

**West Midlands RSS Monitoring Stakeholder Conference**  
**Transport and Accessibility Workshop**  
**25<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

A review of the key outcomes of the WMRSS 2008 AMR - Transport and Accessibility Chapter was presented to and discussed by the group.

**Monitoring Strategy Implementation:**

- Thinking about the key findings what actions could have been undertaken during 2009 to improve transport and accessibility in the Region?
- How can this be done better?
- What issues do you think will need to be captured in the future?

There is very little influence that you can have on people's transport choice.

Need to be pro-active in respect of transport implications.

Need to understand the cost of congestion to the Region and it isn't currently monitored in the West Midlands. The West Midlands Metropolitan authorities have a methodology which could be explored further.

Need to be able to compare with other regions to enable the West Midlands to be in a strong position to be able to influence.

Nationally there is now the emerging realisation that there is a problem in the West Midlands.

Need to encourage other bodies to promote the West Midlands.

**Looking to the Future:**

- Is it feasible to transfer the current approach of monitoring the RSS as advocated by recent guidance to the monitoring of the entire Single Strategy?
- Should the monitoring activity, as well as picking up the necessary detail required to monitor individual policy, strive to assess how the Region is performing?
- How would this be done better?

Other regions don't monitor so well. Does this mean that we disadvantage the West Midlands by monitoring so well?

There was acknowledgement that evidence was a very important tool.

Being prepared to invest – prioritise and challenge are all important.

Being able to demonstrate that West Midlands is very different to other regions is a priority.

The Region being able to monitor the cause of congestion.