

**Local Transport Board Meeting Note
10.30-12.30 Wednesday 1st March 2017
Cranworth Room, County Hall, Norwich**

Board Attendance:

Giles Perkins	Mouchel
Peter Ramsey	Mouchel
Margot Tancred	Norfolk County Council
Kathryn Deacon	Norfolk County Council
Ali Clabburn	Liftshare
Johnathan Denby	Greater Anglia
Steve Wickers	First Group
Paul Horne	Suffolk County Council
Graeme Mateer	Suffolk County Council
Sue Roper	Suffolk County Council
Cllr Guy McGregor	Suffolk County Council
Paul Davey	Felixstowe Port
Richard Perkins	Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Richard Pace	Norwich International Airport
Cllr Stuart Clancy	Norfolk County Council
Cllr Martin Wilby	Norfolk County Council
Mark Pendlington	New Anglia LEP
Chris Starkie	New Anglia LEP
Emily Manser	New Anglia LEP
Christopher Soule	Country Land Owners and Business Associations
Amelia Brookman	Highways England
Nigel Allsopp	Highways England
David Cumming	Norfolk County Council
Vince Muspratt	Norfolk County Council
Philip Broadbent-Yale	Sustrans
Gerard Whelan	KPMG
James Cutting	East of England Programme Manager (Wider South East Collaboration Programme on Infrastructure and Growth)
Dan Aylward	KPMG
Hannah Grimes	Norfolk County Council

Public attendance:

Carolyn Barnes	Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils
Justin Segrave-Daly	Waveney District Council
Michael Newsham	Ipswich Borough Council

Apologies:

Andrew Bell
Caroline Williams
Charles Horton
Chris Wiggan
Cllr James Finch
Jamie Burles
John Dugmore
Larry Heyman
Richard Schofield
Richard Tunnicliffe
Karl Murphy
Dave Watson
Martin Fellows
Oliver Starbuck
Rob Bellamy

Norwich International Airport
Norfolk Chamber of Commerce
GT Railway
Stansted Airport
Suffolk County Council
Greater Anglia
Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
GT Railway
Network Rail
Confederation of British industry
DfT
Suffolk County Council
Highways England
East Midlands Trains
Ipswich Buses

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed delegates and gave his apologies – he will be leaving at 11:45 but a replacement Chair (Cllr Martin Wilby) will be taking over.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

The December 1st minutes were agreed.

Due to travel disruptions, it was agreed to postpone items 3, 4 and 6 of the agenda until the relevant delegates could arrive at the meeting.

Two actions from the December 1st minutes were discussed. The East Midlands meeting has not yet occurred, so this action will continue to next month. The East Midlands consultation has yet to happen - David Cumming will contact all those involved once this has happened.

A brief report on the Local Transport Body meeting, held March 1st 2017 from 9:00am to 10:30am was given for the benefit of those who were not present. There has been approximately £8 million approved to four projects, including the Great Yarmouth Rail Interchange, the Norwich Guardian Road junction and Ipswich radial. The LEP will recommend to the LEP Board that £3.3 million be allocated towards the Ely area rail enhancements.

5. Growth Deal

Chris Starkie outlined that £69 million has been received for Growth Deal Three from central government (Growth Deal parts 1 and 2 were awarded a total of £220 million). There are around 28 projects active at the moment, in addition to the four agreed upon in the Body meeting on the 1st March. The £69 million for Growth Deal

three is the fourth or fifth biggest of the LEP allocations so far, secured by the deliverability of the schemes and the potential private sector leverage. Of this £69 million, £10 million is allocated to the Lowestoft flood defences, £10 million to the Norwich northern distributor road, £15 million to an innovation and productivity fund, £12m to an Enterprise Zone Accelerator fund and £22 million to capital infrastructure funds. This funding is likely to arrive in 2018/19 - 2020/21.

Following this update, Cllr Martin Wilby flagged up the three Norfolk highways projects agreed as priorities: Long Stratton bypass, Norwich Western Link and Great Yarmouth Third Rive Crossing. He hoped that these would receive future funding. Cllr Guy McGregor raised the importance of funding work on Lowestoft Bridge. This will become more important if the construction of Sizewell C goes ahead. Also flagged up for future discussion was the constant cost of maintaining roads in Norfolk and Suffolk.

The Chair noted that the Local Transport Body pipeline prioritisation project, discussed in the Local Transport Body meeting of 1st March 2017, would be of use here. This will be discussed in the next meeting in June.

ACTION: SCC will conduct an initial study of the A140 and all will consider the issue of prioritisation.

David Cumming noted that the Integrated Transport Strategy would be a valuable document in setting out the potential of the area and the transport investments required. Richard Perkins agreed and noted that the DfT Executive Committee had noted the absence of such a strategy in their recent visit. A Board member asked if there had been any outcomes from this. It was suggested that a Westminster visit should be arranged in the near future and the Chair stated the importance of continuous lobbying.

The Chair reminded the delegates that there are other ways of funding as opposed to just publically financed funding. It is important to make funds go further, as the money available to spend is limited. Thus far this has been done efficiently.

ACTION: The New Anglia LEP investment map will be circulated with the minutes to provide an overview.

ACTION: The Board will follow-up the Executive Committee visit for an update.

4. Integrated Transport Strategy

Giles Perkins from Mouchel gave a presentation, which is summarised below and circulated with the minutes. The presentation covered expected and possible changes and strategies up to 2030, then covered an overview of possible scenarios for 2030 and finished with the possible next steps in 2040 and beyond. The main changes are technological (increases in digital infrastructure, automation, changes in transport technology) and changes in employment models (such as the spread of peak travel times, increase in people working remotely).

The key features of the presentation were stated to be policy and agility. The importance of agility and deliverability in order for people to have confidence was stressed. The question was raised if it would make any sense to retain some money for agile work, if the need arises to act quickly.

The Chair requested that questions and comments be reserved for the Transport Strategy Reference Group after this meeting.

3. Sustrans Deep Dive

Philip Broadbent-Yale from Sustrans gave a presentation, which is summarised below and circulated with the minutes. He introduced Sustrans as a company and went over some of their recent accomplishments. The economic benefits of cycling were stressed, in particular the contribution of £2.9 billion to the UK in 2015 with 3.6 million bikes sold that year, as was the various health and social benefits of cycling schemes. He also covered the benefit cost ratio of the cycle city scheme, it having a 5.5:1 benefit cost ratio. In comparison, the Norwich Northern Distributor Road has a 4.1:1 ratio.

6. Wider South East Planning

James Cutting gave a presentation on planning within the wider south-eastern area encompassing London, the East and the South East, which is summarised below and circulated with the minutes. This would involve engagement between all three areas and co-operative working on road and rail strategic corridor routes as well as co-operative lobbying opportunities.

The possibility of integrating work on the A47 was raised. James Cutting acknowledges that this is a notable absence. The work being done now is a first step and expansions beyond this will come up later in the year. It was also noted that this is a good intermediary to the sub-national transport body. Knowing priorities from this establishes a good position to go back to central government. However, it is important to make sure that the individual voices of Suffolk and Norfolk are not lost.

The Board now needs to provide ongoing support, information sharing and assistance in identifying the critical next stages.

7. Airports National Policy Statement Consultation

Richard Pace gave a presentation which is summarised below and circulated with the minutes. The draft Airports National Policy Statement consultation closes on 25th May 2017 - any questions on this need to be submitted as soon as possible. The Airspace consultation on noise was also covered, and was the Aviation strategy, which is not yet published.

ACTION: All - any responses to the draft Airports National Policy Statement need to be submitted as soon as possible to Richard Pace. In addition please send any

comments to David Cumming to allow NCC to draft a response on the Local Transport Board's behalf. Please send any comments by Monday 27th March.

8. Updates

8.1 Greater Anglia Rail Plan

The importance of keeping this infrastructure going was stressed, along with the importance of ensuring that Network Rail keeps in view what we want to be done.

8.2 NALEP Board

Chris Starkie outlined that evidence is being gathered and specialist support procured for the development of a new economic strategy. This will be finished in March/April, the document will be drafted in June/July and the first draft published towards the end of the summer.

8.3 Local Transport Major Schemes

All the schemes are on track, with the business case for Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing due to be submitted at the end of March and construction due to begin in the early 2020s.

8.4 Sub National Transport Bodies

There will be a dedicated meeting on 30th March to discuss this amongst representatives of the local authorities concerned.

8.5 Road

Nigel Allsopp reported that the works on renumbering the A12 as the A47 between Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft are almost complete. The A47 schemes due to be constructed as part of the Roads Investment Strategy (RIS) 1 consultation will begin in March. Nigel reported that work continues on development of a programme for RIS2 (2020-2025) and thanked those who submitted evidence last year. The LEP will respond to the A12 and A120 consultation after the deadline.

8.6 Air

Richard Pace reported that Norwich Airport is growing well, with a masterplan to be circulated to stakeholders in due course.

8.7 Rail

Jonathan Denby outlined that, due to previous investing in the existing fleets, they are now much more reliable. The local units (Class 170) are now 15-18 years old and so there is a major refurbishment programme underway. The programme to

deliver new trains by 2019/20 is on schedule. A £70 million investment will result in a new maintenance/service depot at Brantham near Manningtree.

Issues were raised about seating, safety, provision of toilets and catering on the new stock and inner-city rolling stock. A request was made to see the seating layout of this stock. There are some steps to address these issues, however more detail and a timeline will not be known until nearer the time.

The importance of consistency of messaging on key projects was re-iterated.

8.8 Ports

No updates.

8.9 Buses

No new updates, but the mention of smaller sized buses in the Integrated Transport Strategy presentation was highlighted. Issues surrounding disabled access on buses were also highlighted.

8.10 Liftshare

Ali Clabburn reported that nationally car sharing journeys are set to double from 1 million to 2 million. Locally, it was introduced at Anglian Water and 40% of staff signed up within two weeks. Co-operation with sites such as the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and organisations such as Park & Ride, cycling schemes and Stagecoach is progressing well. In the future, there may be an opportunity to present to the Department for Transport and civil servants to bring attention to this scheme.

9. AOB

There was no other business.

Items for next agenda – Buses deep dive – all.

10. Date of next meeting

10:30-12:30 Tuesday 6th June in Ipswich