**Job Description**

**JOB TITLE: Special Traffic and Engineering Planner**

**Reports to:**  Engineering Access Manager

**Grade:**  PM1

**Safety Status:**  Non-Safety Critical

**Date version agreed:** February 2023

1. **Job Purpose**

Ability to perform disciplines within the Planning, Access and Strategy team including the timing of trains, rolling stock and traincrew diagramming in conjunction with new trains planning activity, engineering works, or HS2 works project schemes.

This role will assist the Fleet & Timetable Projects Planner with new trains planning activity (including both pathing and diagramming) as well as the provision of planning advice to the project(s). The role will also assist the Amended Access Manager, and the wider Amended Access team, with the ability to support as required.

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| **2. Safety Details** |  |
| **A.** This job requires **Security Clearance** (e.g. Running of Special Trains) |  |
| **B.** The job holder is required to hold a relevant **Track Safety** competence (e.g. PTS) |  |
| **C.** This is a **Safety Critical Work Post** |  |
| **D.** This post carries out a specific role, such as Professional Head or Informed Buyer as described in West Midlands Trains **Safety Certification** documents |  |
| **E.** This job **Manages Employees** (undertakes specific tasks indicated in the occupational & operational standards manuals) |  |
| **F.** This job **Manages Locations** (undertakes specific tasks as indicated in the occupational and operational standards manuals) |  |

**3. Dimensions**

This role will have an interface to Network Rail, Fleet, Drivers and On-train.

**A. Financial:**

Direct influence over the growth of revenue though identification of savings in relation to both Rolling Stock and Resource utilisation.

**B. Staff:**

No direct reports.

**C: Others:**

Role contributes to the delivery of franchise obligations.

**4. Principal Accountabilities**

* The ability to create robust train paths considering any limitations on access, such as route opening times, engineering work (Confirmed Period Possession Plan) or any other depot / station access restrictions.
* The ability to be able to create and release trains within Bulk Train Edit VP, in conjunction with STP activities that could include, but not be limited to, new trains planning activity, engineering works, or HS2 works.
* To support the Fleet & Timetable Projects Planner with new trains planning activity (including both pathing and diagramming) as well as the provision of planning advice to the project(s)
* To produce revised Rolling Stock diagrams in support of amended timetables that balance across the locations, day/week, to agreed STP Timescales.
* To produce revised train crew diagrams in support of amended timetables in accordance with agreed conditions of service and planning rules.
* To assist as required the Amended Access Manager, and the wider Amended Access team as directed.
* To support as required other areas of the Planning and Strategy team to address peaks and troughs in the overall workload for the team.
* To undertake any other reasonable duties as required.

**5. Context**

**A: Operating Environment:**

Office Based, 134 Edmund Street, Birmingham

**B: Framework and Boundaries:**

Detailed knowledge of WMT Diagramming parameters and associated DRI and CRI Agreements.

Knowledge of WMT Operations and Geography.

**C: Organisation:**



**6. Relationships**

**A: Reporting lines**

This position will report directly to the Engineering Access Manager.

**B: Other Contacts:**

(i) Within the Company:

* West Midlands Trains planning team
* Other West Midlands Trains staff at all levels

(ii) Outside the Company:

* Network Rail Train Planning Unit
* HS2 / Engineering projects
* Other TOCs and FOCs

**7. Knowledge and Experience**

* Competent in all aspects of the Planning, Access and Strategy function, notably train timing, rolling stock and traincrew diagramming
* Good knowledge of train planning principles & Voyager Plan
* Good knowledge of Microsoft office software
* Understanding of the rail industry
* Good knowledge of WMT operations and geography
* Ability to work flexibly, to strict timescales and under a high degree of pressure.
* Willingness to travel from time to time in order to maintain excellent working relationships with the rest of the business and to see on the ground the execution of amended plans at delivery in order to improve on future plans.

**8. Job Challenge(s):**

A varied role which is predominantly responsible for the delivery of Amended Plans including Rolling Stock and Traincrew, supporting both new fleet introduction and more general STP activity.

Ensuring that the diagrams you produce whether they are Rolling Stock or Traincrew are deliverable for the business.

**9. Additional Information**

**10. Sign off**

**Job Holder:……………………………………………….. Date:………………..**

**Manager:………………………………………………….. Date:………………..**

**Nominated Deputies**

Where a post undertakes the role of Professional Head or Informed Buyer or manages Safety Critical staff a Nominated Deputy must be identified. The job holder must ensure that the Nominated Deputy receives a copy of, and is briefed on, this Job Description.

**Job title of**

**Nominated Deputy: ……………………………………………………………....**

**Name of**

**Nominated Deputy: ……………………………………………………………….**

**Signature of**

**Nominated Deputy: ……………………………………………………………….**

**Date: ………………………………………………………………………………….**

As the Nominated Deputy for this post, I confirm that I have been briefed on the requirements of this job.

**Safety & Environmental Safety Responsibility Statement**

It is the line manager’s responsibility to ensure that the post holder is fully briefed and responsibilities are clearly understood by the post holder.

This statement must be amended and accepted:

1. Wherever responsibilities are changed;
2. In response to an accident or incident;
3. In response to external changes to Health and Safety and Environmental Legislation; *and/or*
4. Following annual review.

## General Responsibilities

Overarching Safety and Environmental Responsibilities are as follows:

1. You must take reasonable care for your own health and safety and of persons who may be affected by your acts or omissions at work;
2. You must co-operate on matters regarding safety and health;
3. You must not interfere with anything provided in the interest of health and safety – for example override safety features of equipment;
4. You must follow the training you have received when using any work items your employer has given you;
5. Tell someone (your employer, supervisor or health and safety representative) if you think the work or inadequate precautions are putting anyone’s health and safety at serious risk;
6. You must support the business in achieving its objectives laid out in its latest Environment & Energy Policy.

Further Safety and Responsibilities that apply to all London Midland employees are set out below, in sections which correspond with the London Midland Safety Management system.

You must take reasonable care for your own health and safety, and of persons who may be affected by your acts or omissions at work.

1. **Policy, Leadership and Resourcing**
   1. You must understand and comply with the Refusal to work on the grounds of health and safety policy.
   2. You are responsible for attending the following safety and / or environmental related meetings:

E.g. Sustainability Action Group, SEMG

List meetings here

☐ None apply

* 1. You must comply with the West Midland Trains policy on the use of mobile phones when driving on company business.

1. **Employee training**
   1. You must attend the necessary safety and/or environment training courses within 3 months of appointment (or as soon as practicable thereafter).
2. **Planned Inspections**
   1. You must comply with the procedures which exist to remedy substandard acts and conditions found in the workplace.
3. **Accident and incident investigation**
   1. You must ensure that all personal accidents and near misses are reported to your supervisor or Control as detailed on the health and safety notice board.
   2. You must ensure that all personal accidents are reported and investigated as detailed in the Accident/Incident Reporting and Investigation standard.
4. **Emergency planning and Security**
   1. When working at static locations you must ensure that you understand the local emergency plan at each location at which you are required to work. Local emergency plans are detailed on safety notice boards.
   2. You must understand and comply with your obligations regarding security checks, suspect packages, bomb threats and explosions as detailed in the Occupational Standards Manual.
5. **Rules Competencies, Permits and Licences**
   1. You will receive an assessment of competence in the rules, regulations and instructions which apply to your post. The initial and subsequent assessments will be given by qualified trainers/assessors. Competence processes will lead to certification. You must ensure that you maintain your own competence in rules, regulations and instructions for the post that you hold.
   2. You must be in possession of the necessary publications, as detailed by your manager or supervisor before you take up your post.
   3. You may be required to drive motor vehicles owned, hired, or leased by West Midland Trains. You must not do so unless in possession of a valid license appropriate to the vehicle being driven. You must be insured to use that vehicle and fully comply with the Authority to Drive procedures, carrying the appropriate authority card.
6. **Communications**
   1. You must ensure that you attend regular briefings which cover safety and environmental issues.
   2. You must attend any local job induction training session on your first day at a new location.
7. **Auditing and safety Check**
   1. You must ensure that substandard conditions found by you in workplaces are reported to the appropriate line manager or Control without delay.
   2. You must ensure that any practices undertaken that do not align to current policies or standards are reported to your Line Manager or Control without delay.
8. **Promotion of Environment & Safety Issues**
   1. You must ensure that you are aware of the location and are familiar with the contents of the safety and environment notice board.
9. **Health Controls**
   1. You must understand and comply with the alcohol and drugs policy as detailed in OCC-205 Alcohol and Drugs and other policy documents.
   2. You must understand and comply with the standard for Control Of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH).
   3. You must understand and comply with the standard for Control of Asbestos.
   4. You must understand and comply with company standards for management of cases of occupational ill health.
   5. You must understand and comply with the standard for Staff Care and Support System (SCASS).
10. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
    1. You are responsible for wearing the required PPE as directed by the local manager or supervisor when visiting locations where it is required.
    2. You will be issued with PPE on a personal basis.
11. **Purchasing, Procurement and Management of Contractors**
    1. You must understand and comply with the company standards for purchasing, procurement and stores provision as produced by the Head of Procurement.
    2. You must understand and comply with the company standard for managing contractors.
12. **Environment**
    1. Where your role has an impact on the Environment you must ensure that you are familiar with the contents of all relevant Environmental standards, including but not limited to the Environmental & Energy Management System Manual.

## Specific Responsibilities

Your specific safety and environmental responsibilities are set out below, in sections which correspond with the safety management system.

## Safety Responsibility Statement Acceptance

I acknowledge the receipt of the job description and statement of the safety and environment responsibilities associated with my post. I understand these responsibilities, which have been explained to me. Training needs have been identified and agreed.

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| Signed: |  | Job title: |  |
| Name: |  | Location: |  |
| Date: |  |  |  |

I have explained the Safety and Environmental Responsibilities associated with the role of Fleet and Timetable Projects Planner to the role holder and am satisfied that they understand these responsibilities. Training needs have been identified and timescales for such training have been identified.

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## Review

This statement will be reviewed annually.

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| Date Due: |  | Date Reviewed: |  | Post Holder Signature: |  | Line Manager Signature: |
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