

Welcome

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Introduction

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WM5G Transport

New Projects Launch And Projects Share

9th June '21

Chris Holmes Chris Deakin David Connor Martin Thirlaway









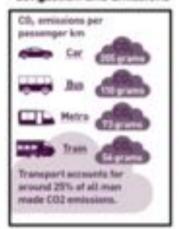




Transport Environment – A Revolution In Progress



Congestion and Emissions



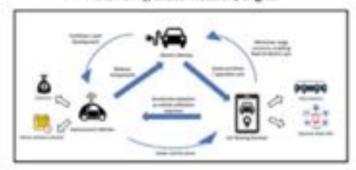
Recovery from COVID:

Transport accessibility/safety



Technology Changes:

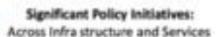
· Autonomy, Electrification, Digital



Deliver Carbon Neutral:

- . Incentives and Policy
- > Combustion engines ban >2030
 - Hybrid vehicle ban >2035
 - > Rail electrification



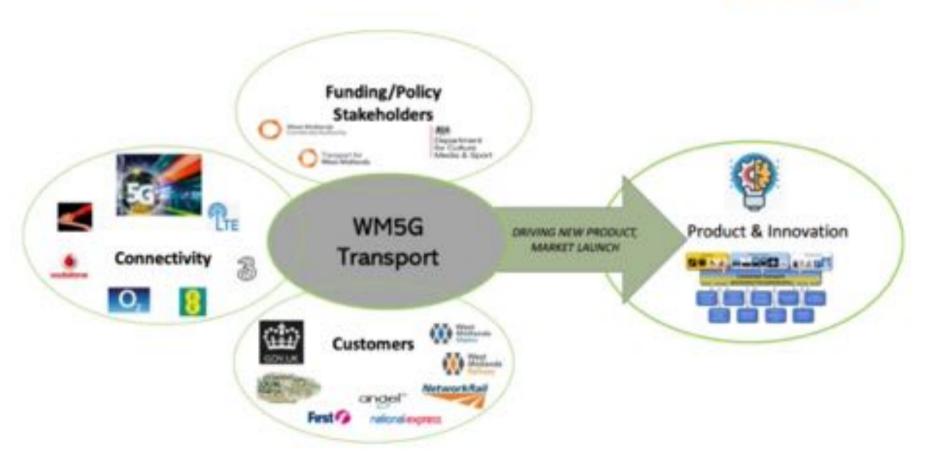




Bus Back Bette

Bringing Together Customers, Funding & Connectivity Delivering Nimble & Efficient Innovation





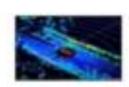
Transport Delivery Projects Portfolio

14 Projects with 30 SME's & 6 Universities, 2xTelecoms MNO's, delivering near to market capability for funding <£10m













Road traffic & environment monitor

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Congestion / incident mitigate

Rail Infrastructure







Rail truck assess & sier

Pantograph & line assess & aler

VLR remote manitor

Traveller Experience















Partially sighted

Security

Customer Sat & alert

station crowding/guidant

Station Info & support

Bus Service crowdin

Events & Travel choics





MK:5G – Connecting Communities

Brian Matthews, Milton Keynes Council

MK:5G – Connecting Communities – Introduction

Brian Matthews

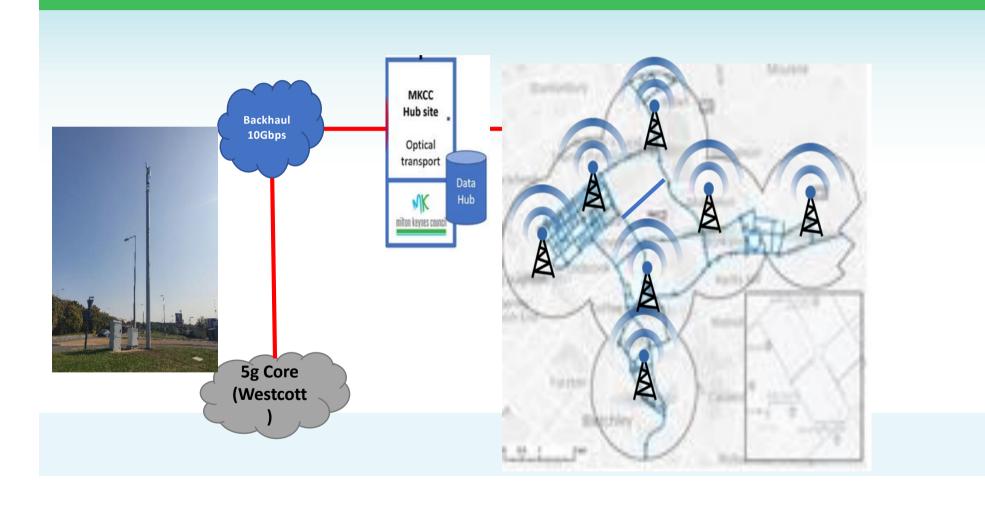
Head of Transport innovation

Milton Keynes Council



MK:5G - Create

MK 5G Testbed Infrastructure



5G Standalone Radio Network and Data Exchange



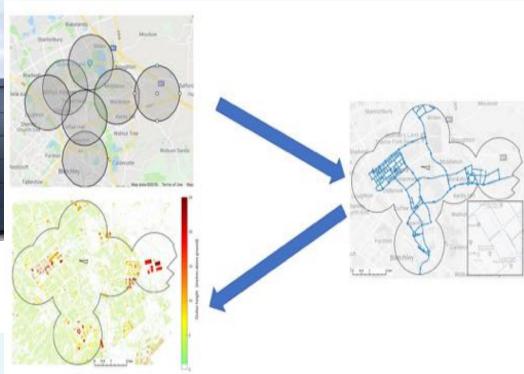




5G Core / MK Coverage



SAT Apps, BT, Tech Mahindra, Metaswitch, Connected Places Catapult



Use Cases / Accelerator Programme





Council Leader Pete Marland

This is another important step in Milton Keynes' journey as a modern, sustainable and forward-looking city for the future. Smart city projects like ours can do a lot to inspire and empower other major venues around the world to create better, greener experiences for visitors and staff, and boost their efficiency. Yet again Milton Keynes will be leading the way."

Next Steps - MK 5G: MK5G: Create

Opportunity?

We can offer access to our network for further testing and/or validation of services

- Part of DCMS Trials & Testbed programme
- Access to city scale standalone 5G network covering most of Urban MK (operated/owned by MKC)
- Expert advice and guidance from established team
- Focus on CAV/Smart Mobility with test site at Stadium MK and CMK
- Workstreams to develop sustainability and city scale deployments
- Want to explore benefits to manufacturing, logistics, hospitality

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A vision for the future of transport in the region

John Paddington, Innovation Integration Lead, TfWM

Introduction to Transport for West Midlands

- TfWM is the Transport arm of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA)
 - TfWM works in conjunction with
- Local Authorities
- Adopted statutory Local Transport Plan
- Work with bodies such as West Midlands Rail Executive and Transport Operators





Boosting transport investment and capacity in the West Midlands

- New and updated railway stations
- West Midlands Metro extensions
- A34 and A45 Sprint-Bus Rapid Transit
- Cross City Region Bus Priority & Routes

West Midlands Cycle Hire scheme

Future integrated transport system

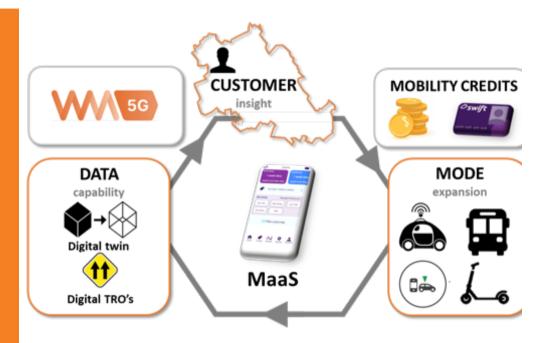
Swift Go – Bus fare capping live in 2021 and Swift on Rail in 2022

- Future Transport Zone the Uk's first area exploring future mobility
- CAV Testbed—real world (on road) CAV testing capability
- 5G Testbed rollout of 5G sensors and showcases
- ULEV— rollout of charging network and ULEV adoption



Future Transport Zone

- Expanded Modal Choice inc. eScooters, Car-club, Peer to peer car sharing, Demand Responsive Bus
- Customer Segmentation with a new online community forum
- Digitised road network paving the way for connected transport
- MaaS year 1 of a 3 year journey to deliver a regional aggregated app for all things transport (plan/book/pay/fulfil).
- Mobility Hubs exploring the smaller, community based transport interchange
- Mobility Credits a national first around incentivised sustainable travel



Example partners include:









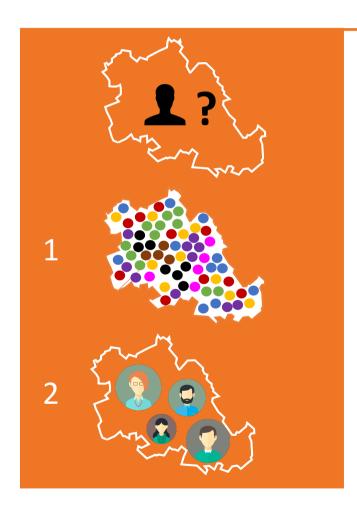




"We empower and enable people to make sustainable travel decisions"

Personas





Lack of understanding in terms of **WHY** people travel and access mobility in the ways they do. Critical for targeting changes and interventions. **Step 1 was to understand the population in more detail through SEGMENTATION**

Segmentation allows for division of the population in groups of similar economic status, attitudes to different mobility options, attitudes to change and technology etc. This activity has led to the identification of 8 population groups. To get closer to understanding behaviours of individuals in each group Step 2 involves the creation of PERSONA'S

Validated persona's allow for the targeted communications, incentives and changes to resonate with the intended recipient more clearly. They can be tailored to appeal to individual motivations, ultimately enabling a better success rate/ awareness for any given stimulus.

Online Community mustard

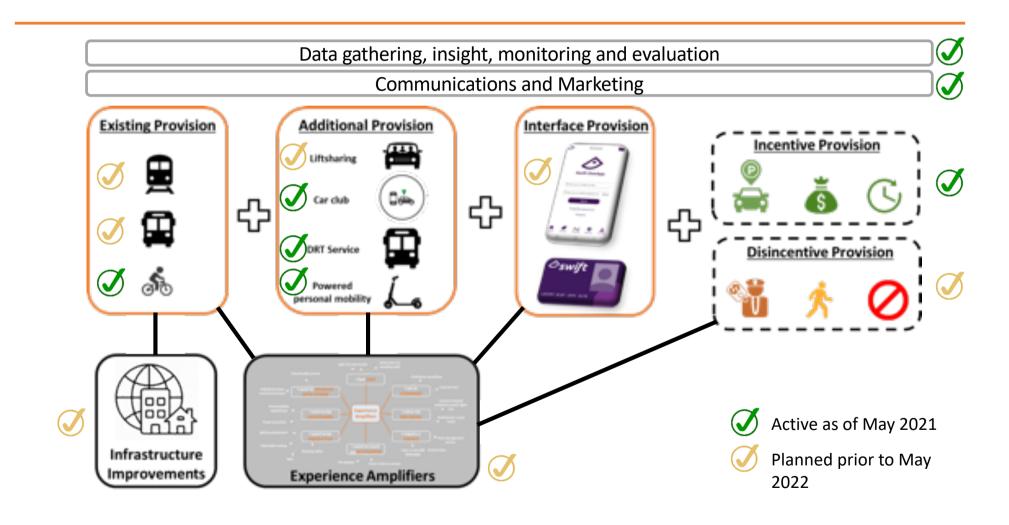


In November 2020 the FTZ programme launched the Market Research Online Community.

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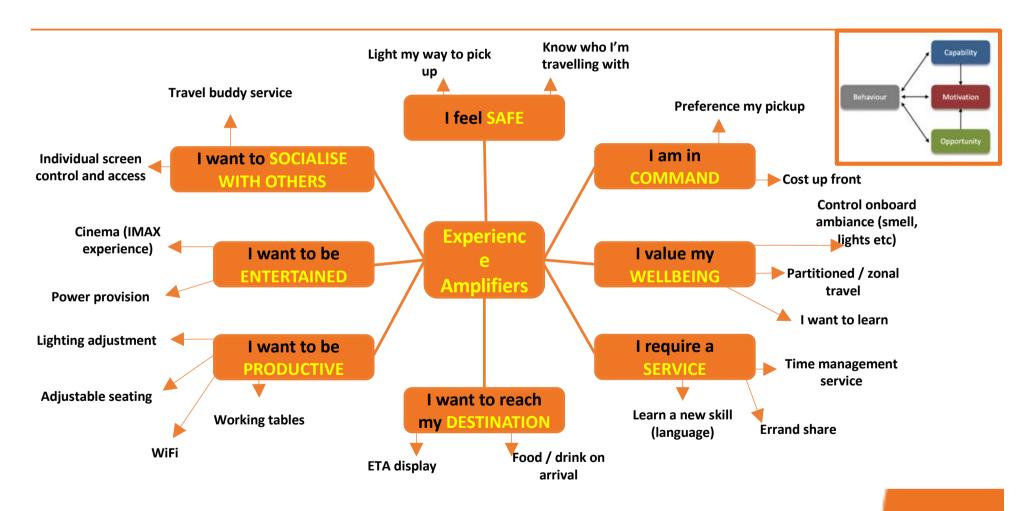
- Engage more deeply with different user groups through:
 - Online forum discussions,
 - Live chats,
 - Focus groups,
 - Run long-term diary studies
- Allowing individuals to:
 - Create their own content around mobility e.g. blogs, comments, community groups
- Allowing TfWM and LA's to:
 - Validate segmentation and persona's
 - Validate new product ideas, services, incentives etc.
 - Assess potential audiences
 - Support business case development







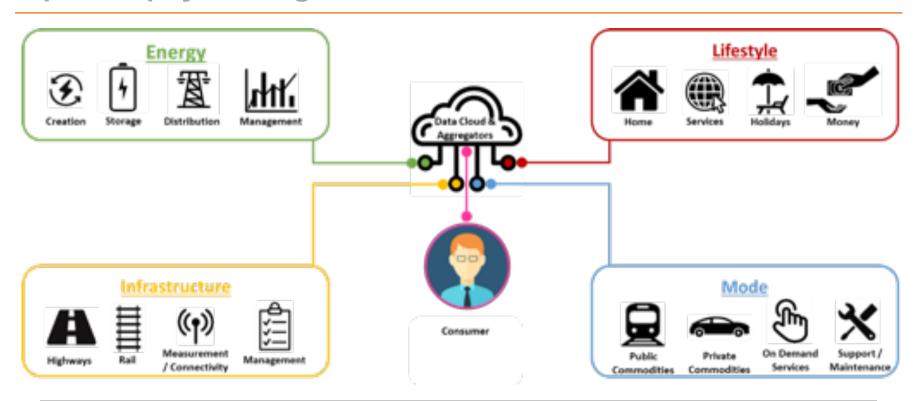
Experience Amplification





Transport Ecosystem Opportunity

A philosophy of integration and customer focus...



With the customer at is heart, end to end customer experience is the key saleable commodity driving modal selection. It also offers a bridge to connect elements of lifestyle together, not limited to transport.

Midlands Future Mobility

- Live CAV Test/Operational Facility Fully Instrumented along real urban, interurban and rural scenes for operation of ITS and CAVs.
- Cutting Edge Technologies including 4G/5G communications, ITS-G5, C-V2X, suite of advance sensors and GNSS correction.
- **Digital Twin** A range of digital assets for testing and simulation modelling.
- Datahub Wide range of static and dynamic data for historic and real time analytics.

"One of the largest Driverless Testbeds in the UK"



















Environment al IoT Sensors

AI CCTV

Location (GNSS) correction

Digital Twin

5G communication

Datahub

Example partners include:





















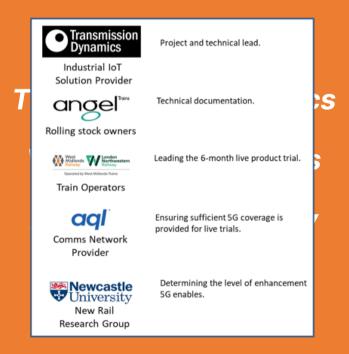


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Holistic Pantograph Monitoring System (HPOMS)



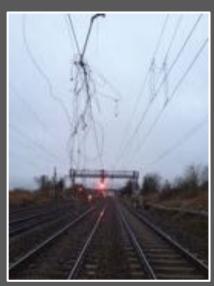
Jenny Hudson – Busines Development Director Transmission Dynamics

Problem Identified

- Pantographs are the apparatus mounted on the roof of an electric train to collect power through contact with an overhead line.
- Proper contact between pantographs and overhead power lines
 = safe, cost effective and reliable service
- Several issues can cause damage:
 - OHL faults (kinks, damage) causing Excessive impacts,
 - Deteriorating wire stagger
 - Carbon wear, chips, damage
- Causing severe service disruption, significant financial loses and risk to life
- The longer issues undetected/unresolved, the more catastrophic the damage
- Pantograph Damage Assessment System (PANDAS) wirelessly monitors impacts in real-time but it would benefit from camera to identify impacts/stagger/wear
- The rail sector consistently confirms the need for a single installation to provide all condition monitoring requirements.







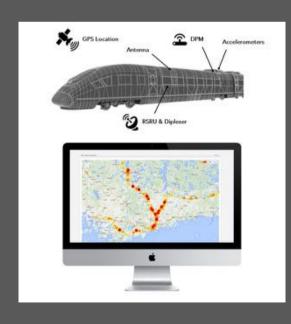
The Solution

Holistic Pantograph Monitoring System (HPOMS)

A compact and affordable camera system that:

- Enhances our existing industry leading wireless Pantograph Damage Assessment System
- By providing visual footage of impacts detected
- Streams high-definition footage for rapid image processing and decision making
- Measures pantograph height, wire stagger and carbon wear/carbon damage







Benefits

Providing the rail sector with:

- Visual evidence of incidents
- Enhance incident reporting from additional measurements
- Enabling proactive maintenance rather than reactive
- Increased safety
- Increased reliability of service
- Reduced delays caused by unidentified issues
- Reduced preventative and uniformed maintenance regimes
- Resulting reductions in time and costs of maintenance



PolyTrack

Consortium Partners: ESR Technology Ltd, PolyChord Ltd & University of Southampton

Supported by: SellickRail Ltd, Icomera plc & BT_EE

Presented by: Rebeka Sellick MEng CEng FlMechE FIET

Commercial Project Lead

The Opportunity - PolyTrack will enable:

Better-targeted condition-based asset maintenance for longer-lasting benefit, pinpointing local remediation sites

CURRENT SITUATION:

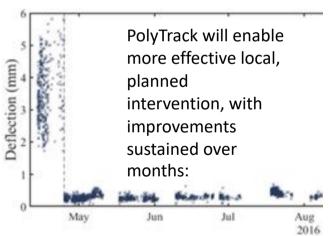
Mechanised interventions are rarely longlasting for **Isolated trackbed defects**

Reactive tamping provides partial improvement that degrades in weeks: Teb 23 Mar 02 Mar 09 Mar 16 Mar 23 Mar 30 Apr 06 Apr 13

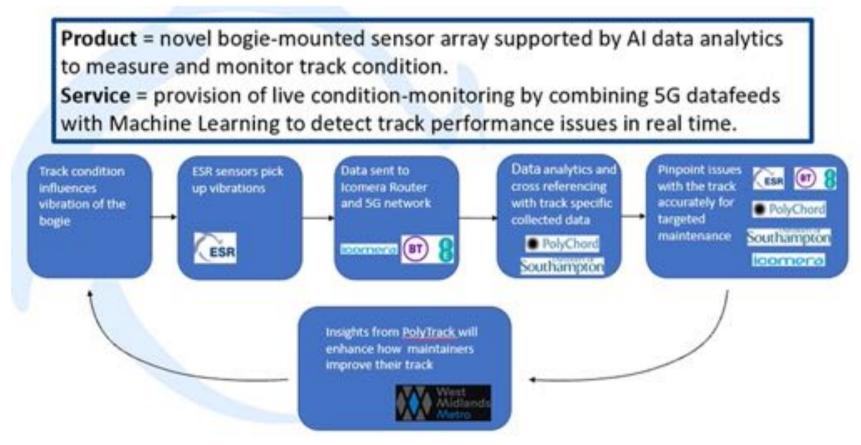
OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE:

PolyTrack will identify where to apply non-mechanised preventive maintenance, avoiding the need for urgent intervention, and enabling more effective remediation, more cost-effectively:





The solution – how PolyTrack will research & deliver impact – developing a Product & Service for Railway Infrastructure



PolyTrack - Who, When, Where



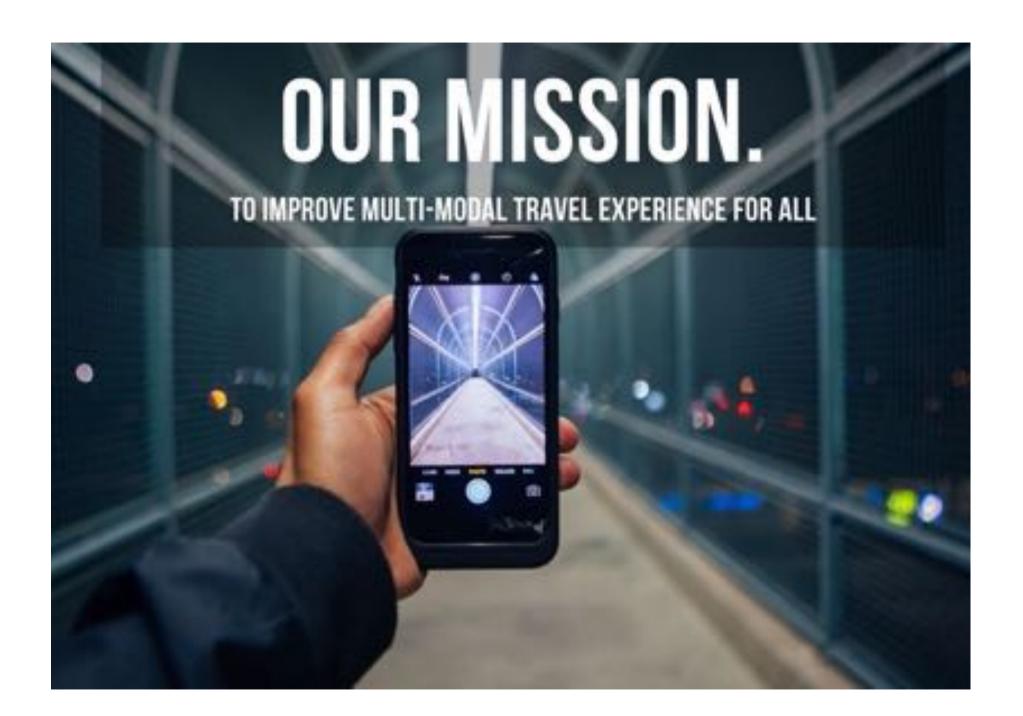
Runs from: March 2021 to February 2022; with 3-month 5G trial on West Midlands Metro **To date:** preliminary data collection and exploration; **Next:** prototype development



TravelXR

Briteyellow Limited
University of Birmingham
Bell Integration

Fredi Nonyelu





Elements of the Problem...

Who and what's Inside?

including where they are, what they are doing, and their current health status. Operators are struggling to monitor passengers or patients remotely to provide them with timely help. This lowers customer experience and satisfaction.

Usage and Benchmarks info?

Operators cannot compare performance of different sites effectively. This limits their capacity to increase efficiency and share best practice across locations. They waste time on field visits to observe and obtain insights.

Digitized Maps?

People spend 90% of their time inside places, but often don't have detailed maps for guidance inside. This is a pain at critical moments such as when we choose the wrong exit and miss a connection or are separated from loved ones, lowering customer experience.

Interchange Anxiety

Customers are faced with too many choices of exits and antirances which is confusing. If causes arrively which discourages public transport use, reducing operator revenues.

Lack of Mobility Access

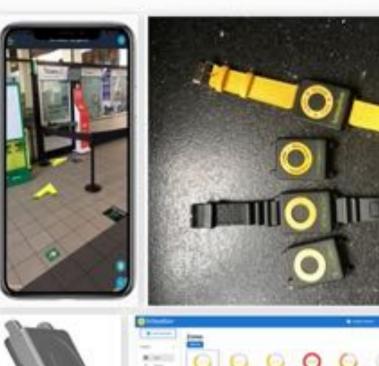
50% of UK Irain stations are not accessible because of lack of access to information about the status of facilities. Customers are unable to plan routes effectively to mitigate accessibility problems and this is against the Government's inclusive Transport strategy.

COVID-19 Concerns

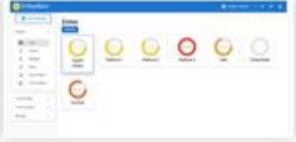
Operators don't have the tools to manage eocial distancing efficiently. This is a problem because customers without effective Crowd & Social Distance Management customers will not have the confidence to choose public transport and will prosect on compliance.

Travel-XR System

Ultra-precision wearable, sensor, and smart app for connected passenger guidance at stations.











DYNAMIC ROUTING & PRECISION GUIDANCE

Remote tour and local guidance.





Proof of Concept App



TRAVEL-XR CONSORTIUM

THE PARTNERS



Enabling Smart Stations

- Indoor position and navigation platform & apps
- · Smart wearables
- Ultra-precision sensors



System integrator partner

- · IT services
- · 500 permanent staff
- Operate critical technology cost effectively



Railway Science and Engineering

- Europe's largest rail academic-based group
- · World-class research
- . Lead partner (UKRRIN)

Innovate UK Collaboration Agreement adapted to WMSG contract requirement

SUB-CONTRACTORS



Bus Stations installation



Train stations installations



Data supply and SIM cards

WM56

TRIAL LOCATIONS

- Smethwick Galton Bridge
- Wolverhampton Station
- Jewellery Quarter
- 4 5PRING Testbed

Scale 30 x HD video cameras 400 x UWB sensors 35 x smart wearables 100 x end users

Letters of Support













STATUS AND PROGRESS.





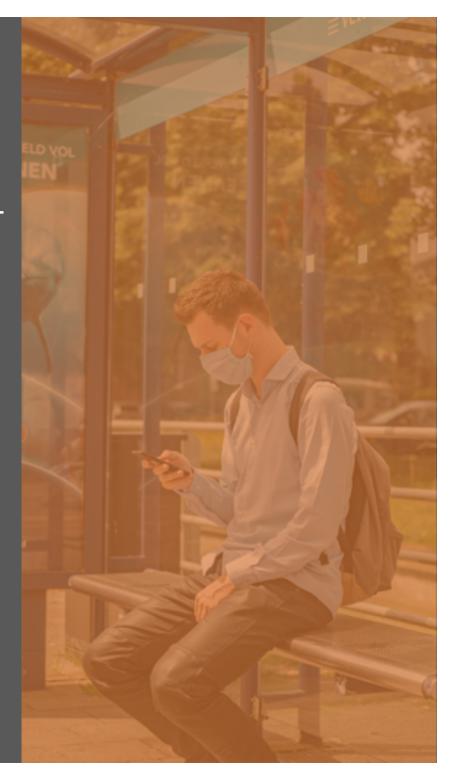
Bus Occupancy

Hack Partners FirstGroup

Haydon Bartlett-Tasker

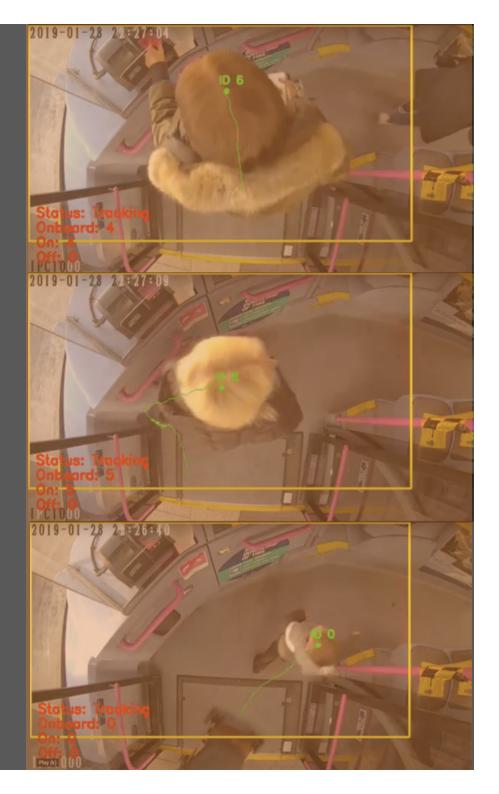
PROBLEM

- Passengers need accurate realtime data of bus occupancy
- Bus and other transport
 operators don't have real time
 visibility of passenger numbers
- Standard solutions (wifi and sensors) have a low accuracy
- Manual passenger counting is expensive and inefficient
- Fleet allocation is not always data-driven



SOLUTION

- 5G-driven camera system
- Real time passenger counting using computer vision
- Integration with bus operator systems for decision making
- Passenger mobile app integration



TRIAL LOCATION

FirstGroup buses operating in West Midlands

TIMESCALES

1st Apr 2021 - 1st Feb 2022:

- April-today: equipment designed and components ordered
- July-September: deployment and computer vision training
- September-January: integration



SCALING

- Other regions
- Trains, trams and other transport





5G Enabled Smart Train Station Rover (5GER)

The University of Surrey
The University of Strathclyde

David Bradley

Engineering Director, TrainFX



5G Enabled Smart Train Station Ro

How the project will address the issue

- A highly mobile, 5G enabled Interactive Station Rover improving information servicing and operational efficiency.
- A Complete 5G Connected and integrated solution, with 3rd Party Data Integration and support.
- Uses extremely low latency, highly reliable, and high-bandwidth 5G
 mobile networking with cloud-powered AI capabilities such as natural
 language engine, real-time videos and images configurable audio and
 large text, for the visually impaired.

Our Goals of the project

- To provide an intelligent, highly secure robotic solution for station operators to improve their operational efficiency in railway stations.
- To seamlessly integrate a 5G-enabled smart railway station rover with TrainFX mature Passenger Information System (PIS) technology services. The services to include guidance to travellers for options of services available, tailored to individuals' needs.

Benefits we hope to see

- The '5GER' project aims to develop the first UK 5G-enabled smart train station rover through the state of the art 5G
 technology and mobile robotics for the applications in large and complex railway stations like Birmingham New Street or
 other similar stations.
- Enhancing passengers confidence and to protect their health through onsite real-time detection of social distancing, mask wearing and crowding.
- Assisting passengers journeys through railway stations and other transport hubs.



CURBS

Vortex IoT, BT, National Express

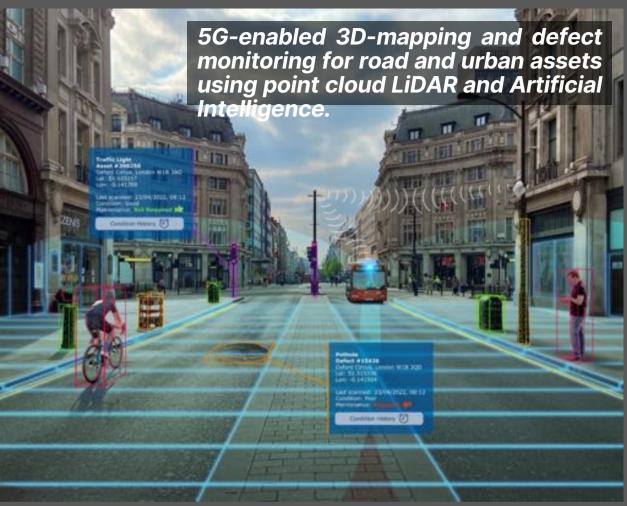
Rajeev Vadgama (Vortex IoT)

CURBS

Continuous Urban Scanne







Road Asset

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Categorise

Report



Road



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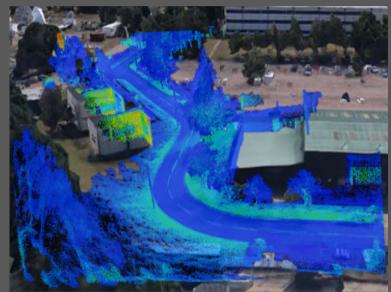
Lamp Columns

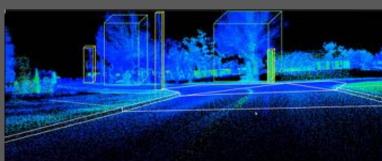


Traffic

CURBS

Continuous Urban Scanner

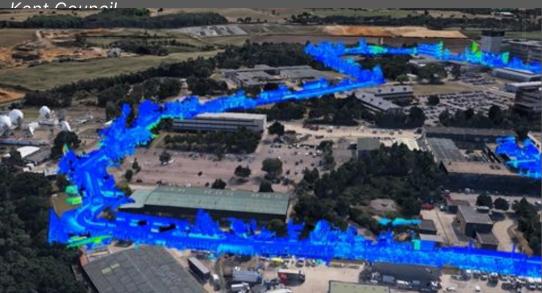




May-Jun 21: Pre-pilot Data Collection at Adastral Park

Sep-Dec 21: Pilot with 8 Buses in Future Mobility Test Bed Birmingham

Jan-Mar 22: Trials & demos for Westminster City Council &



Road Asset

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Kerb Upstand



Lamp Columns





Proactive Passanger Management

Steve Erdal, CSO, Wordnerds

Public transport company staff don't know what's happening on their services



More than half of women in London are 'victims of sexual harassment on Tube, trains and buses'

ROSS LYDALL | Monday 20 January 2020 12:01 | 🗘 0 comments

COVID will change everything (and we don't know how)

As soon as travel restrictions are relaxed I'll be happy to travel by public transport again (total agreeing)

Total 24%

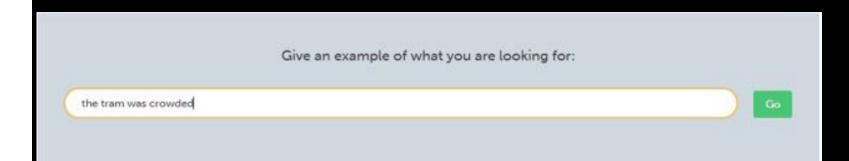
I won't use public transport unless social distancing is in place

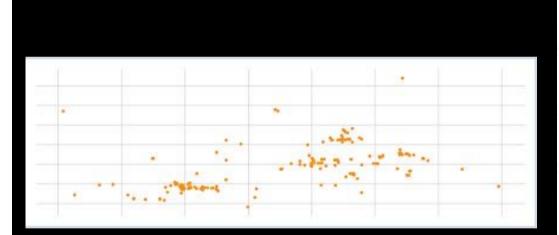
Total 30% 32%

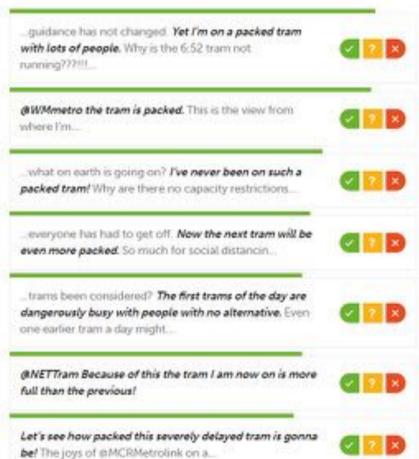
Hand sanitiser should be available on public transport, vehicles, stations, and stops

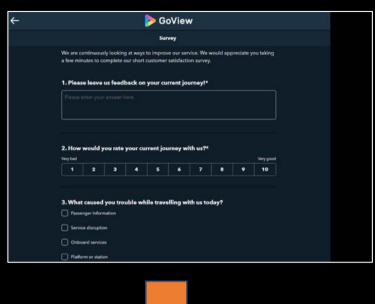
51% 32%

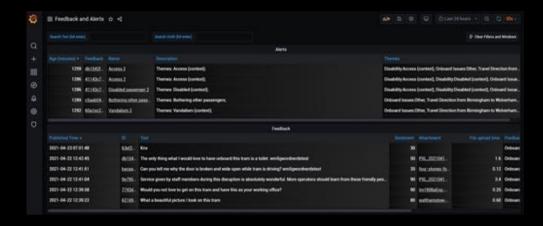
What could a public transport operator achieve with traveller experience, if they knew how every passenger was feeling?















Proactive Passanger Managerment



Urban Tourism 5.0







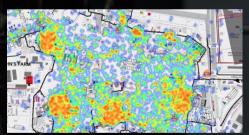
Chris Thompson, CEO, You. Smart. Thing.

Better travel management by putting our culture 'on the map'

The UT5.0 consortium aims to accelerate recovery from COVID-19, inspiring audiences with robust, engaging, safety critical real-time guidance based on their proximity to venues, events and points of interest other.





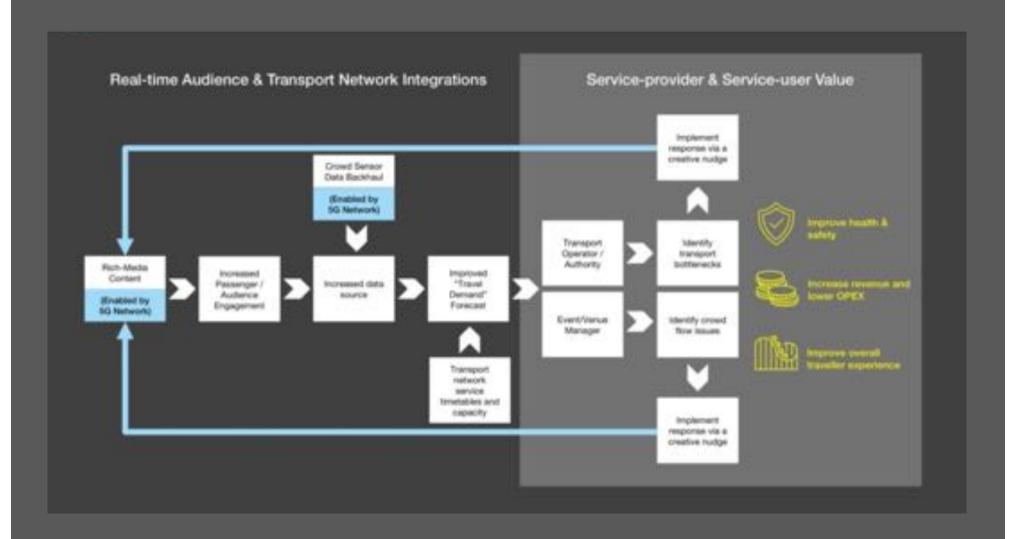




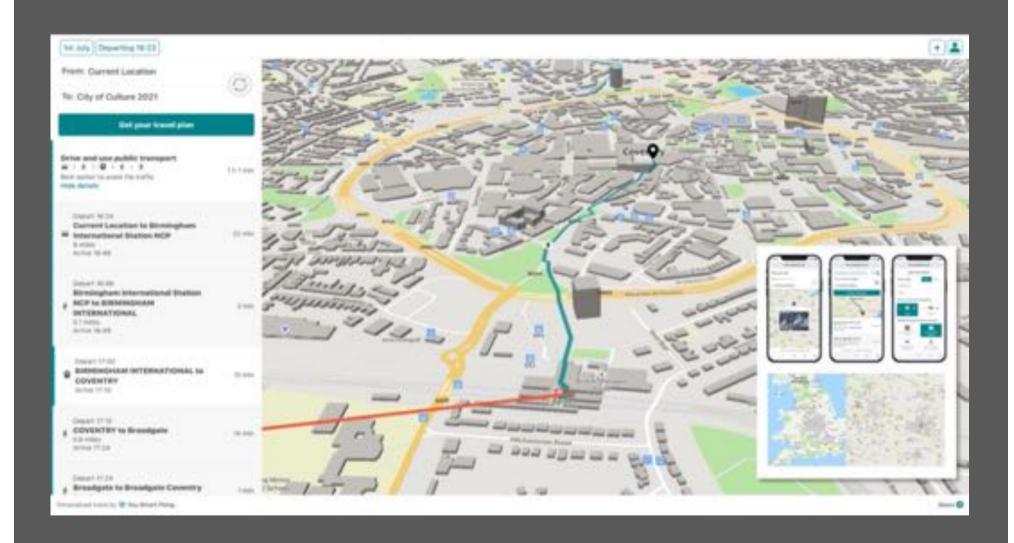




Solution Overview – UT5.0



Trial Location – UK City of Culture

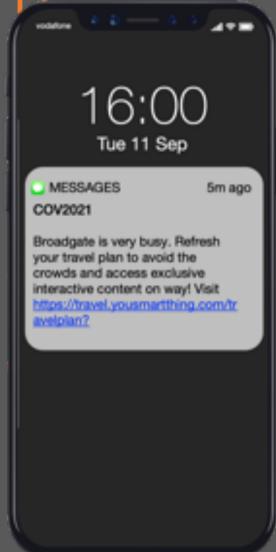


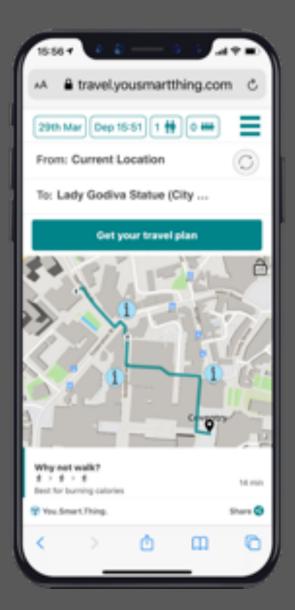
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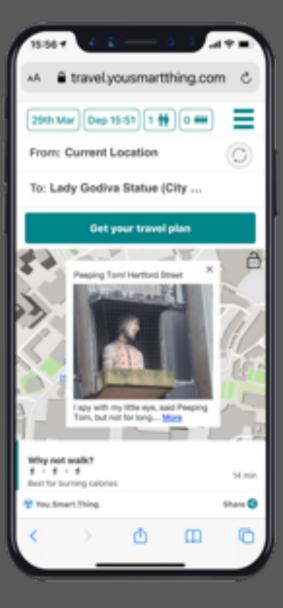


Status & Progress to Date – Alpha

Triale







Status & Progress to Date – Alpha

Triale







Status & Progress to Date – Alpha Trials





Transport Accessibility GoMedia, Icomera

Sven Koster
Head of Innovation and New Business at GoMedia

Visually
Impaired
Over 2 million visually impaired users struggle to

Over 2 million visually impaired users struggle to make journeys independently. We aim to positively impact these journeys:

- ✓ Increase the percentage of unaided journeys.
- Reduce loss of economic activity by failed journeys
- ✓ Increase efficiencies by releasing operator staff to focus on other areas.
- Measured by: throughput, accuracy of content.
- User feedback from closed user groups supported by RNIB



Trial so far

- ✓ Started in August 2020, finished in July 2021.
 Trial conducted from January until June
- ✓ Over 30 visually impaired users so far
- Remote and live testing at the moment

In collaboration with:



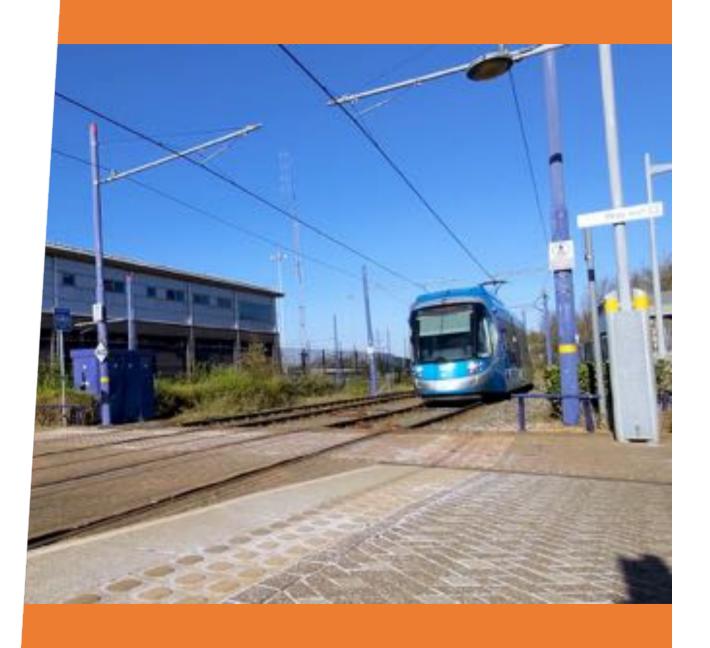












Trial so far









5G-enabled Dynamic Network Capacity Manager

blacc Ltd, one.network, Immense, University of Warwick

Claire Woodward



Background

- >80% of passenger journeys are by road and traffic volumes are still rising.
- New mobility will increase our dependence on roads, especially in cities.
- We're not building new roads so we need to optimise the ones we have.
- There are more than 2.5 million roadworks on UK roads every year.



Network Demand

The number of vehicles on the network is increasing



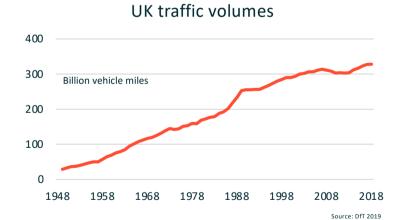
Network Capacity

Maximum capacity cannot increase to meet demand



Network Performance

Maintaining network performance is critical













The issue



Significant challenges to network dynamics and travel patterns.



Limited tools to shape strategic response.



Limitations in our ability to monitor the network inform & refine tactical response.



Limited data sources to inform the response and efficacy of the response during transition to 'new normal' (COVID 19).



Addressing the problem

- Innovative solution to exploit 5G traffic sensing data for dynamic traffic management. We will augment this new data source with more traditional data sources to construct a robust data repository that will be the basis for our computational solutions.
- A suite of modelling-based queries and scenarios for decision makers to model range of traffic management strategies. These will primarily be based around 'what-if' scenarios for planned or unplanned incidents.
- An **intuitive user interface** provides real-time insights and predictive modelling to the user, empowering action.
- An approach where 5G roll-out can provide increasingly performant and customer-focused tool



The project's vision

To produce a scalable, productised solution that will enable road authorities across the UK and internationally to plan and respond to changes in network capacity.



The benefits we hope to see

Increased capacity

- Larger and more timely data for more powerful machine learning
- A more comprehensive view of the network

Lower latency and faster communication

- Real-time inference using fast data streams
- Effective use of cloud/servers for scalability and efficiency of machine learning and agent-based simulations

Dynamic management and intervention on the network

 Efficient modelling enables up-todate predictions, modelling congestion and planning for road closures



Progress so far

User requirements specification (Complete)

- o End user requirements have been defined through engagement with West Midlands RTCC and solution wireframes developed.
- o Further engagement with Local Authorities across the region and with highways England.
- The headline requirement is to understand the simulated impact of supply-side interventions on the transport network, and therefore to provide an estimation of dynamic network capacity.
- The simulation will include a digital representation of the study area, with levels of demand that are representative of distinct, prevailing conditions and will accept changes to the supply of transport network, such as those caused by roadworks or incidents.

Data (Complete)

o Procured 5G traffic data, including measurements from sites within the West Midlands study area.

Machine Learning Model (Complete)

o Enhancements ongoing

User Interface (In progress)

o Providing real-time visualisation and reporting of route performance.

API design and development (In progress)

- o Development of core platform architecture to support use cases identified through user engagement activities
- Definition of API between the Immense agent-based simulation platform and one.network platform to enable exchange of roadworks, incident and simulation data

Technology build (In progress)

- o Development work on traffic simulator and discussions on planned/unplanned event methodologies
- o Development of a real-time ingestion module
- o Specific deployment for West Midlands study area (model generation and application)



Tram Safety

Digital Rail, Icomera









Howard Parkinson, Director

Challenge

Produce the next generation of smart, mobile CCTV.

Vision

A realtime mobile video analytics and staff alert for WM Metro.

System to improve safety and security on trams using CCTV, vision analytics with AI and alerts to staff utilising 5G to deliver video footage in realtime.

Analytics done in the cloud ensuring state of the art algorithms and machine learning deployed.

Why 5G?

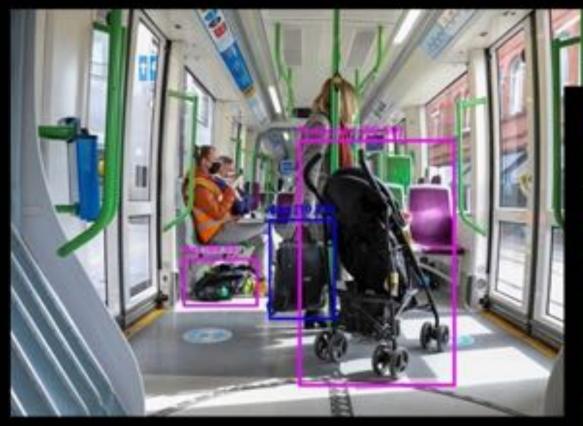
Fast upload and download speeds are critical to the trial, to take a large amount of CCTV off the tram for analysis in the cloud, then return realtime alerts to tram staff onboard or in the CCTV control room.

Further Opportunities

There are further opportunities to utilize the platform to process passive CCTV images using 5G as an enabler to solve further problems.

Tram Safety

Use Case – Improving Accessibility Identification of pushchairs, wheelchairs, bicycles and heavy luggage





<u>Use Case – Security</u> Identification of suspicious packages and alerts







Project Predikt

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The problem

Visibility of parking in town

and city centres
The average time spent looking for parking in Birmingham city centre is 8 minutes.

AppyWay has proven that accurate and up to date parking availability delivered via an app saves people time looking for parking, reduces congestion and driven miles and increases time spent on the high street.

And with WM5G we've proven the ability of 5G to facilitate the capture of availability data via live analysis of video, captured from a moving vehicle.

But what about drivers, fleets, and logistics that want to plan future journeys?















AppyWay Solution

Project Predikt

Predictive and real-time availability from 5G connected data sources:

- 5G connected dash cam(s)
- Telemetry
- Traffic intelligence
- Drivers

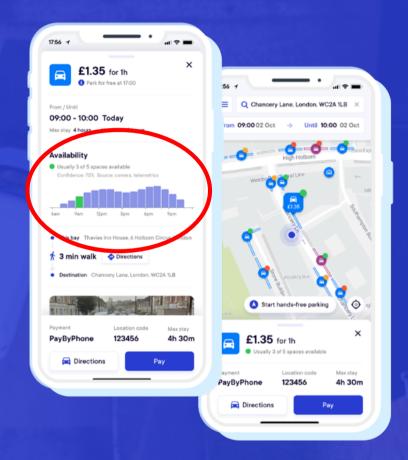
Trickle-down technology makes the solution more accessible:

5G enabled phones

Coupling multiple sources enables higher levels of accuracy and scale

API-first means the data is available for fleet planners (pvt and LA), Highways departments and app developers alike.

More data sources == More data points == More coverage



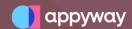
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AppyWay Platform

A dynamically updated authoritative data set created from homogenised IoT, payments, restriction and regulation maps, enabling kerbside compliance for drivers, fleets and Connected & Autonomous vehicles (CAVs)

- A digitised kerb connect potential competitors and turns them into customers
- Removing the 'analogue' kerb as an unconnected barrier
- Puts cities at the foundation of mobility
- Standardised format for digitised kerbside information
- Management software built to be connected and to deliver automation
- Proven 83% more efficient than traditional Govtech regulation systems
- Authoritative source for rules and restrictions, locations and payment operators













Q&A session

Chaired by Chris Holmes

Thanks and update on next steps

Chris Holmes

