



Transport Campaign Monthly Newsletter



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[Transport Minister Visits West Midlands](#)

On 11th December, West Midlands Combined Authority Mayor, Andy Street, was joined by West Midlands Trains managing director Jan Chaudhry-van der Velde and Cllr Roger Lawrence, Chairman of West Midlands Rail to officially launch the West Midlands Rail Franchise, taking over from London Midland.

Please click [here](#) to read the full article.

[Major Road Network Consultation Launched](#)

The government have launched a consultation on which roads to include in the new Major Road Network. The Department for Transport has outlined that 'Key 'A' roads across the country could benefit from up to £100m of funding, with those successful potentially benefiting from road widening, major junction improvements and technological enhancements to improve road safety.



Please click [here](#) to take part.



Department
for Transport

[Chris Grayling Remains Secretary of State for Transport](#)

Following the recent Cabinet reshuffle that took place earlier this month, and despite accidentally being announced as the new Party Chairman, Chris Grayling MP remains in post as the Secretary of State for Transport.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

[Commuter Concern Over Rising Rail Fares](#)

Millions of rail users in the UK will see the price of regulated rail fares rise by up to 3.6% in January, with this permitted rise in prices being the highest since January 2013.



Please click [here](#) for more information.

[Black Country Chamber Members Represented At Transport Related Events](#)

In the latter stages of 2017, Black Country Chamber staff attended a number of transport-related events to discuss relevant policy developments effecting Black Country businesses. Amongst these were Transport-Led Development in the Midlands 2017, a focus meeting for freight logistics at the West Midlands Combined Authority, and the Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Transport Policy Group, as well as hosting our own Transport Policy Group meeting.

In Spring, Birmingham Airport will be hosting an update meeting on their future strategy. Please click [here](#) if you would be interested in attending.