

**Local Transport Board Meeting Note
10.30-12.30 Friday 23rd February 2018**

Cranworth Room, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH.

Board Attendance:

David Cumming	Norfolk County Council
Cllr Martin Wilby	Norfolk County Council
Tracy Jessop	Norfolk County Council
Tom Stead	Network Rail
Paul Horne	Suffolk County Council
Graeme Mateer	Suffolk County Council
Cllr Jane Storey	Suffolk County Council
Paul Davey	Felixstowe Port
Simon Amor	Highways England
Phil Langley	Norwich Airport
Ali Clabburn	Liftshare
Nova Fairbank	Norfolk Chamber of Commerce
Jonathan Denby	Greater Anglia
Richard Perkins	Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Steve Wickers	First Bus
Ollie Starbuck	East Midlands Trains
Amin Ahmadnia	DfT
Jonathan Rudd	New Anglia LEP
Doug Field (Chairperson)	New Anglia LEP
Ellen Goodwin	New Anglia LEP
Hannah Grimes	Norfolk County Council

Apologies:

Chris Starkie	New Anglia LEP
Chris Soule	Country Land Owners and Business Associations
Jamie Burles	Greater Anglia
John Dugmore	Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Larry Heyman	GT Railway
Nick Burfield	Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Richard Pace	Norwich Airport
Sarah Turner	East Midlands Trains
Sue Roper	Suffolk County Council
Emily Manser	New Anglia LEP
Richard Taylor	Network Rail

1. Welcome and introductions

Apologies listed above.

2. Minutes and matters arising Tuesday 28th November

The Board minutes from Tuesday 28th November were agreed. The LEP informed the Board that there is a skills sector plan workshop on ports and logistics next Wednesday (28th February).

3. Updates

Chambers of Commerce

Nova Fairbank explained that Norfolk Chamber, Norfolk County Council and Archant are working together to campaign for the dualling of the A47. The Chamber is also showing its support for the Norwich Western Link and is holding an event in Great Yarmouth covering congestion and the road network.

Richard Perkins informed the Board that the Suffolk Chamber are still pushing the A14 no more delays campaign and are providing comments and support for including the A140 in the Strategic Road Network (the trunk road network).

Highways England

Covered later.

DfT

Covered later.

Norwich Airport

Phil Langley introduced himself to the Board and explained he was attending on behalf of Richard Pace.

Stansted Airport

No update.

Network Rail

Tom Stead updated the Board, he explained that Haughley Junction had some funding up to Grip 3 (a stage in the assessment of rail projects that looks at option selection). Network Rail are planning for East West Rail and are looking at growth and demand using Local Plan data. Network Rail are also looking at the Great Eastern Main Line and identifying a priority list of what should be done and when.

Greater Anglia

Jonathan Denby updated the Board. The new trains are still on programme, with the first body shells built, they should be in service from May 2019. Looking at potentially moving the proposed Brantham depot due to some issues at the current location. Continuing work on progressing improvements on the existing fleet. Adding capacity and improving service with 24-hour operation including unstaffed stations which should lead to higher customer satisfaction. The Integrated Transport Strategy and Sub-National Transport Body should consider Trowse Bridge and Haughley Junction for the next

spending period 2019-2024.

East Midlands

Ollie Starbuck explained that the franchise runs to August 2019 there is an invitation to tender in April 2018. There are still discussions around the future of the Norwich to Liverpool line which the franchise feels should be maintained. The franchise are overhauling the fleet on the Norwich route.

David Cumming asked if the LTB should write a letter to the Rail Minister to support Trowse and Haughley to help ascertain funding and introduce other priorities.

ACTION: Ellen Goodwin to write letter to the Rail Minister from the Local Transport Board.

East West Rail

No update.

Great Yarmouth Port

No update.

Port of Felixstowe

Paul Davey explained that the Port is still expanding with the capability to handle the biggest ships. Increasing remote cranes. Looking to increase the volume of traffic by rail but the current capacity on the network is getting tight. Engaged in lots of discussions with Government about Brexit and how to keep the borders working.

First buses

Steve Wickers stated that First are investing in replacing all ticket machines to provide more advanced ticketing which should be complete by June. First are also looking to replace all of the fleet across Norfolk and Suffolk. First have an air quality commitment and are working with partners to retro fit 15 Norfolk and 20 Suffolk buses. Ten of the current vehicles are the latest euro standards.

Ipswich buses

No update.

Liftshare

Ali Clabburn informed the Board that Liftshare have just hit half a billion miles saved since its launch with a billion miles expected in 2020. There has been a surge in corporate schemes. Working to promote Norwich as an air quality demonstration city. Liftshare are trying to reduce the age restriction to 16 which is challenging but the idea is to get college students sharing. Demand for transport is changing, London mapper are using eight seater taxis which are very successful.

Sustrans

No update.

LEP Board

Doug Field updated the Board. There is a LEP Board meeting Wednesday 28 February covering Brexit, workforce, skills, regulation, focus on delivery, value infrastructure and a delivery board for regional economic strategy.

4. Integrated Transport Strategy

Ellen Goodwin updated the Board on progress with the Integrated Transport Strategy which is nearing completion. Ellen asked for the Board's views on the latest version which is shorter, similar to the Economic Strategy and is focused on delivery.

Nova Fairbank said there needed to be more about Great Yarmouth Port.

Jonathan Denby stated that the ITS was valuable when you influence people as the rail infrastructure funding is controlled by DfT.

Richard Perkins explained that the Suffolk Chamber had fed back to Ellen.

Ellen Goodwin stated she had received comments from Sustrans around active travel and that the ITS is planned to go to the 23rd May LEP Board.

Ali Clabburn stated that the ITS should not just be about infrastructure but also sustainable measures and quick wins.

5. Strategic Road Network

Simon Amor introduced himself and explained that he worked for Highways England and covered the east, which covers anything north of the M25 and east of Milton Keynes. It is anticipated that a decision on the Roads Investment Strategy 2, the improvements programme from 2020 to 2025, will be in 2019. Simon Amor presented to the Board about the Strategic Road Network.

ACTION: HG to circulate the presentation.

Cllr Storey asked Simon if the A14 was going to be a smart motorway as the lorry parks along the A14 really need to be focused on for providing facilities for moving the freight.

Simon Amor explained that DfT are having a national look at lorry parks.

Ali Clabburn asked if Simon was happy with the quality of the A11 as it is the remit of Highways England to manage the road. Ali also asked if HE are looking at behavioural changes and how to improve the use of the current roads to identify how to make them work better and integrate with other modes.

Simon Amor explained that the current challenges are around capacity, as dedicated bus lanes reduce capacity on the Strategic Road Network.

Nova Fairbank pointed out that there is an issue around the condition of the A11 around Snetterton and Wymondham.

Simon Amor stated that the road could cost around £50m to improve the surface.

Cllr Wilby stated that the A47 Alliance want all of the A47 dualled from the east coast to the midlands.

Richard Perkins stated there were different views around the inclusion of the A140 between Norwich and Ipswich in the Strategic Road Network.

ACTION: EG to arrange meeting between LEP, NCC, SCC and Suffolk Chamber to discuss the A140.

6. Major Road Network

Amin Ahmadnia introduced himself and informed the Board that he had replaced Karl Murphy. Amin presented to the Board about the Major Road Network. The Major Road Network is looking at local roads identified in the Rees Jeffreys Report which proposed a middle tier of roads to help to deliver a better quality road network. The A12 is now proposed to be included (a change from the Rees Jeffreys report), the consultation deadline is Monday 19th March. The MRN is high on Ministers' agendas and each scheme could receive between £20-100m which is a substantial amount of money. DfT will publish guidance in autumn 2018, the funding will come from the VED which is anticipated to be around £6 billion.

Norfolk County Council, Suffolk County Council and the LEP will all be putting in a response. Suffolk County Council have included the A12, A140, A1307 and A143.

DfT have offered to meet officers from Transport East.

ACTION: HG to circulate the presentation.

7. Sub national Transport Body

Graeme Mateer updated the Board. It was agreed in December to form Transport East. Highways authorities, district representatives and LEPs are invited with Cllr Storey, Cllr Wilby and Dominic Keen from New Anglia LEP attending. The first meeting is Tuesday 13th March which will involve the election of a Chairperson. The Forum is considering a MRN response. Moving forward the Forum is identifying the scale and functions and there needs to be a clear vision for the east and wider area. There are synergies with the England's Economic Heartland. Transport East potentially includes Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire.

Tracy Jessop explained that although the Forum is non-statutory it is still recognised by government.

Amin Ahmadnia agreed explaining that the SoS is not interested in them having statutory status and it does not hinder proceedings.

There needs to be collective agreement on priorities.

Paul Davey stated that where there are STBs they have access to pots of money, share the cost and can develop schemes. The funding they get is important and useful.

The Economic Heartland received a lot of investment and is not statutory and Government supports the east west rail brain arc.

8. Any other business

Ali Claburn was asked to discuss behavioural changes at the next Local Transport Board meeting.

The Roads Minister Jesse Norman is coming to an A47 Alliance event on Monday 19th March.

There is a National Infrastructure Commission work stream on freight.

It was suggested that the Board go to the Transport Catapult in Milton Keynes to see future transport changes.

ACTION: Ellen Goodwin to contact Catapult about a potential visit.

Date of next meeting- Tuesday 19th June in Ipswich.