

Local Transport Board Meeting Note
10.30-12.30 Tuesday 6th June 2017
Players Suite, Portman Road football ground, Ipswich

Board Attendance:

Cllr Martin Wilby	Norfolk County Council
Hannah Grimes	Norfolk County Council
David Cumming	Norfolk County Council
Emily Manser	New Anglia LEP
Chris Starkie	New Anglia LEP
Mark Pendlington	New Anglia LEP
Jamie Burles	Greater Anglia
Richard Pace	Norwich International Airport
Giles Perkins	Mouchel Ltd
Tom Stead	Network Rail
Simon Amor	Highways England
Andrew Cook	Ipswich Buses
Paul Davey	Hutchinson Ports
Karl Murphy	DfT
Belinda Godbold	Suffolk County Council
Richard Perkins	Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Cllr Guy McGregor	Suffolk County Council
Cllr James Finch	Suffolk County Council
Graeme Mateer	Suffolk County Council
Paul Horne	Suffolk County Council
Tracy Jessop	Norfolk County Council
Vince Muspratt	Norfolk County Council
Philip Broadbent- Yale	Sustrans
Nick Burfield	Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Jon Barnard	Suffolk County Council
Suzanne Buck	Suffolk County Council
Laurie Egan	Norfolk County Council
Steve Wickers	First Buses

Public attendance:

Carolyn Barnes	Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils
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Apologies:

Andrew Bell	Norwich International Airport
Charles Horton	GT Railway
Chris Soule	Country Land Owners and Business Associations
Larry Heyman	GT Railway
Martin Fellows	Highways England
Ollie Starbuck	East Midlands trains

Richard Schofield
Richard Tunnicliffe
Sue Roper
Dave Watson
Cllr Stuart Clancy
Jonathan Cage
Nova Fairbank
William Hall
Chris Wiggan

Network Rail
Confederation of British industry
Suffolk County Council
Suffolk County Council
Norfolk County Council
Norfolk Chamber of Commerce
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Stansted Airport
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1. Welcome and Introductions

Mark Pendlington welcomed the Board.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st March were agreed.

3. Buses deep dive

Laurie Egan and Steve Wickers presented to the Board. The presentation is attached.

Belinda Godbold also presented to the Board about Total Transport. The presentation is attached

4. Integrated Transport Strategy (during the meeting this item followed item 5)

Chris Starkie provided some background to the Board. The Integrated Transport Strategy and review of the Economic strategy have been aligned with each other. The evidence has now been collected ready for the Economic Strategy and over the next few weeks there will be a range of workshops. The Transport Strategy will be going to the July LEP Board ready for sign off with the intention of launching the Strategy at Westminster in September.

Giles Perkins updated the Board on progress with the Transport Strategy. The Strategy is striking a balance between the problems of today and challenges in the future by looking at the economy of the East and changes in transport. We need to find ways of keeping people economically active in an aging population. The Transport Strategy is being written from the view of the East and is considering changes at a spatial level. The text circulated for the meeting will form the glossy document which will be around 28 pages. Giles also mentioned the need for an Action Plan which will look at who, why and what needs to be undertaken.

Mark Pendlington asked the Board if they feel their area of expertise was fairly represented.

The Board felt the Strategy underplays:

- Stansted: its importance to the area and its economy, and the importance of links to it as there is a huge capacity that needs to be realised.
- Haverhill: A large, growing town of increasing importance and the importance of its connections to Cambridge.
- Cycling and walking: their importance
- Importance of the East's 'Golden Triangle' (Cambridge, Ipswich, and Norwich) and the lack of reference to the Platinum triangle.
- Importance of Great Yarmouth / Lowestoft economy which appear to be dismissed as coastal
- Liftshare as it is not just located in Norwich.

Giles informed the Board that he expects to have the draft glossy document next week. It will include the above comments from the Board.

5. Upper Orwell Crossings and Lowestoft Lake Lothing Crossing

Suzanne Buck presented to the Board about the Upper Orwell Crossings. The presentation is attached.

Jon Barnard presented to the Board about the Lowestoft Lake Lothing Crossing. The presentation is attached.

6. Updates

LEP Board

Chris Starkie informed the Board of a review being undertaken looking at the governance and operation of the LEP. He explained that DCLG have also reviewed the LEP's processes throughout the country. He explained that there are currently 25 capital projects underway across Growth Deal 1, 2 and 3. Chris informed the Board that funding has been provided for the wine rack in Ipswich and that Proserv is relocating to Beacon Park on a 20 year lease with construction starting on a new building yesterday. £10m has also been put toward the East Coast College. Business support has also now been provided to over 6,000 businesses.

Sub National Transport Bodies

Further discussions are needed with neighbouring counties.

Road

Simon Amor updated the Board explaining that in the current road programme there are six schemes on the A47 and some on the A12. Highways England have carried out public consultation and expect to announce the outcomes later this year.

Air

Richard Pace updated the Board explaining that Norwich International Airport have had a good year to the end of March with more leisure flights. There are now around 520,000 passengers a year. The Airport Masterplan consultation has also now finished and the airport have spent over £1m on taxi ranks.

Rail

Jamie Burles updated the Board and stated that the 1,000 new carriages are broadly on track. There is also enabling works being undertaken such as power upgrades, platform extensions, level crossings and work on a new depo which are also broadly on track.

The East Midlands Trains update is attached.

Tom Stead from Network Rail explained that in Felixstowe there is a public enquiry following the Transport and Works Act Order.

Ports

Felixstowe is on the main alliance for controlling shipping capacity for two out of three areas. Brexit may have an impact on shipping. The largest container ship in the world will be arriving at Felixstowe on 21st June.

Buses

Following the earlier presentation there was no further buses update.

Liftshare

There was no update.

Sustrans

Philip Broadbent- Yale informed the Board that sustrans are undertaking an audit of the national cycle network.

ACTION: HG to add sustrans to the agenda.

7. Date of next meeting

10.30-12.30 Tuesday 5th September in Norwich.