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## Guided busway boss will deliver conference speech

THE man in charge of Cambridgeshire's guided busway is heading to a conference to talk about the project.

Bob Menzies, head of delivery for the busway, will be one of the speakers at Bus Rapid Transit World Europe 2010, taking place in London at the end of June.

Its organisers describe the aims of the three-day gathering as pinpointing "the winning formula that will secure a successful Bus Rapid Transit system" and showing how to "deliver high end, quality service to guarantee an optimum performing system".

Mr Menzies, who ran into criticism after speaking about Cambridgeshire's guided bus system at a conference in Australia, will

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be speaking about "kerb guidance" – the system used to steer buses along the concrete busway – and "combining guideways with normal, on-street operations to aid congestion and facilitate bus movement".

Cambridge engineer Dave Kerr, one of those who criticised Mr Menzies appearing at the conference Down Under, said: "I really do not believe this. How in all honesty can someone whose own project has failed abysmally have the front to lecture on the subject of the guided bus? In reality it has been a total failure thus far.

**INVITATION: Bob Menzies**

"The county council failed to listen to the general public before going ahead with the scheme – he is more than qualified to encourage others to build such schemes with total disregard to popular opinion."

Tim Phillips, of pro-rail campaign Cast.Iron, which opposed the busway, said: "It is well-known the Cambridgeshire guided busway is a transport experiment imposed by the previous government.

"It is totally disingenuous for Mr

Menzies to be making any sort of authoritative commentary until the whole scheme is open, carrying passengers and a proven success. We remain convinced this will never be the case."

A spokesman for the county council said: "As it states on the conference organiser's website, he will be speaking about the technology involved in kerb-guided busways and the advantages of such schemes.

"Bob has been invited to speak at a number of conferences before and during the construction period and they are a good opportunity to share knowledge with his counterparts."



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