

Shadow Partnership Board Members

Cllr Keith Glazier, Leader,
East Sussex County Council

Cllr Michael Payne, Deputy
Cabinet Member for Planning,
Highways, Transport and
Waste, Kent County Council
(Representing Cllr Paul Carter
CBE)

Cllr Bob Lanzer,
West Sussex County Council

Cllr Ian Ward, Leader,
Isle of Wight Council

Cllr Adrian Gulvin, Portfolio
Holder for Resources,
Medway Council (Representing
Cllr Alan Jarrett)

Cllr Tony Page, Deputy Leader
Reading Borough Council
(representing Berkshire Local
Transport Body)

Cllr Rob Humby, Executive
Member for Environment and
Transport
Hampshire County Council

Cllr John Furey, Deputy
Leader, Surrey County Council

Geoff French CBE, Interim
Chair
Transport Forum

Cllr Garry Wall, Leader, Mid
Sussex District Council
(Representing district and
borough authorities)

Margaret Paren, Chair, South
Downs National Park
(Representing protected
landscapes)

Apologies:

Cllr Paul Carter CBE, Leader, Kent County Council
Cllr David Hodge CBE, Surrey County Council
Cllr Alan Jarrett, Leader, Medway Council
Cllr Gill Mitchell, Deputy Leader, Brighton and Hove City Council
Dave Lees, Board Member, Solent LEP
Steve Allen, Vice-Chair, Coast to Capital LEP
Cllr Jacqui Rayment, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport and Deputy Leader
Southampton City Council (representing Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils)

Observers:

Cllr Vanessa Churchman, Isle of Wight Council
Ruth Harper, Deputy Director, Regional Strategies: London and South Division, Department for
Transport
Steven Bishop, Associate Director, Steer Davies Gleave
Edmund Cassidy, Senior Consultant, Steer Davies Gleave
Phil Carey, Consultant

Item	Action
1. Welcome and Apologies	
1.1 Cllr Keith Glazier welcomed Shadow Partnership Board members to the meeting and noted the apologies.	
2. Minutes from previous meeting	

2.1 The notes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate representation of the discussion.	
3. Major Road Network	
<p>3.1 Rupert Clubb introduced the paper on the Major Road Network (MRN). The consultation paper was published on 23 December 2017 and the report sets out the proposed TfSE response to the consultation.</p> <p>3.2 Phil Carey, co-author of the Rees Jefferys report on Major Roads Network, has been advising TfSE on the development of the draft response.</p> <p>3.3 The TfSE response proposes an MRN that is significantly bigger than that outlined by the DfT. There is a strong case for a disproportionately large MRN in the South East, with 67 miles of SRN per million population, 15% below the English average. The additional MRN routes suggested by TfSE meet the flow criteria and have been based on an objective set of criteria.</p> <p>3.4 Board members welcomed the thorough and well developed TfSE response. They highlighted the need for STBs to receive funding to develop the Regional Evidence Base. The Board requested that the response needed to be strengthened on the fact that there is no additional funding for maintenance and there is no revenue stream included in the Government proposals.</p> <p>3.5 The Board recognised the importance of protecting the environment and natural landscape of the South East. It was agreed that the TfSE criteria should be amended to reflect national policy.</p> <p>3.6 A number of additional routes were proposed by Board members. It was highlighted that routes must meet flow criteria and connect economic areas. The Board agreed that the TfSE response should include the A229 in Kent and some additional routes in the Portsmouth area.</p> <p>Board members agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the TfSE response to the consultation set out in Appendix 1, subject to the amendments discussed; ii) the map showing the indicative MRN network in the South East in Appendix 2; and iii) that responsibility for agreeing a joint Sub National Transport Body (STB) response to the consultation be delegated to the Chair of the Shadow Partnership Board. 	Secretariat
4. Strategic Road Network – Initial Report	
<p>4.1 Rupert Clubb presented the covering paper and provided background on the recent consultation from Highways England.</p> <p>4.2 The Roads Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2) covers 2020-2025 and will be the first time that a strategic planned approach has been taken to investing in the SRN. The consultation on the Initial Report represents the final part of the Research Phase for Roads Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2). All the evidence gathered during the Research Phase and the consultation on the Initial Report will be used to inform decisions on the content of RIS2. The consultation does not include a list of schemes but sets out the analytical approach that will be adopted by Highways England and DfT to inform investment decisions.</p> <p>4.3 The engagement with Highways England on the consultation was welcomed. DfT recognised the collaborative approach that TfSE had taken in developing the response.</p>	

<p>4.4 Board members expressed concern that the timetable for RIS 1 schemes had slipped and questioned whether this would impact on the ability to achieve the programme for RIS2.</p> <p>4.5 The Shadow Partnership Board agreed the TfSE response to the Strategic Road Network Initial Report.</p>	
<p>5. Economic Connectivity Review</p>	
<p>5.1 Edmund Cassidy presented an overview of the initial findings of the Economic Connectivity Review. The analysis has identified a number of emerging corridors across the region.</p> <p>5.2 The Shadow Partnership Board welcomed the report. It was identified that there needs to be further recognition of the relationship with London, particularly in relations to travel to work patterns. It was also identified that the relationship with areas outside of the TfSE geography need to be given greater weight, for example the majority of freight from ports goes to the Midlands and North.</p> <p>5.3 Further comments related to the need to include large developments in the Review, such as housing developments and Enterprise Zones.</p> <p>5.4 The draft Economic Connectivity Review will be launched at the Connecting the South East event on 8 May 2018. It will be subject to a six week engagement period, during which comments will be welcomed from partners and stakeholders.</p> <p>5.5 The Shadow Partnership Board agreed to note the progress with the development of the Economic Connectivity Review and receive the final report in September 2018.</p>	
<p>6. Draft Proposal</p>	
<p>6.1 Rupert Clubb provided an overview on the process for securing statutory status for TfSE and set out the approach to developing a draft Proposal for submission to Government.</p> <p>6.2 TfSE will be required to develop a Proposal to Government which will need to demonstrate the strategic case for the creation of a sub-national transport body. As part of this we will need to identify the types of powers and responsibilities that the STB will be seeking, as well as identifying the proposed governance structures and strategic aims.</p> <p>6.3 It was highlighted that this is a considerable piece of work and, where possible, TfSE will work with England's Economic Heartland to develop a joint approach and ensure consistency. DfT has identified that it is unlikely that TfSE will be able to secure statutory status before 2020/2021. This is due to lack of parliamentary time and pressures on the legal teams with the Department.</p> <p>6.4 The Board expressed concern around the timescales and stressed the importance of continued engagement with DfT to ensure that parliamentary time is made available.</p> <p>6.5 The Board also requested early information on the types of powers and responsibilities that will be included in the Proposal. A paper will be presented to the next meeting of the Shadow Partnership Board to highlight the level of resource required to progress the work on the Proposal and the likely powers and responsibilities.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>

<p>The Shadow Partnership Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) to note the process for developing a draft Proposal to Government to make the strategic case for a sub-national transport body for the South East; ii) that initial work should begin on the preparation of the Proposal; and iii) to note the requirement for further work on the resources required to develop the Proposal. 	
<p>7. Communications and Engagement</p>	
<p>7.1 Rupert Clubb presented the paper setting out progress on communications and engagement activity. The Connecting the South East event is planned for 8 May 2018 and will bring together 250 stakeholders. It will be delivered in conjunction with Essential Infrastructure Events and is at no cost to TfSE.</p> <p>7.2 The Board welcomed the proposal to engage with MPs and highlighted that opportunities must be taken to raise the profile of TfSE. It was identified that Matt Roder, Shadow Transport Secretary, should be included in the list of key names.</p> <p>The Shadow Partnership Board agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Note arrangements for TfSE's business and industry event in May; ii) Note the appointment of a film-maker to produce a short video to introduce TfSE; iii) Progress the next phase of engagement with MPs. 	<p>Secretariat</p>
<p>8. Great Western Railway Franchise</p>	
<p>8.1 Rupert Clubb presented the draft Transport for the South East (TfSE) response to the Government's consultation on the Great Western Railway Franchise.</p> <p>8.2 The TfSE response highlights the important role that Sub National Transport Bodies (STBs) can play in shaping future franchise specifications and requests further discussions with the Department for Transport to ensure that the TfSE priorities are reflected in any further franchise arrangements.</p> <p>8.3 The Board requested that the reference to the North Downs Line was strengthened in the response. It was also agreed that the response should promote stability with the current franchise and clearly state that TfSE opposes any splitting of the franchise.</p> <p>The Shadow Partnership Board agreed the TfSE response to the Great Western Railway Franchise Consultation.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>
<p>9. A.O.B.</p>	
<p>9.1 Cllr Rob Humby informed the Board that he holds a surgery for Hampshire MPs in Portcullis House. This is a good way to lobby MPs and could be a model for engagement for TfSE.</p> <p>9.2 Cllr Ian Ward raised some concerns relating to the franchise review for the Island Line, specifically that South Western Railways are only putting forward one proposal. Discussions will continue with DfT on this issue.</p>	

In Attendance:

Secretariat

Rupert Clubb	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport	East Sussex County Council
Mark Valleley	Communities, Economy and Transport	East Sussex County Council
Rachel Ford	Economic Growth	Surrey County Council

Additional Attendees

Philip Baker	Assistant Chief Executive	East Sussex County Council
Barbara Cooper	Corporate Director Growth, Environment and Transport	Kent County Council
Kevin Lloyd	Head of Economic Growth	Surrey County Council
Mark Prior	Assistant Director, City Transport	Brighton & Hove City Council
Darryl Hemmings	Planning and Transport Policy Manager	West Sussex County Council
Mike Harris	Service Director, Growth	Southampton City Council
Keith Willcox	Assistant Director – Transport	Hampshire County Council
Richard Tyndall	Business Consultant	Berkshire Local Transport Body / Berkshire Thames Valley LEP
Stuart Baker	Head of Local Growth	Solent LEP
Simon Bell	Public Transport and Operations Manager	Portsmouth City Council