

**TRANSPORT FOR TEES VALLEY**

**Meeting held at the Centre for Enterprise, University of Teesside,  
Middlesbrough**

**at 2.00pm on Tuesday 22 January 2008**

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ATTENDEES

Councillor Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC)	Chair
Councillor David Lyonette	Darlington Borough Council (DBC)	Vice Chair
Councillor Ron Lowes	Middlesbrough Council (MC)	
Councillor David Budd	MC	
Councillor Mary Lanigan	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC)	
Simon Houldsworth (SH)	DBC	
Owen Wilson (OW)	DBC	
Dave Stubbs (DS)	HBC	
Ian Parker (IP)	MC	
Brian McLean (BM)	RCBC	
Mike Robinson (MR)	SBC	
Barrie Mason (BM)	North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC)	
Adrian White (AW)	Durham County Council (DCC)	
Simon Dove (SD)	One NorthEast (ONE)	
Penny Marshall (PM)	Government Office North East (GONE)	
Steve Spink (SS)	Highways Agency (HA)	
Nigel Cay (NC)	Network Rail (NR)	
Martyn Pellew (MP)	PD Ports	
Mark Ellis (ME)	Arriva North East	
Doug Elphee (DE)	Stagecoach North East	
Nigel Astell (NA)	Tees Valley Regeneration (TVR)	
John Lowther (JL)	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit (JSU)	
Jonathan Spruce (JS)	JSU	

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APOLOGIES

Councillor Peter Jackson	Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC)
Tom Warburton	ONE
Andrew Johnson	GONE
Malcolm Bowes	North East Assembly (NEA)
Vanessa Gilbert	HA
Liz Esnouf	Arriva North East
Robin Knight	Stagecoach North East

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**1 APOLOGIES**

- 1.1 As noted previously (including substitutes).

**2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 None declared.

**3 NOTES OF THE MEETING ON 16 OCTOBER 2007**

- 3.1 The minutes were agreed as a true record.
- 3.2 **JS** advised the Board that, due to further delays with the validation of the traffic model, the outputs from the A66/A19/A174 Area Action Plan study would now not be available until mid-March.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

- 4.1 Item 4.3 – **JS** confirmed that no further responses had been received to the draft City Region Transport Strategy, and hence this version would be adopted in lieu of a revision later in 2008 to align with the RFA review process and the publication of the RSS.
- 4.2 Item 5.5 – **JS** highlighted that an additional response had been prepared to the DfT's consultation on the draft Local Transport Bill to reflect better the discussions at the last meeting and the response from the Board as a whole rather than just the Tees Valley Local Authorities.

**5 TEES VALLEY BUS NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS**

- 5.1 **JS** presented the report for information.
- 5.2 **MP** stated that NECC members had received a presentation on the proposals and expressed disappointment in that the quality corridors did not necessarily serve new or planned development sites. **JS** replied that the new agreement with bus operators would cover all routes, not just those on the selected corridors, which would provide a mechanism for better planning of the bus network in line with development proposals.
- 5.3 **JS** also mentioned that the forthcoming major scheme bid would be launched at a City Region Bus Forum, to be held towards the end of February.
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5.4 Resolved that the report be noted.

**6 TEES VALLEY METRO UPDATE**

6.1 **NA** introduced the report for information.

6.2 **SD** confirmed that there had been some delays to the RFA review process, and that Metro would be subject to a new appraisal process being developed for this review, whenever it was appropriate to bring the project before the Interim Regional Transport Board.

6.3 Resolved that the report be noted.

**7 DARLINGTON LOCAL MOTION**

7.1 **OW** gave a short presentation on the emerging outcomes from Darlington's Local Motion project.

7.2 **MP** asked whether the movement of freight had been considered. **OW** replied not specifically, but the aim of rolling the findings out across the Tees Valley should help reduce congestion on the strategic road network, which in itself would be of benefit to freight.

7.3 **PM** noted the usefulness of the extensive survey work done at the start of the study that gave DBC the evidence against which to target improvements, and suggested that any extension of the work should take account of this.

7.4 **NC** asked whether there was some optimism bias built into the survey results to take account of respondents' desire to seem positive. **NC** also pointed out that we need to consider how we use our existing survey information more effectively.

7.5 **JS** encouraged Board Members to think about options for taking the Local Motion initiative forward across the City Region.

7.6 **MR** stated that extending the principle across the Tees Valley should be taken up by the Transport Planning Officers' Group.

7.7 The Board thanked **OW** for the presentation.

**8 MULTI-AREA AGREEMENT**

8.1 **JL** introduced the report for information, highlighting the main progress on the MAA, and in particular, the elements that would impact on the Board's role and remit in the future.

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8.2 Resolved that the report be noted.

**9 NATIONAL TRANSPORT AWARDS 2008**

9.1 **JS** outlined a proposal to put forward the Transport Board as a candidate for the National Transport Awards, in the category of 'Transport Team/Partnership of the Year'.

9.2 Board Members considered this and there was a general consensus that an entry should be submitted.

9.3 Resolved that **JS** prepare a draft submission and circulate to all Members for their comment in advance of formal submission.

**JS**

**10 EUROPEAN ISSUES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD (2008)**

10.1 **JL** presented the report for information, providing a summary of the forthcoming European legislation, and highlighting what each means for the City Region.

10.2 **Councillor Cook** endorsed the concept of providing such short summaries, particularly for private sector members of the Board.

10.3 **Councillor Lyonette** highlighted the possible importance of the air transport package and the continuing issue of flights between Durham Tees Valley Airport and London Heathrow. **JL** stated that ONE and the JSU were commissioning work to determine the economic impact of retaining this connection.

10.4 Resolved that the report be noted.

**11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

11.1 None noted.

**12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)**

- 12.1
- Tuesday 22 April 2008
  - Tuesday 22 July 2008
  - Tuesday 21 October 2008
  - Tuesday 20 January 2009

Meetings to commence at 2pm, venue to be confirmed.

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