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Conclusion (the board's consideration of this paper may result in a change of conclusion)

Based on the information above, and having regard to the guidance below, the sponsor and author of this paper agree that (√)	
(a) A full equalities impact assessment is not required	√
(b) A full equalities impact assessment is not required at this time but the impact values above suggest the matter should be kept under view during the lifetime of the project	
(c) A full equalities impact assessment is required and should be completed during the lifetime of the project	
(d) A full equalities impact assessment is required and should be completed immediately	
Please provide a brief explanation of why you have arrived at this conclusion	
<p><i>The proposal has little no relevance to equality of opportunity or good relations and / or is purely technical in nature and will have no bearing in terms of its likely impact on equality of opportunity or good relations for people within the equality and good relations categories.</i></p>	