

TfSE Transport Forum 28 February 2019 Minutes

Item

1. Welcome and Apologies

Geoff French welcomed the Transport Forum and apologies were noted.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The notes from the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Transport Strategy

General update

Steven Bishop (WSP) gave an update on the progress of the transport strategy and the various workstreams. In addition, Steven gave some feedback from the recent Transport Forum working group workshops.

Workshop on potential impacts of Brexit;

Steven asked the Forum to discuss the potential impacts of Brexit, specifically, what could be the likely short-term, direct impacts of Brexit on travel? Which industrial sectors might be most impacted? How and where? What could be the indirect impacts of changes in travel demand on the wider economy?

For outcomes, see separate document – 'TfSE Transport Forum - Slides and Workshop Summary - 28 February 2019'.

• Workshop on current use and performance of the freight and logistics sector

Ian Brooker (WSP) and Morag White (WSP) gave a presentation on the Freight and Gateways Study. They are launching a stakeholder questionnaire next week in the hope this will give a broader picture of the sector in the South East.

Ian and Morag asked the Forum to discuss what they see as the top 5 challenges with regards to moving goods in the TfSE area, and why? And given the key challenges identified, what does the Forum see as the top 5 solutions with regards to moving goods in the TfSE area?

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Workshop on appraisal framework for the transport strategy

Marc Griffin (WSP) gave an update on the multi-criteria appraisal framework (MCAF) being used for the transport strategy and the criteria and sub-criteria that has been chosen. The Forum were asked



to advise on whether the criteria proposed is appropriate for the TfSE MCAF? If there was anything missing or should be included? In addition, Marc also sought the views of the Forum on whether any of the categories should be weighted and if so, which ones.

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4. Update on Activities

• Draft proposal – update on plans for formal engagement and how to get involved

Rachel Ford explained that the formal consultation on TfSE's draft proposal will run from 02 May to 31 July and outlined how TfSE is planning to engage with stakeholders and the Transport Forum in that time. The proposal will be brought to the next Forum meeting (22 May) for consideration. Rachel also outlined the next steps after the consultation process.

MRN

Sarah Valentine updated the Forum on the recent publication of the Major Road Network (MRN). As a result of TfSE's response to the MRN consultation, the length of the MRN has increased within our geography and the criteria for inclusion has been amended. TfSE now need to develop the Regional Evidence Base (REB) and prioritise the top 10 schemes to DfT by July 2019. This is an incredibly tight timescale and Local Authorities are providing business case information for assessment by May 2019. It is up to each STB to decide how to prioritise their schemes, however final funding approval rests with the DfT.

Rail review / future of aviation consultations

Rob Dickin updated the Forum on the recent consultation responses from TfSE including to the Williams Rail Review and future of aviation review. In addition, TfSE will be responding to the call for evidence on light rail and rapid transit and pay as you go rail.

Please contact Rob by April if you would like your views included in either call for evidence.

• Feedback to the board

Please advise Geoff as soon as possible if there is anything you would like him to highlight at the Senior Officer Group or Shadow Partnership Board meetings.

5. AOB			
N/A			