**South West Board meeting 24 May 2018**

The South West Sub-National Board met to have a focussed discussion on the emerging Sub-National Transport Bodies in the region and the Department for Transport attended to provide an update on the emerging Major Road Network.

There was a lively debate with colleagues on the emergence of two Sub-National Transport Bodies reflecting the differing economies and travel to work patterns. This would be supported by a shared regional narrative reflecting shared priorities including the M5, A303, A350 and rail. The creation of the strategic transport bodies is a priority and work will be undertaken to formalise their creation in the autumn.

Tony Boucher and Gidon Wieder from the Department for Transport provided an update on the emerging Major Road Network. ADEPT members were given the opportunity to ask questions on a range of issues. It was confirmed that Government intend to formally respond to the public consultation in the summer with the aim of the Major Road Network being launched in the winter.

This was both Steve Evans’ (South Gloucestershire) and Chris Garcia’s (Heart of the South West LEP) last meeting due to retiring from their respective organisations. The Chair thanked them for their support and wished them the best for the future. Nigel Riglar confirmed this was his final meeting as Chair. Anthony Payne (Plymouth City) will take over the role. Paula Hewitt (Somerset) was congratulated on being elected as a Vice President of ADEPT.