

Local Transport Board Meeting Note
10.30-12.30 Tuesday 19th June 2018
Rose Room, Endeavour House, Ipswich, IP1 2BX.

Board Attendance:

Sue Roper
Richard Perkins
Simon Amor
Paul Martin
Nick Burfield
Jonathan Rudd
Jonathan Denby
Christopher Soule
Ellen Goodwin
Cllr Mary Evans
Graeme Mateer
Paul Horne
Nova Fairbank
Philip Broadbent- Yale
Roger Geffen
Cllr Judy Oliver
Hannah Grimes
David Cumming

Suffolk County Council
Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Highways England
First Group
Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
New Anglia LEP
Greater Anglia
CLA
New Anglia LEP
Suffolk County Council
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Norfolk Chamber of Commerce
Sustrans
Cycling UK
Norfolk County Council
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Apologies:

Ali Clabburn
Doug Field
John Dugmore
Jonathan Cage
Larry Heyman
Cllr Martin Wilby
Richard Pace
Cllr Stuart Clancy
Chris Starkie
Steve Wickers
Emily Manser
Tom Stead
Lee Sambrook
Ollie Starbuck
Paul Davey

Liftshare
New Anglia LEP
Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Norfolk Chamber of Commerce
GT Railway
Norfolk County Council
Norwich Airport
Norfolk County Council
New Anglia LEP
First Group
New Anglia LEP
Network Rail
DfT
East Midlands Trains
Felixstowe Port

Public attendance:

Carolyn Barnes
Jeff Holdcroft

East Suffolk District Council
Transport East representative for Suffolk
District Councils

1. Welcome and introductions

Cllr Evans welcomed the Board.

2. Minutes and matters arising Friday 23rd February

The minutes from 23rd February were agreed.

3. Updates

- **Chambers of Commerce**

Nova Fairbank stated that the Chamber are supporting the A47 JustDualIt! Campaign with postcards available electronically and at the office. The Chamber are attending the Norfolk Show next week and the EDP and Norfolk County Council are exhibiting. The Chamber have been pushing to keep the Norwich to Liverpool line as a direct route in the franchise but it appears they are going to split the route at Nottingham. The Chamber also supports the Norwich Western Link.

Nick Burfield informed the Board that he is due to meet Jesse Norman MP next week. He also explained there is work ongoing on the A1307 pre strategic outline business stage.

Chris Soule enquired as to funding for small roads in Suffolk.

Cllr Evans explained that the condition of Highways is important to the new Suffolk County Council administration along with improving delivery but there is a restricted budget but happy to explain in detail after the meeting.

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

Simon Amor explained that the six A47 schemes are on track with consultations in early autumn. There is expected to be an Oxford to Cambridge expressway corridor announcement this summer. It is anticipated there will be a RIS 2 announcement 12 months from now so try and push the case this year. Following the poor weather earlier in the year the condition of roads has been poor with a number of pot holes, Highways England has spent £9m across the region on improvements.

David Cumming inquired about the national delivery of trunk road schemes and if there is a limit or flexibility around costs.

Simon Amor explained there is a cost window if the costs go outside of this a case would need to be made to the Highways England or DfT.

- **Air (Norwich, Stansted)**

No updates.

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

Jonathan Denby explained that Greater Anglia have had a mixed performance due to the severe weather in March and last week's problem with points outside Liverpool Street. The local lines are performing well.

The new trains are on schedule with the first two on regional routes built.

The first two trains will arrive in November followed by six months of

training. The first trains will be in service in May 2019. The delivery of the Norwich in 90 will be at the end of May 2019 the services will be delivered due to the new trains which can be delivered without any infrastructure improvements.

Chris Soule asked how many years before we get a fully functioning network?

Jonathan Denby explained that infrastructure improvements will only be realised if we are collectively effective. Improvements at Haughley could potentially be in 2021/22, Network Rail are updating funding costs. Trowse Bridge would need some legislation repealed but otherwise the scheme could potentially start in 2024. The loops and digital signalling are less developed, Ely has received funding and is supported by both LEPs who have funded development work with final costings expected in spring 2019.

Nick Burfield asked about whether the Manningtree depot site was still being pursued.

Jonathan Denby said it will be another 6-8 weeks before Greater Anglia finalise and announce anything.

ACTION: Officers to talk to Richard Taylor (Network Rail) to ask for a rough view on costs and what he thinks the level of third party contribution would be to get rail schemes over the line.

Cllr Evans explained that the counties in the Eastern Section need to be more prepared for East West Rail meetings with pre meetings and organising substitutes.

David Cumming agreed. He stated that the East West Rail should be a strategic high-speed line which opens up the full line. The western section have agreed with government that their section should be a commuter rail with is unlikely to serve us.

David Cumming provided the update on behalf of Tom Stead for Network Rail. Network Rail are conducting a strategic review of our long term plans for the GEML to align with up to date housing and employment data and the rolling stock changes. This is in line with Network Rail's change in long term planning process, which sees them move away from route study to a modular process known as continuous modular strategic planning. They will be working closely with stakeholders (local authorities and train and freight operators) throughout this work stream. There are no further updates on Haughley Junction, work is progressing as discussed previously to develop the scheme up to GRIP3, which could allow for the development of an outline business case.

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

No updates.

- **Buses (First, Ipswich)**

Paul Martin updated the Board. First has had an increase in patronage, as previously mentioned there are now new ticket machines on buses which

went out in mid-May, passengers can also make contactless payment which already represent 10% of payments. First wants to see cash making up less than 20% as it improves the speed of boarding. Funding has been secured from Highways England looking at public transport along the A47, and P&R signage in Ipswich. Worked with Norfolk and Suffolk on their transforming cities bids.

- **Liftshare**
No update.
- **Sustrans**
Philip Broadbent-Yale updated the Board. The Broads Authority are looking at cycling in Norfolk and Suffolk and there were expressions of interest made to the LEP for schemes in Great Yarmouth and the Broads. Norfolk County Council's recycling the railways schemes are providing new opportunities for cycling and walking there is also an overlap with Dutch way-marking for recreation and health. Sustrans are looking towards partners to maintain connectivity. He stated that it would be helpful if Highways England look at severance management options like flyovers or crossings on the A47 and A14. Great Yarmouth Borough Council are looking at improving their gateways with the potential for bid to improve the Vauxhall Bridge.
- **New Anglia LEP Board (GEML and Ely taskforce)**
Ellen Goodwin updated the Board. The LEP are refreshing their evidence base regarding the GEML to establish when it is best to lobby and what the priorities are. The Board noted that having a business chair as well as a political chair would be beneficial. Visiting chancellor 4th July to discuss Ely area improvements.

4. Pros and Cons of Automated Vehicles

Roger Geffen presented to the Board.

Nick Burfield informed the Board there is an Electric Vehicle driver day being held in Suffolk on 4th October.

Sue Roper suggested that authorities should promote all sustainable travel. Suffolk County Council are reviewing the design guide looking at development in the future. EVs are new and attracting funding but we need to ensure cycling and walking doesn't lose out.

5. Integrated Transport Strategy Delivery Plan

Ellen Goodwin explained that the Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS) has been agreed by the LEP Board. The LEP are now looking at the supporting Delivery Plan for the Economic Strategy as well as the ITS. Ellen asked if anyone had any comments on the working draft ITS Delivery Plan circulated.

Cllr Evans pointed out that on page 5 of the ITS itself colleagues felt that Felixstowe was undersold due to the difference in millions and thousands of tonnes.

ACTION: All to send any comments to Ellen by Tuesday 31st July 2018.

Nick Burfield asked Ellen if she was attending the Suffolk Chamber's Transport and Infrastructure Board meeting and Nova asked if Ellen was attending Norfolk's equivalent Board and if the King's Lynn and Norwich to Liverpool half hourly services could be added to the Delivery Plan. Ellen confirmed attendance at both meetings.

6. Transport East update

David Cumming updated the Board explaining that Transport East is looking to become a sub national transport body and currently New Anglia LEP, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Thurrock and Southend are members. The forum includes upper tier authorities and one district council representative from each County, there have been some discussions to include other interests such as members on this Local Transport Board.

Jeff Holdcroft stated there needs to be impetus behind it. We need to see plans come to fruition and we need clear actions and priorities. We also need to think about how we take on comments from other interests.

Nova Fairbank stated that the Chamber would like a seat at the table.

Jonathan Denby said it was important to add more than just local authorities' voices there needs to be sector expertise which can focus on certain areas.

Ellen Goodwin explained there is currently only one private sector member at Transport East.

David Cumming agreed the work of Transport East has mainly looked at a work programme of development on a transport strategy and lobbying for improvements. There has been little about how to involve a wider forum, can bring comments up at a meeting on Friday. Transport East would need parliamentary time to form into a sub national transport body there is currently no time in this parliament. Some years into 2020s which provides an opportunity to make sure we get it right.

ACTION: Officers to identify how to get businesses and other organisations voices heard within Transport East.

7. Major Road Network

Graeme Mateer updated the Board. The local authorities have submitted their responses to the Major Road Network consultation. DfT are expected to make an announcement this summer. The value of schemes that can be submitted range from £20-100m although some schemes under £20m could be considered. In the autumn DfT will publish guidance. DfT want some schemes that they can do early which could potentially be the A140 Long Stratton Bypass as they want to see a start in 2021.

David Cumming explained that Transport East support the A140 Long Stratton Bypass and their endorsement would encourage government to listen.

8. Ports and logistics sector skills plan

Ellen Goodwin explained the ports and logistics sector skills plan was for information given the Board's previous involvement. She also noted that there was currently no group identified to help take forward the identified actions.

9. Any other business

- Suggestions for future agendas
- Changing meeting times

It was agreed to change the meeting times with a 9am Board and 11am Body.

Chris Soule suggested mind maps be used for lobbying.