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Talk synopsis

On 27th July 2012 the Opening Ceremony of the Games of the 30th Olympiad will be held in London. Over the following sixteen days of competition approximately 7.7 million spectators are expected to attend the events at the 33 different competition venues.

The Olympic Games will be followed two weeks later by the Paralympic Games, which, whilst being roughly one-third the scale of the Olympic Games, is also one of the world's largest sporting events.

In terms of transportation, the games present a huge challenge; on the busiest days of the games, around 800,000 spectators will need to be transported to venues as far north as Hampden Park in Glasgow, as far west as Millennium Stadium in Cardiff and as far south as Weymouth & Portland. The greatest concentration of activity though, will be the Olympic Park in Stratford, East London where around 300,000 spectators will attend per day. That's equivalent to the entire population of Cardiff descending on Stratford; or nearly four Wembley Stadium's worth of people.

This presentation provides an introduction to the transport plan for the London 2012 games, giving a sense of the scale and nature of the transport challenges London faces and the strategies being developed to meet those challenges.

Unfortunately, the Olympic Delivery Authority did not feel able to let TechSoc have an electronic copy of the presentation.