

Local Transport Board Meeting Note

10.30-12.30 Tuesday 5th September 2017

Seminar Room, Ground Floor, International Aviation Academy, Norwich.

Board Attendance:

David Cumming	Norfolk County Council
Paul Horne	Suffolk County Council
Graeme Mateer	Suffolk County Council
Cllr James Finch	Suffolk County Council
Chris Starkie	New Anglia LEP
Emily Manser	New Anglia LEP
Joseph Chroston- Bell	Network Rail
Richard Taylor	Network Rail
David Abbott	Highways England
Richard Perkins	Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Nick Burfield	Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Ollie Starbuck	East Midlands Trains
Andy Bird	East Midlands Trains
Ali Clabburn	Liftshare
Jonathan Denby	Greater Anglia
Nova Fairbank	Norfolk Chamber of Commerce
Karl Murphy	Department for Transport
Ian Taylor	Norfolk County Council
Philip Broadbent- Yale	Sustrans
Cllr Guy McGregor	Suffolk County Council
Cllr Martin Wilby	Norfolk County Council
Tracy Jessop	Norfolk County Council
Jonathan Rudd	New Anglia LEP
Christopher Soule	Country Land Owners and Business Associations
Hannah Grimes	Norfolk County Council

Public attendance:

Carolyn Barnes	East Suffolk District Council
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Apologies:

Andrew Bell	Norwich Airport
Chris Wigan	Stansted
Dave Watson	Suffolk County Council
Jamie Burles	Greater Anglia
John Dugmore	Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Larry Heyman	Gt Railway
Marie Finbow	New Anglia LEP
Mark Pendlington	New Anglia LEP
Martin Fellows	Highways England
Paul Davey	Felixstowe Port

Richard Pace

Richard Schofield

Richard Tunnicliffe

Simon Amor

Steve Wickers

Sue Roper

Tom Stead

Norwich Airport

Network Rail

Confederation of British industry

Highways England

First Group

Suffolk County Council

Network Rail

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Finch explained Mark Pendlington had asked if he could stand in as Chair as Mark was unable to make the meeting.

2. Minutes and matters arising Tuesday 6th June

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th June were agreed.

3. Norwich Northern Distributor Road presentation

Ian Taylor presented an aerial video of the Norwich Northern Distributor Road. Some key points were:

- Postwick Hub opened Christmas 2015
- 8 bridges in all over the NNDR
- There were multiple public utility diversions.
- There will be a green bridge on a disused railway.
- Construction is aiming to be completed around March 2018.

Richard Perkins stated he was delighted that the road is coming forward as it will improve access.

Ian informed the Board that the DCO process meant the site clearance was advanced to commence before the nesting season.

Tracy Jessop explained that the route is through untouched land on a live network, changes to the weather may change things last minute resulting in disruption. The PR presence on Facebook with immediate updates has received a positive response as people appreciate the fact that things change.

4. Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing presentation

Mark Kemp presented to the Board. The presentation is attached.

The following points came up in discussion:

- Linking cycling and walking routes to the Broads is another benefit as connectivity is important to maintain.
- Mark informed the Board that NCC is in dialogue with the Port and they are involved in the development of the scheme.

- Ali Clabburn enquired as to whether the public may be confused by the fact there are currently two projects using the title of Third River Crossings, one at Great Yarmouth and the other in Lowestoft.
- Mark informed the Board that both Crossings were presented on the media last night side by side and stated that Lowestoft Lake Lothing Third River Crossing is a year ahead of the Great Yarmouth Crossing.
- David Cumming supported the work underway in Lowestoft and informed the Board of a package of around £11m of Growth Deal that is being spent in Great Yarmouth to overcome congestion and sustainable transport problems.
- Chris Starkie also explained that the case is strengthened further for the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing by Highways England's proposals for Vauxhall and Gapton.
- Cllr Finch suggested making sure the Lake Lothing and Great Yarmouth Third River Crossings are integrated and that the communications teams are clear on the scheme names.
- Richard Perkins stated his support for the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing as it helps to provide connections between Enterprise Zones, it is important for South Denes and really beneficial to the nearby businesses as there are lots of energy companies based nearby.
- Richard Taylor explained that in relation to the Lowestoft Lake Lothing Third River Crossing there is a lengthy asset protection process which is there for good reasons, therefore early engagement into any schemes is always beneficial.
- Mark informed the Board that the scheme will cost around £120m and around 20% will be locally funded. The bridge is likely to lift around 15 times a day.

ACTION: HG to circulate the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing presentation.

5. Integrated Transport Strategy

David Cumming introduced the Integrated Transport Strategy item which has been developed alongside the Norfolk and Suffolk Economic Strategy. There is still a bit more work that we felt needed doing. The Strategy is going to be published after the Norfolk and Suffolk Economic Strategy in October, this will allow the document to take account of the Autumn Budget, further work on the Action Plan and allow us to plan for further events including engagement with Government, civil servants and with Ministers. The final version will go through the adoption process in autumn and receive sign off through the Local Transport Board and New Anglia LEP Board.

ACTION: All please send any Integrated Transport Strategy comments to Lisa Roberts at the New Anglia LEP.

Nick Burfield reiterated his previous comments explaining how important Haverhill is, the fact that the A1307 appears to be missing, the map on page

18 has no road to Haverhill and that London Stansted appears to be undervalued.

ACTION: Nick Burfield to invite Lisa Roberts, David Cumming or Graeme Mateer to discuss the Integrated Transport Strategy at the next Suffolk Chamber of Commerce Transport Board on Tuesday 10th October.

Cllr Finch stated that the document needs to provide a clearer message about what we are trying to say.

Jonathan Denby explained that he would like to see a prioritised Action Plan which focuses on a clear prioritisation for rail infrastructure. Schemes such as the Great Eastern Main Line, Trowse, digital signalling, removal of level crossings and Ely. This would then set specific targets.

David Cumming explained that there was a meeting planned with Metro Dynamics that had to be cancelled due to personal reasons, he is looking to reschedule this meeting, the meeting will be looking at the Action Plan and prioritised list.

ACTION: David Cumming to rearrange the meeting to discuss the Integrated Transport Strategy.

Chris Soule informed the Board that he did have a meeting in Suffolk about the roads and how they need to be maintained. Norfolk and Suffolk are rural areas and we have lots of schemes that need to be addressed and funded. The Board needs a body of evidence to show that there may be a special funding issue.

Cllr Finch supported this and explained that the maintenance/ operational budget is a big challenge.

Ali Claburn said the Integrated Transport Strategy timetable of actions was not clear on what we are doing and when. It also anticipates the future rather than understanding the demand now. Community transport in Norfolk and Suffolk is currently suffering with insufficient internet access. We also need to make better use of what we have now.

Philip Broadbent-Yale stated he was pleased to see a focus on cycling, the transport network needs to build on collaboration between modes.

Cllr McGregor queried why the Sizewell C scheme was in the document as a case study as EDF have not currently responded to the consultation.

Cllr Finch suggested that the document needs to tie in with other documents and it needs to be crisper in how it concludes the actions lists and timetables. It needs to have fundamental principles of what those actions are.

Chris Starkie explained that the Strategy is not an Investment Plan. We are looking at creating the Action Plan between now and November during this time the document will be refined.

ACTION: All to send any images to David Cumming/ Graeme Mateer.

ACTION: NCC/ SCC and New Anglia LEP to make sure the above comments are incorporated into the Integrated Transport Strategy.

6. Transport Investment Strategy

Graeme Mateer circulated a paper explaining an A140 study, a new major roads network, including potential funding, and bids made by Norfolk for Hempnall and Suffolk for Eye Airfield through the National Productivity Investment Fund. The A140 is on the current Rees Jeffreys major road network map but not the A12.

Karl Murphy stated that a consultation is expected in late autumn.

ACTION: HG to circulate the A140 study paper.

7. Updates

- **New Anglia LEP Board**

Chris Starkie updated the Board. Mark Pendlington will be stepping down as Chair of the New Anglia LEP at the LEP AGM on Wednesday 20th September. The new Chair will be Doug Field. The LEP Board has also appointed two new representatives: Dominic Keen and Sandy Ruddock from Suffolk. The LEP has asked PWC to review its operations and processes as it has grown in scale and substance in the past 3 to 4 years and the LEP wants to ensure systems and processes are as effective and transparent as they can. The Board is reviewing its recommendations at its meeting on 20 September. The review has looked at the sub Boards and their terms of reference. The Norfolk and Suffolk Economic Strategy has been developed with local authority and business leaders and the LEP are currently going through the first draft with stakeholders receiving lots of positive feedback. The Strategy will be signed off at the October LEP Board and will go through all 16 local authority sign off processes before then. Government has also announced a review of LEPs. The Conservative manifesto explained that funding is going to continue being given to LEPs.

- **Chambers of Commerce**

Nick Burfield explained that the Chamber have produced a brochure to promote the A14 in their RIS submission.

ACTION: HG to circulate No More A14 Delays in Suffolk brochure.

Nova Fairbank informed the Board of the upcoming A47 Alliance business breakfast being held on Thursday 9th November in Great Yarmouth.

- **Road (Highways England, DfT)**

David Abbot informed the Board that the A47 preferred routes were recently announced with the next milestone being the statutory

consultation in early 2018. The publication of the Strategic Road Network Initial Report is expected in November 2017. The deadline for the latest road for growth and housing funds is Friday, the purpose of the fund is to support developments that are held up due to lack of funding to deal with strategic road network obstacles.

Karl Murphy updated the Board about the National Productivity Investment Fund which has £490m to be spent in 2018/19, 2019/20, an announcement on bids is anticipated in the autumn.

- **Air (Norwich, Stansted)**

No updates.

- **Rail (Network Rail, Greater Anglia, East Midlands, East West Rail)**

Ollie Starbuck informed the Board that the East Midlands Rail Franchise is currently out for public consultation. The consultation closes on Wednesday 11th October.

Richard Taylor informed the Board that work was soon to be underway to look at options at the Trowse Bridge. Work is also expected to start in October on the Felixstowe Loop with completion expected in May 2019.

ACTION: Richard Taylor/ Joseph Chroston- Bell to share work on Trowse with David Cumming at Norfolk County Council.

Jonathan Denby explained that Greater Anglia has had an extensive look at its new trains and has received over 1,000 comments from the public. A number of the trains are currently being refurbished. Greater Anglia is also working with DfT to try to change the compensation process. He referred to media stories about potential industrial action by train staff. He explained that Greater Anglia is planning to retain all conductors along its routes, but is proposing that, on some services, drivers operate the doors thus freeing up other staff to “do the things that customers like.” There is no proposal for reducing the numbers of train staff. Jonathan said that one project which would make a big difference to increasing service frequency is Haughley Junction improvements.

- **Ports (Great Yarmouth, Felixstowe)**

No updates.

- **Buses (First, Ipswich)**

No updates.

- **Liftshare**

Ali Clabburn explained that Liftshare has updated all of their digital platforms. You can now reserve parking when making bookings. Liftshare is also trialling an MTP in North Norfolk which shows different transport options and community transport. There may be an opportunity to integrate this with Google Transit. Liftshare is also lobbying DfT to use Norwich as a demonstration area for car sharing.

- **Sustrans**

Philip Broadbent-Yale is currently working with the Broads Authority looking at way making for East Norfolk.

8. Any other business

There was no other business.

9. Date of the next meeting

10.30-12.30 on Tuesday 28th November in Ipswich.