

New Anglia Local Transport Board

Meeting Note

9.00am – 11.00am Tuesday 27th November 2018
Cranworth Room, Norfolk County Council, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH

Board Attendance

Simon Amor	Highways England
Jamie Burles	Greater Anglia
Ali Clabburn	Liftshare
David Cumming	Norfolk County Council
Cllr Mary Evans	Suffolk County Council
Doug Field (Chair)	New Anglia LEP
Jonathan Cage	Norfolk Chamber of Commerce
Paul Davey	Hutchison Ports
Ellen Goodwin	New Anglia LEP
Hannah Grimes	Norfolk County Council
Rizwaan Hanid	Network Rail
Paul Horne	Suffolk County Council
Graeme Mateer	Suffolk County Council
Richard Pace	Norwich Airport
Jonathan Rudd	New Anglia LEP
Rajinder Sharma	Transport Systems Catapult
Chris Soule	Country Landowners Association
Cllr Martin Wilby	Norfolk County Council
Helen Wilton	New Anglia LEP

Apologies

Duncan Cale	EM Trains
Nova Fairbank	Norfolk Chamber of Commerce
Martin Fellows	Highways England
Larry Heyman	GT Railway
Richard Perkins	Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Oliver Starbuck	EM Trains
Richard Tunnicliffe	CBI

1. Welcome and Introductions

Doug Field welcomed Board Members to the meeting

2. Minutes and matters arising Tuesday 18th September

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2018 were confirmed.

3. Future Direction of the Board

Doug Field updated the meeting on the decision made at the LEP Board to amalgamate the Local Transport Body and Board into a single Board tasked with developing and implementing the Integrated Transport Strategy Delivery Plan. Decisions regarding funding will be made by the Investment and Appraisal Committee.

There were no questions and it was agreed that the Terms of Reference would be updated to reflect the change and reported back to the next meeting **EG**

4. Updates

The meeting was provided with updates on major issues and developments. Key points are as follows:

Norfolk CoC: met with Greater Norwich Local Plan team – concern about integration of transport. NCC reassured that the work of the Local Plan and the Norwich Area Transportation Strategy was aligned.

Suffolk CoC:

- Campaign continuing in build up to RIS2 announcement in mid-2019;
- HoC meeting with Roads Minister Jesse Norman MP to press case;
- A14 Strategy Board under Mark Pendlington as new chair held;
- New marketing material being prepared: 'Britain's Premier Trade Route';
- Liaised with Suffolk MPs' on autumn budget ask;
- HoC reception planned for 23 January 2019; and
- A14/rail corridor study being developed.

A47 Alliance pushing the case for two schemes in RIS2: Acle Straight and Tilney to East Winch dualling.

Current NCC consultation on the Norwich Western Link.

RIS2 response in autumn budget.

Norwich Airport Masterplan still in development. Working with the City Council and making wider infrastructure links including public transport.

It was suggested that Transforming Cities ought to be wider than the Greater Norwich area given commuting patterns¹

Rail - The first new Greater Anglia train has been received in Norwich and testing is due to begin shortly with 56 more to follow. The service will start in May 2019 and is a major step in the Norwich in 90 campaign. The new trains will see a significant quality uplift for regional routes in particular. Current bid in for digital signalling which would deliver further benefits.

Ports – concern was noted about business skills to complete Customs Declarations post-BREXIT. The meeting discussed the matter and it was agreed that this was not for LTB to pursue and members should contact their MPs with any concerns.

Now the Felixstowe branch line is almost complete the number 1 infrastructure priority of the Port of Felixstowe is Ely.

Liftshare – update on funding applications and the Board was advised that

¹ <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/major-projects-and-improvement-plans/norwich/transforming-cities-application>

Norwich would be designated as a sharing city from early 2019. The meeting discussed the challenges of lift sharing for under 18s due to safeguarding.

5. Lower Thames Crossing Consultation

Ellen Goodwin advised that the consultation is now underway and a draft response for review and comment was presented. Board members agreed the draft response be submitted without amendment.

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It was noted that a response is also being prepared by Transport East which will reflect our response.

6. Ely area improvements – presentation

Rizwaan Hanid from Network Rail presented to the Board detailing the issues faced in the Ely area and the proposed solution for addressing them in particular around level crossings and the issues of building in an area of environmental significance.

It was noted that landowners in the area faced different issues and these were being addressed in consultation.

The meeting discussed the improved capacity targets and was advised that the work was focussing on the capacity in the Ely area only as there were other areas outside of the control of the project which would also affect capacity i.e. Haughley.

Presentation to be circulated

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7. Transport East update

David Cumming updated the meeting on the progress of the Transport East programme and advised that work has begun on the production of a transport strategy with a view to the strategy and the implementation plan being finalised in mid-2020.

Graeme Mateer advised that an announcement on the Major Road Network was expected from DfT before the end of the year. Norfolk County Council has put forward the Long Stratton Bypass as an early scheme for consideration. Work is ongoing to develop the supporting evidence base and views of major stakeholders are being sought. The aim is to complete by June 2019.

Ellen Goodwin advised that the Transport East Strategic Narrative to support our economic offer was included in the papers and asked for comments from the Board at the meeting or at the summit on 17th December at Trinity Park.

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The Board raised concerns that Transport East had limited communication with other stakeholders. EG confirmed that this issue had been stressed at the meetings and that the communications process was at an early stage.

Formal representation to be made from the body to Transport East to improve communications and ensure modal integration.

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8. Monitoring the Integrated Transport Strategy Delivery Plan

Doug Field asked if there were any questions on the paper included in the pack. It was proposed that a different theme would be reviewed at each meeting in the future. This was agreed by the Board.

9. AOB

No formal AOB

Date of next meeting – copies of ITS to be distributed

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9.00-11.00 am, 12 February 2019

George Hines Room, Wherstead Park, Ipswich, IP9 2BJ

Future meeting dates to be secured

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