

just some of the company's key areas of expertise. TTR employs over 30 staff in four offices across the UK.

- 3) **The Transportation Research Group (TRG)** at the University of Southampton has a record of research spanning some 30 years, supported by a team of 40+ staff and postgraduate students from a range of disciplines. The group is located within the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, which was awarded the highest rating in the latest 2001 RAE (Research Assessment Exercise) assessment due to the quality and international reputation of its research. Within TRG funding of projects comes from a range of sources including the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), the Department for Transport (DfT), the Highways Agency (HA), the Transport Research Laboratory (TRL), London Transport, the European Commission (EC) and local authorities. This variety of funding sources provides the TRG with a portfolio of both fundamental and applied research across a number of project areas including: Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); integrated transport management; driver behaviour; public transport priority; driver information and route choice; traffic safety; freight; traffic management; teleservices; traveller information; demand management, and planning and policy. Many of the projects are collaborative with partners from industry and government both in the UK and overseas. TRG staff also run Masters and other courses in Transport.
  
- 4) The *City of Tomorrow and Cultural Heritage* Key Action aims to improve urban sustainability through delivering real, noticeable benefits to citizens throughout the EU by 2010. It focuses on:
  - ✧ city planning and management
  - ✧ cultural heritage
  - ✧ built environment
  - ✧ urban transport



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### RESEARCHING PERSONAL TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE FUTURE

A new 2-year European project, aimed at promoting the understanding of advanced technologies for personal urban transport, has just got underway. A team led by the Transportation Research Group at the University of Southampton and including Transport & Travel Research Ltd and four other European partners will collate and disseminate the findings of a cluster of projects in the EC's City of Tomorrow research programme. Topics covered include automated vehicles, personal rapid transit, advanced driver assistance systems and automated vehicle guidance systems as future transport options. The initiative, NETMOBIL (NEw Transport system concepts for enhanced and sustainable personal urban MOBILity), will provide guidance to local authorities, regional and national governments, and European agencies and Commission departments on the application of these innovative modes. For further information about the project, contact the project team via [www.netmobil.org](http://www.netmobil.org).

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- 2) **Transport & Travel Research Ltd** (TTR) was formed in 1991 and provides a range of transport consultancy services to public and private sector organisations in the UK and Europe. Public transport (urban and rural), market & social research, demand management, ITS, consultation, special needs and transport, energy & environment are