

# **STAYSAFE**

## **On strategic planning for road safety in the United Kingdom and Hungary**

**Report of a visit of inspection to Europe by a  
delegation of the STAYSAFE Committee,  
15-28 October 2000**

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# **Report of a study tour to Europe by a delegation of the STAYSAFE Committee, October 2000**

This report of the STAYSAFE Committee documents the activities undertaken by a delegation of the Committee who participated in a visit of inspection to Europe in October 2000 to investigate road safety issues.

A delegation of the STAYSAFE Committee conducted a visit of inspection to Europe over the period Sunday 15 October 2000 to Saturday 28 October 2000 to investigate road safety issues, including: attendance at a conference on strategic planning for road safety in the United Kingdom at London; attendance at a conference on road safety in Hungary at Budapest; and investigations of issues in school travel; pedestrian safety, bicycle safety; and social, cultural and ethnicity issues in road safety.

The delegation comprised the Hon. John Tingle MLC and Mr David Campbell MP. Ms Reba Meagher MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Roads, accompanied the delegation. Mr Ian Faulks, of the STAYSAFE Committee secretariat, also accompanied the delegation.

The Hon. John Tingle MLC and Mr David Campbell MP reported to the STAYSAFE Committee at its meeting of Wednesday 11 April 2001.

During the visit of inspection, meetings were held in England and Hungary.

## **ENGLAND**

In England, the delegation attended a conference on strategic planning for road safety in the United Kingdom, held in London, 17 October 2000, and organised by the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety. Significant papers presented at the conference examined issues such as: the new United Kingdom road safety strategy; European Union perspectives on road safety and transport safety; and community level interventions to improve road safety.

While in England, the delegation held meetings and conducted inspections in London, Bristol, and Leeds.

In London, the delegation received briefings and discussions in meetings with the following persons:

- Lord Whitty, United Kingdom Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, concerning road safety
- Mr Gavin Devine, Clerk, House of Commons Transport Subcommittee, concerning Parliamentary scrutiny of road safety policy and programs, and recent inquiries into light rapid urban transport systems, and the heavy haulage industry in the United Kingdom

- Mr Robert Gifford, Parliamentary Advisory Council on Transport Safety (PACTS) and staff, concerning strategic planning for road safety
- Mrs Jeanne Breen, Executive Director, European Transport Safety Council, concerning European Union perspectives on road safety and transport safety
- Dr Oliver Carsten, Research Director, Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds, concerning European Union transportation projects in road safety
- Mr Les Philpott, Health and Safety Executive, concerning the Interagency Work-related Road Safety Group
- Dr Ruth Bradshaw, Transport Studies Group, University of Westminster, concerning school travel safety
- Professor Richard Allsop, University College London, concerning road safety
- Mr Andrew Howard, Automobile Association, concerning road safety
- Ms Mo Bradford and staff, Vehicle Safety Research Centre, University of Loughborough, concerning vehicle safety and pedestrian friendly vehicle fronts
- Ms Amy Aeron-Thomas, RoadPeace, concerning issues associated with injured road users and their families

In Bristol, the delegation received briefings and discussions in meetings with the following persons:

- Mr Phillip Insall and staff, Sustrans, concerning pedestrian and cyclist safety and the role of non-Governmental organisations in transport policy

In Leeds, the delegation received briefings and discussions in meetings with the following persons:

- Professor Chris Nash, Professor Peter Mackie, and staff, Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds, concerning the future development of road transport systems, schoolchild pedestrian safety, and external vehicle speed control

While in Leeds the delegation took the opportunity to:

- Inspect the Advanced Driving Simulator operated by the Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds

## **HUNGARY**

In Hungary, the delegation attended the 'Safe Roads into the 21st Century' conference, Budapest, 24-26 October 2000. The conference, organised under the auspices of the Global Road Safety Partnership and the World Road Association, provided a comprehensive examination of road safety issues associated with transitional and developing countries.

While in Budapest, the delegation also received briefings and discussions in meetings with the following persons:

- Mr Peter Elsenaar, The Netherlands Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management, concerning the Global Road Safety Partnership
- Miss Barbara Sabey, concerning road safety
- Mr John Smart, Highways Agency, England, regarding strategic planning