

BRIDGE OWNERS FORUM

Summary of BOF 40 - 22 May 2013

The 40th meeting of the Bridge Owners' Forum (BOF) took place on 22nd May 2013 at the Forth Road Bridge FETA Offices near Edinburgh, Scotland. The meeting had been hosted by FETA in conjunction with Transport Scotland. Representatives of most major bridge owners across the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland attended.

Key points covered at the meeting are summarised below:

Site Visits

BOF had been invited to visit both the Forth Road Bridge and the new Forth Replacement Crossing now presently under construction. Thanks were extended to both FETA and Transport Scotland for their hospitality and the opportunities to see both bridges in such detail.

UK Bridges Board

The Technical Secretary reported on the first meeting of the UKBB (held in February) at which BOF had been formally represented in its own right. He noted the positive reaction by all concerned and that the issue of the BOF Constitution had been resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Links to SCOSS and CROSS

The meeting agreed to build on relationships already established with SCOSS and CROSS which would include inviting their representatives to attend future a BOF meeting.

Safety Critical Fixings

The Forum received a presentation from Neil Loudon on the need to establish and implement an inspection regime for safety critical fixings.

BOF Future Priorities

Much of the meeting was devoted to a discussion on BOF's future priorities and direction in order to plan agendas for future meetings.

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