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Qualifications:

CPC in National and International Road Passenger Transport
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University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, BSc (Tech) Hons
University of Leeds, MSc in Transport Planning and Engineering

Chris joined TAS in 2000, after a career in transport of more than 20 years that includes experience with Government (Welsh Office), Local Authorities (Cheshire and Lancashire County Councils), Bus Operators (Burnley and Pendle and Stagecoach) and Road Hauliers (Sewell Distribution Group).

His particular area of expertise is the critical analysis and redesign of bus networks, involving timetabling, ticketing and fares policy, service planning and vehicle scheduling, and he has successfully managed more than 50 such projects. He also has an ongoing involvement in the development of public transport in Northern Ireland, having first worked in the province in 2004 on the design and implementation of the Metro network for Belfast. During the latter part of 2008 and all of 2009, Chris was on placement with the Roads and Transport Authority in Dubai and he spent six months during 2010 with the Bus Office of the Department of Transport in Abu Dhabi. In 2015 Chris provided technical expertise to Promet, the bus operator in Split, Croatia, to assist them in the preparation of tender documents for the supply of new vehicles and spent six weeks in the Middle East providing bid writing support to one of the participants in the first stage of the Dubai RTA bus franchising process.

Network reviews have included:

Belfast Citybus (now Metro); Ulsterbus Coleraine, Newry, Armagh and Downpatrick; Go North East Western Gateshead and South Tyneside; First Huddersfield, Halifax, Taunton and Yeovil; National Express Dundee; Transdev Burnley, York.

Other Relevant Projects:

EBRD Technical Expert Placement

Promet, the bus operator in the area around Split, Croatia, has secured agreement to EBRD funding in order to replace 30 of its ageing fleet with new buses. In the summer of 2015 Chris spent some time in Split working with company representatives to finalise the vehicle specifications and draw up the tender documentation that will be distributed to potential suppliers.

Translink Assessment of the Consequences of the Proposed Belfast BRT

This is an ongoing commission in which Chris is assisting Translink Management in an assessment of the challenges inherent in the introduction of the proposed Belfast BRT. Although it has considerable potential benefits, especially the extension of bus priority, there are many aspects that cause concern and Chris is helping Translink to raise these issues and seek constructive solutions.

DoT Abu Dhabi Bus Master Plan Assessment and Review

In 2010 Chris spent six months with the Bus Office of the Department of Transport in Abu Dhabi helping them plan the expansion of the network and prepare submissions to the Bus Master Plan that would provide the blueprint for development over the next ten years. This placement coincided with two prestigious events – the second F1 Abu Dhabi grand prix and a state visit to the United Arab Emirates by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – and Chris was involved in planning the transport arrangements for both.

RTA Dubai Bus Master Plan Implementation

Chris directed a team of transport planners implementing the development of and the revisions to the bus network in Dubai. This included the planning for the integration of the feeder services for the new Metro system and the expansion of the intercity network. He was responsible for the co-ordination of the input from the various government departments associated with the substantial changes involved in bringing the bus network into the 21st century.