

“Putting Safety on the Road 2002”

The 5th Annual Road Safety Markings Association Conference
Thursday 14th November 2002
Hanover International Hotel, Daventry

This seminar was designed to move forward the debate from previous RSMA Conferences regarding new standards and specifications and the performance of road markings looking at the 'What and the How' of the difference road markings and performance specifications can make in terms of road safety.

The aim was to place the role of road markings and performance standards fully into the context of reducing death and accidents on our roads, through a series of key addresses and a range of smaller specialist presentations to groups of delegates.

The conference looked at a range of issues from performance indicators, new specifications, accident reduction case studies, current client practice and much more, guaranteeing that wherever your interest lies, there is something under discussion or development that will help identify actions you can take to improve road safety.

Should you require further information or copies of the presentations from the conference, please send your request via our contact page

The programme for 2002 Conference follows.

Programme

Introduction & Welcome - A brief outline of the day's events

Road Safety – Network priorities and the Highway's Agency's role.

John Smart, Senior Road Safety Engineer, Highways Agency will identify the importance of road safety and how the Highways Agency will give emphasis to the Government's Road Safety priorities, when managing the road infrastructure. This may well provide a model for local authorities to follow.

Up to the Mark? Ecodyn 2002

The results of the latest national survey into road marking performance.

George A. Lee, National Director, Road Safety Markings Association will report on the findings of the latest survey into road marking performance. Following the controversy that surrounded the 2001 survey, many specifying authorities await these figures.

Specialist Seminars

Sessions 1 & 2 - ***See below for details of Specialist Seminars***

(Individual selections for delegates from the 'menu' of specialist presentations)*

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Sessions 3 & 4 - ***See below for details of Specialist Seminars***

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Putting Safety on the Road – Making Roads Safer

Bert Morris – AA Motoring Policy Manager will discuss the latest work being undertaken in identifying unsafe roads in the UK and the development of audit and reporting techniques to address these deficiencies and improve safety on our roads

Specialist Seminars

*Delegates chose the specialist seminars they wished to attend from the options below.

Performance Indicators & Road Safety – Your local solution

Ian Waterson of the Audit Commission identifies how local performance indicators can be used to enhance local services and how new indicators can be developed and drawn up at a local level including those involving markings, road safety and best value.

Monitoring maintenance – Getting it right

Steve Lee of Surrey County Council presents a Case Study on the practicalities of monitoring maintenance and details of the impact of the new maintenance regime in Surrey.

Marking the way to Safety – road markings, saving lives and money

Adam Beattie of Glasgow DC and Mike Jones of Bracknell Forest DC present 2 separate Case Studies into the use of road markings to significantly reduce accidents and costs.

Client practice makes perfect? – An overview of myth and reality

Mike Mason of The Road Marking Forum on client practice makes perfect? Presenting the detailed results of the RSMA nationwide survey into clients approach to specifying and monitoring markings along with discussion on developing best practice in road markings, to ensure that specifiers are getting the best out of their markings budget.

StanSpec 2003 – Towards and electronic specification

Roger Culpin from Durham County Council and CSS Materials Group member – Presentation on latest revisions to the StanSpec specification now used by over a third of road marking specifiers. Major revisions to pricing schedules and health & safety requirements along with the unveiling of the new electronic format and a final consultation on content for the 2003 document, will form the basis of this presentation.

COST 331 Workshop

Looking in context at the impact of improved retro-reflectivity utilising the European analysis programme originally displayed at Road Marking 2000. This session will prove to sceptics the value of performance markings and will help the converted in identifying when and what enhanced are required (Speaker to be confirmed)

Where there's an accident!

John Bullas, currently working on a major joint CSS/AA research project into road accidents in the UK reviews the where and the how of collecting data on road safety, to help identify those areas that need most action.

What's on a line? – A practical guide to getting what you ask for.

John Lloyd, RSMA Technical Group Chairman and MMG members introduce a practical (hands on) session on measuring safety on the road. Drawn up by the joint client/industry Markings Monitoring Group, this session will provide guidance on methods of monitoring and the use of monitoring equipment, retro-reflectometers etc. (This session will be held outside)

A better, safer and quality workforce

Steve Coffey of The Road Marking Independent Training Group provides an update on qualifying the workforce – A session on the new arrangements for basic training and competency qualifications for road marking operatives

On the road to tomorrow

Independent consultant, Rex Perkins gives a personal and often challenging view on where to with road marking materials. A session aimed at identifying future developments in performance of road markings and identifying what performance will be required and what may be available – discussion and opinion.