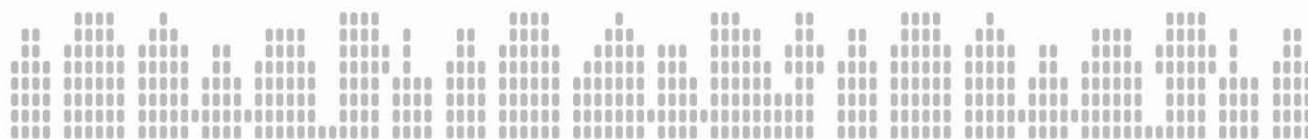




Transport and the city-regions

Key messages for suburbs

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Today's presentation

- Transport's role in the economy
- Current government priorities
- Our view of suburbs
- The transport investment climate for suburbs
- Recommendations for suburbs transport priorities and strategies





Transport's role in the economy in city-regions

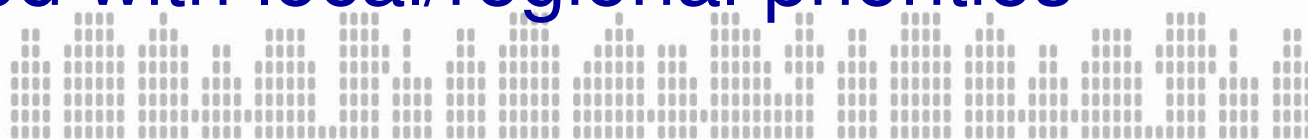
- Critical to making city-regions work as economies
- Public transport Critical for functioning labour markets
- Road transport important for business





Key challenges

- Significant legacy of past underinvestment
- ... even in the most economically important routes (London)
- lack of integrated transport – both provision and management
- Lack of strategic management at city-region level
- Centralisation of spending decisions – not aligned with local/regional priorities





Current government priorities

- Economic impact the no. 1 priority
- New appraisal criteria – agglomeration impacts – prioritises city centre access
- Prioritise making the existing system work better; address pinchpoints; extend current infrastructure
- No *grand projets*
- Extending congestion charging
- Shift costs onto user/consumer
- Public spending squeeze





Our view of suburbs

- Incredibly diverse
- Challenging to get coherent suburbs agenda
- Administrative boundaries – commonly make no economic sense
- Suburbs agenda – about making city regions work better
- Transport is not the only answer – e.g. labour supply and housing market





The transport investment climate for suburbs

- Competing with:
 - City centre investments – yield high returns and are mass transit systems
 - Govt priorities on pinch points and upgrades to existing infras. as outlined previously
- Appraisal for access to central government cash – somewhat place neutral
- Less govt cash!
- Some progress – e.g. London Overground





Recommendations for suburbs transport priorities and strategies

- Take a city-region view
- Suburb to suburb transit – targeted, not mass transit
- Need to prioritise their needs based on hard economic reasoning and private sector backing
- Need to demonstrate capacity for change and action
- Suburbs need to be seen to effectively collaborate
- New financial tools might be available – but will require collaboration to be effective
- Suburbs – have valid needs, but very competitive environment for funding
- **In sum – be innovative, show progress, prove your case, make good plans and collaborate**

