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### TC A.1 –Preserving the Environment

#### Issue A.1.1

National policies and strategies for reducing the impacts of the road transport system on climate change and policies and strategies for the adaptation of transport systems to climate change

Strategies	Outputs
Examine different countries' plans, policies and initiatives for	Report on policies and initiatives.
<ul> <li>mitigating against the impact of roads and road transport on the climate.</li> <li>adaptating road transport system to climate change.</li> </ul>	Review case studies.
Consider national policies for reduction in energy consumption when constructing, maintaining and operating the road transport system.	

# Issue A.1.2 Monitoring of environmental impacts

Strategies	Outputs
Review how the environmental impact of the road transport system is measured, what indicators are currently used in relation to the mitigation actions.	Identify best practice.
Assess how the environmental impacts of road construction projects are measured, before, during and after completion. Assess how useful the results of these measurements are and what if anything, is done as a consequence.	Report new developments with information in case studies.

# Issue A.1.3 Monitoring alternative solutions for fossil fuels for the road system

Strategies	Outputs
Consider the impacts of new approaches, technologies and initiatives on energy consumption and gas emission in relation to the powering of the road transport system.	A review of trials and research.

## TC A.2 – Financing, Managing and Contracting of Road System Investment

Issue A.2.1 Review of public and private sector roles in sustainable road systems		
Strategies Strategies	Outputs	
Review of the evolving roles of the public and private sectors in the provision of sustainable road systems and the levels of private sector participations in management, maintenance, operations, funding and financing	Report identifying the different combinations of public and private sector involvements in the provision of sustainable road systems, and the perceived advantages and disadvantages	
Issue A.2.2 Explore funding and financing strategies for sustainable road systems		
Strategies	Outputs	
Examine the different approaches employed for funding and financing strategies for sustainable road systems	Report on the approaches with case studies, where appropriate, adopted by countries at different development stages, illustrating their evolutions and achievements	
Issue A.2.3 Investigation of new forms of procurement of private sector participations in sustainable road maintenance and operations		
Strategies	Outputs	
Explore the different approaches to the procurement of services relating to maintenance and operations as well as design and construction of projects to provide levels of service consistent with user expectations and road hierarchies	Report with case studies illustrating the various forms of procuring private sector involvement and comparing the benefits and dis-benefits of novel against more traditional forms of maintenance and operations	

## TC A.3 – Road System Economics and Social Development

Issue A.3.1 Economic aspects of mobility pricing			
Strategies	Outputs		
Investigate approaches to the economic evaluation of mobility pricings effects including managing demand, internalisation of external costs, modal shift and social acceptance.	A comparison of approaches and assessment of the maturity of knowledge of road pricing.		
Issue A.3.2 New approaches to appraisal of social impacts			
Strategies	Outputs		
Study the changes in approaches to methods of appraisal of social impacts resulting from road development and usage.	Study of new developments, identifying added benefits and/or wider scope.  Evaluation of implemented approaches.		

## TC A.4 – Rural Road Systems and Accessibility to Rural Areas

Issue A.4.1 Accessibility and planning of the development of the rural roads system			
Strategies	Outputs		
Investigate how the needs for accessibility and mobility in rural areas are being assessed and taken into consideration in planning the development of the rural roads system at national and /or regional levels.	Case studies, leading to a best practice guide.		
Issue A.4.2 Sustainability of maintenance			
Strategies	Outputs		
Review of planning, financing and management of sustainable maintenance methods and approaches.	Best practice for sustainable maintenance of rural roads.		
Issue A.4.3 Involvement of local communities			
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Involvement of log	ocal communities  Outputs		

TC B.1 – Good Governance of Road Administrations

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Issue B.1.1 Best practices for good governance			
Strategies	Outputs		
Review recent changes in successful governance structures, practices and auditing such as the introduction of performance measurement.	Report identifying the key aspects and success factors that contribute to good governance.		
Examine different plans, policies and initiatives for successfully ensuring institutional integrity in the road sector.	Best practice advisory guide for the road sector.		
Issue B.1.2 Improved services to customers			
Strategies	Outputs		
Undertake a comparison of services targeted at customers and how customer's feedback is collected.	Benchmarking exercise comparing case studies and identifying common success factors.		
Evaluate how a customer-oriented approach has improved services.			
Issue B.1.3 Human resources for the future			
Strategies	Outputs		
Review countries plans, policies and strategies regarding skill shortages and human resource challenges for the future.	Report on the skills gap within the road sector now and those skills that will be required in ten years' time.		
Review what is being done within the road sector to make the sector appealing and what skills would be beneficial to bring into this sector.	Identification of best approaches to improve the supply of skills.		
Consider solutions to needs expressed by developing countries relating to deficiencies in training and education systems which are resulting in a lack of appropriately qualified road industry professionals.	Training for those in the sector and those entering the sector.		

**TC B.2 – Road Network Operations** 

Issue B.2.1  Management of congested areas			
Strategies	Outputs		
Examine the understanding of and successful approaches to managing traffic flow on major urban and interurban roads in congested areas.	A study of the factors affecting the efficient use of road space on major urban and interurban roads, with proposals for how network operators can successfully manage congested areas.		
Issue B.2.2 Appropriate use of ITS for an integrated transport system			
Strategies	Outputs		
Investigate how ITS investments for road network operations are evaluated and identify policy related performance indicators in order to evaluate the success of ITS strategies of different countries.	Identification of success factors for ITS strategies and precautions to take against failure.  Recommendations on how road authorities should assess and evaluate ITS schemes.  Revision of the World Road Association ITS handbook to strengthen coverage of ITS in developing countries, ITS for road safety and the evaluation of ITS schemes.		
Issue B.2.3 Management of road corridors			
Strategies	Outputs		
Identify the factors affecting corridor usage, and how to influence users.	A study of the most important issues for operators of road corridors and advice for influencing users to make optimum travel choices.		
[Cross-border issues : integration of services across country borders]	[Identification of issues, examples of best practice]		

## TC B.3 – Improved Mobility in Urban Areas

Issue B.3.1 Integration of the different modes of transport		
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Strategies	Outputs	
Study strategies for balancing the share of urban transport modes to reduce congestion and improve mobility.	Case studies leading to guidance for road administrations.	
Issue B.3.2 Land use planning and road transport		
Strategies	Outputs	
Investigation of transport requirements and policies associated with planning of new developments in large cities.	Case studies, leading to guidance for road administrations, for countries in a range of stages of development.	
Issue Non-motoriz		
Strategies	Outputs	
Investigate how non-motorized mobility is being assessed and encouraged in planning transport schemes in urban areas.	Sample survey to arrive at realistic data for future transport planning.	

TC B.4-Freight Transport and Inter-Modality

Issue B.4.1  Management of strategic freight corridors		
Strategies	Outputs	
On the basis of case studies (including cross- border issues) selected in both developed and developing countries, analyse the favourable or non-favourable conditions required for the seamless transit of freight. Identify the possible remedial measures.	Report presenting an analysis of these case studies, including recommendations for improving the management and operation of freight corridors.	
Issue B.4.2 Interfaces of freight transport on roads with other modes		
Strategies	Outputs	
From case studies involving different kinds of transport modes, review the aspects in the design and operation of interfaces which assist or are detrimental to the efficient and sustainable intermodal transport of freight.	Analysis of the case studies and recommendations for improving the efficiency of intermodal interfaces of freight transport.	
Issue B.4.3 Urban Freight Management		
Strategies	Outputs	

## TC B.5 – Winter Service

Issue B.5.1 Improve winter maintenance and operation information systems		
Strategies Strategies	Outputs	
Investigate information systems, including two- way information with road users.  Study of Winter Service Management Systems	Case studies of best practice in design and implementation of information/management systems.	
(WSMS)		
Issue B.5.2 Provide sustainable winter maintenance		
Strategies	Outputs	
Study of the full slate of social (safety), environmental and economic (cost-benefit) aspects required to achieve 'sustainability' in winter maintenance.	Identification of what optimum sustainability means in terms of winter maintenance and strategies to achieve it.	
Identify impacts of climate change (changes in winter severity) on winter maintenance and on road infrastructure.	Report on the impact of climate change on winter maintenance and propose actions as preventative measures.	
Issue B.5.3 Share knowledge via the Winter Road Congress		
Strategies	Outputs	
Identify which priority issues and knowledge World Road Association members would find useful to share, and in what format they would like to receive it.	Definition of the technical programme of the XIIIth World Road Association International Winter Road Congress in 2010 and production of the proceedings.	
Issue B.5.4 Communication with road users		
Strategies	Outputs	
Identify innovative approaches to inform and influence road users about winter operations and safe winter driving.	Case studies illustrating best communication practice.	

### TC C.1 – Safer Road Infrastructure

Issue C.1.1 Incorporating human factors in road design for influencing driver behaviour	
Strategies	Outputs
Examine how key human factors that affect road user behaviour can be translated into engineering characteristics and road safety design policies.  Undertake review of other guidance on human factors especially on vulnerable road users behaviour in road design standards.	Upgraded World Road Association Catalogue of Design Safety Problems and Countermeasures.
Issue C.1.2 Safe design for roads in urban areas	
Strategies	Outputs
Consider recent changes to design guides for urban roads that promote improved road safety.	Upgraded World Road Association Catalogue of Design Safety Problems and Countermeasures.
Review safe road design in urban areas using segregated road space for the needs of vulnerable road users and public transport.	
Compare and evaluate design provision for low speed roads in residential areas	
Issue C.1.3  Design improvements for vulnerable road users	
Strategies	Outputs
Assess design guidance on safe design for vulnerable users.	Upgraded World Road Association Catalogue of Design Safety Problems and Countermeasures.
Select design examples of good practice for the needs of vulnerable road users along those interurban roads to improve the situation in so called linear settlements.	Report on case studies.

Issue C.1.4 Improvements in safe working on roads		
Strategies	Outputs	
Assess approaches aimed at improving the safety of road workers.	Report on the studies and recommend best practice approaches.  Upgraded World Road Association Road Safety	
	Manual.	
Issue C.1.5 Upgrading and Updating of the PIARC Road Safety Manual		
Strategies	Outputs	
Review and upgrade chapters 3 to 8 and the technical sheets of the Manual, incorporating the outputs from the previous cycle in order to create a comprehensive road safety knowledge base.	Upgraded PIARC Road Safety Manual chapter by chapter until 2010.	

**TC C.2 – Safer Road Operations** 

Issue C.2.1 Comparison of national road safety policies and plans		
Strategies	Outputs	
Review national road safety policies and plans across a range of countries.	Report on key aspects of road safety policies and plans, identifying case studies.	
	Upgraded World Road Association Road Safety Manual.	
Issue C.2.2 Best practices in safety campaigns by public administrations		
Strategies	Outputs	
Identify different approaches to road safety campaigns undertaken by public administrations.	Report on the different types of campaigns and the target audiences.	
Review the different media that are used for promoting road safety.	Case studies of the different media for campaigns.	
	Upgraded World Road Association Road Safety Manual.	
Issue C.2.3 Cost effectiveness of safety measures and allocation of resources		
Strategies	Outputs	
Study and compare the cost benefit analysis used by different road authorities for investment in safety schemes.	Report on the comparison of methods and case studies to illustrate choice of safety options.	
Issue C.2.4 Institutional regulation aspects		
Strategies	Outputs	
Consider the different approaches taken by road administrations based upon legislation and regulations in relation to the safe operation of roads.	Report on legislative and regulatory approaches aimed at achieving safer operation and preventing road side disturbances (control of access and of activities on road side, etc).	

## TC C.3 – Managing Operational Risk in Road Operations

Issue C.3.1 Introduce risk management techniques in the road sector	
Strategies	Outputs
Analyse the use of risk management techniques by road authorities and identify best practice.  Identify case studies that exemplify the benefits of using risk management in different aspects of the road sector.	A guide to assist road authorities in the use of risk management.  Case studies that demonstrate the value of using risk management.
<b>Issue</b> Risks Associated with Natural Disasters and Securi	, Climate Change, Man Made Disasters
Strategies	Outputs
Identify approaches being used to assess the risks associated with natural disasters, climate changes, man made disasters and security threats.	Share methodologies that have been used to evaluate the risks associated with natural disasters, climate changes, man made disasters and security threats.
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associated with natural disasters, climate changes, man made disasters and security threats.  Identify strategies that are being applied to reduce or mitigate the risks associated with these circumstances.  Issue Social acceptance of ris	evaluate the risks associated with natural disasters, climate changes, man made disasters and security threats.  Case studies documenting strategies that have been effective in avoiding or mitigating these risks.  C.3.3  c.3.3  c.4.5 and their perception

### **TC C.4 – Road Tunnel Operations**

Issue C.4.1 Improve tunnel operation and maintenance		
Strategies	Outputs	
Finalize the study of responsibilities in tunnel safety management, including organisation of tasks and necessary skills.	Recommendations on organisation and procedures for tunnel safety management, including role and skills of players.	
Develop procedures to improve tunnel operation based on training, exercises, and analysis of incidents, traffic and maintenance.	Guidelines on tunnel staff and emergency teams training, exercises and feedback from operation and incidents.	
Benchmark experience on tunnel safety inspection and maintenance organisation. Draw lessons on reliability, availability and maintainability of systems.	Recommendations on management of maintenance and safety inspections, as well as operational aspects to be considered during the design and installation of technical systems.	
Issue C.4.2  Manage and improve tunnel safety		
Strategies	Outputs	
Identify priorities and methods for improving safety in existing tunnels, including infrastructure, prevention and operation.  Develop recommendations for risk analysis and investigate strategies for risk evaluation.	Outputs  Report summarising the priority areas on the basis of cost-effectiveness and describing the practicalities of delivering improvements.  Guidelines for risk analysis and state-of-the-art of risk acceptability.	
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Issue C.4.4		
Optimise tunnel ventilation and mitigate	fires	

Update the air demands for ventilation in order to take into account recent reductions in vehicle emissions and the pollutants now considered critical, including specific situations in developing countries.

Strategies

Investigate fire test data and new regulations in order to finalise the update of design fires.

Follow up new developments of fixed fire fighting systems and their application.

New data on vehicle pollutant emissions, including new critical pollutants and recommendations on ventilation capacity.

**Outputs** 

Updated recommendations on design fires for road tunnel ventilation.

Guidelines on applicability, cost-effectiveness and operation of fixed fire fighting systems.

# Issue C.4.5 Evaluate, organise and communicate knowledge on tunnel operation and safety

Strategies	Outputs
Identify needed information and scrutinize contents of existing World Road Association reports and other reports.	Produce a general table of contents, links to relevant documents, and needs for future work.
Organise the document(s) produced by the Committee (e.g. tunnel manual for practitioners or guide for non-specialists).	Develop a document presenting in a systematic way e.g. available knowledge for specialists or practical information for non-specialists.

TC D.1 – Management of Road Infrastructure Assets

Issue D.1.1  Benchmarking of asset management methods		
Strategies Strategies Strategies	Outputs	
Identify best practice in asset management systems with key aspects for road authorities at different stages of development to consider when choosing a system.	Illustrate through case studies the best practice for road authorities to adopt.	
Review costs associated with asset systems and recommend where costs are best focused.	Produce benchmark of costs for typical systems, relative to investment in assets.	
Issue D.1.2 Data collection for road infrastructure management		
Strategies	Outputs	
Identify the options for cost effective data collection of the different elements of the road infrastructure.	Report on the findings of the study for each major element of the road infrastructure.	
Identify the best practice approach for use of data in supporting a strategy for better road infrastructure management.	Using the experience of different countries produce a summary of how data is best used to develop an infrastructure management strategy.	
Issue D.1.3 Allocation of resources across asset classes		
Strategies	Outputs	
Review the different approaches taken by countries in allocating resources based upon asset management.	Produce evidence based upon the case studies to illustrate the different approaches and report on the key conclusions of the studies.	
Consider the prioritisation process used in a range of countries for investing in maintaining the different assets (pavements, bridges, geotechnical structures, etc).	Identify the benefits and dis-benefits of the prioritisation processes used to allocate resources, noting the differences across asset classes.	

#### TC D.2 - Road Pavements -

TC D.2 is organised into three sub-committees

D.2.a Sub-committee on Road Surface characteristics

D.2.b Sub-committee on Flexible and Semi-Rigid Pavements

D.2.c Sub-committee on Concrete Pavements

These committees will all address the following issues:

Issue D.2.1 Reducing construction time and cost		
Strategies	Outputs	
Identify the methods for reducing the time and costs of construction for different types of road pavements without affecting the performance objectives of the road structure.	Produce case studies to illustrate the methods of construction and the cost/ benefit analysis of the different cases.	
Issue D.2.2 Improved maintenance methods		
Strategies	Outputs	
Undertake an analysis of the performance of improved maintenance methods including surface maintenance and structural rehabilitation for different types of pavements.  Consider the changes to maintenance strategies that have been adopted by road administrations	Report on the characteristics of the improvements and their performance over time.  Produce a report outlining the changes and likely impacts.	
and how these will change future maintenance of road pavements.		
Issue D.2.3 Road noise mitigation		
Strategies	Outputs	
Identify the different legal requirements for reducing the impacts of road noise.	Report on the variety of legal requirements and the technical basis for the legislation.	
Identify new techniques for reducing road noise and their effectiveness over time.	Provide a review of the new techniques and how these have helped reduce the impact of road noise.	

Issue D.2.4  Monitoring of innovations		
Strategies	Outputs	
Review the recent changes in construction and maintenance of road pavements, identifying where innovations have been introduced towards improving durability and addressing environmental challenges.	Report on the key innovations that have been introduced in the construction and maintenance of road pavements and the success of the measures.	
Undertake an assessment of the developments taking place in key road administrations for future innovations on road pavements.	A seminar to report on and share the knowledge about the future innovations that are being studied.	
Issue D.2.5 Adaptation to climate change		
Strategies	Outputs	
Identify aspects of road pavements subject to the impacts of climate change.  Study evolving adaptation strategies.	A review outlining potential impacts to road pavements.  Identification of adaptation strategies that are currently being developed.	

## TC D.3 – Road Bridges

Issue D.3.1 Inspections and non-destructive condition surveys		
Strategies	Outputs	
Review the current information available on inspection regimes for assessing the conditions of structures.  Analyse the latest techniques for non destructive testing for surveying the condition of structures.	Assessment of the most effective methods for structural inspections, identifying the key elements of the inspection process.  Report on the most effective techniques for non destructive testing of different structural elements, taking account of costs and	
Issue D.3.2 Assessment of the condition of road bridges		
Strategies	Outputs	
Consider the different approaches to assessing the conditions of structures taking into account safety, environmental restraints and accessibility.  Review methodologies for assessing large scale structures including cable stayed and suspension bridges.	Report on the key aspects that influence the assessment of structures and how these have been handled by road authorities.  Analysis of the assessment techniques for these structures with a review of the key problems.	
Issue D.3.3 Innovative maintenance techniques		
Strategies	Outputs	
Undertake a review of new maintenance and rehabilitation techniques that have been used recently including costs and complexity.	Case studies with a summary of the benefits of the innovative approaches.	

Issue D.3.4  Management of the bridge stock		
Strategies	Outputs	
Assess the different approaches used to prioritise management action of bridges for a range of road administrations.	Report on the management of bridges put in place by road authorities, including small and large scale structures, with comments on costs and skills required for management.	
Issue D.3.5 Adaptation to climate change		
Strategies	Outputs	
Identify aspects of road bridges subject to the impacts of climate change.	A review outlining potential impacts to road bridges.	
Study evolving adaptation strategies.	Identification of adaptation strategies that are currently being developed.	

## TC D.4 – Geotechnics and Unpaved Roads

Issue D.4.1 Innovations regarding treatment and use of local materials		
Strategies	Outputs	
Evaluate the application of the End Use Performance specifications.  Analyse the type and the reliability of the performance targets which can be applied to earthwork performance evaluation.  Describe the innovative approaches regarding the use of local materials.  Promote common approaches used in member countries.	Advise on the innovative approaches which can be employed to promote the use of local materials in earthworks and unsealed roads by maximising their performance according to the envisaged use.  Report summarising examples of good practice.	
Issue D.4.2 Innovations in construction and maintenance of unpaved roads for developing countries		
Strategies	Outputs	
Review the innovation in construction of unpaved roads.  Review the type and reliability of the monitoring and assessment approaches for unpaved roads e.g. in earthwork control and in the prioritisation of maintenance activities.	An international seminar and two workshops on the methods and approaches of existing evaluation techniques illustrated with examples.	
Issue D.4.3 Adaptation to climate change		
Strategies	Outputs	
Identify aspects of geotechnics and unpaved roads subject to the impacts of climate change.	Report on current approaches.	

## 4.3.5 Committee on Terminology

Issue Updating the World Road Association Dictionaries		
Strategies	Outputs	
Update the existing version of the dictionary in each of the current languages, including ongoing upgrading of the French and English dictionaries.  Increase the number of languages of translation of the dictionary in liaison with World Road Association member countries.	Upgraded terminology section of the World Road Association website.	