

# INTERNATIONAL MEETING PRO-RAIL ORGANISATIONS – 17 MARCH 2008



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# THE RAILWAY FORUM

- Formed in 1997
- Represents the entire UK rail industry
- Infrastructure
- Operations
- Rolling Stock
- Passenger Transport Executives/ Transport for London
- Consultancies
- Service Providers
- Manufacturers

# UK INDUSTRY STRUCTURE



- Had been nationalised in 1948
- Privatised in mid 1990's
- Split between 100 companies
- Split between operations and infrastructure

# Key Industry Bodies



- Network Rail
- Association of Train Operating Companies
- Rail Safety and Standards Board
- Railway Industry Association

# ROLE OF THE RAILWAY FORUM



- Third Party Advocacy on behalf of the industry
- Promoting longer term issues in the UK railway industry

# KEY GOVERNMENT BODIES



- Department for Transport
- Transport Scotland
- Office of Rail Regulation
- Transport for London
- Competition Commission

# CURRENT UK RAIL ISSUES



- Control Period 4 (2009-2014)
- High Level Output Specification
- £3bn annual subsidy
- Subsidy from 50% now to 23% by 2014.
- 40% rise in patronage in a decade
- 30% predicted growth over next ten years.

# HIGH SPEED ONE ON TIME – ON BUDGET



# CROSSRAIL



# LONGER TERM ISSUES (1)



- Electrification
- Currently 39%
- Major routes still operated by diesel traction e.g. London-Bristol/ South Wales.
- London-Sheffield

# LONGER TERM ISSUES (2)

- Sustainability
- Development of sustainability metrics for the railway industry
- The Railway Forum instrumental in placing sustainability on the agenda.
- UK energy mix
- Alternative traction technology e.g. fuel cells

# LONGER TERM ISSUES (3)



- UK Domestic High Speed
- HS2 London – Birmingham
- Modal Shift
- Regeneration
- Increased Capacity