



Bristol Transport Board
Room IP09, City Hall

Notes – 26th November 2019 11:30-14:00

Board Members Present:	Cllr Kye Dudd Melanie Watson Graham Parkhurst David Redgewell Sue Arrowsmith Peter Evans Rod Dennis	<i>Transport Portfolio Holder, Bristol City Council (Co-Chair)</i> <i>Transport Focus (Co-Chair)</i> <i>University West of England</i> <i>Equalities</i> <i>Women's Commission</i> <i>Business West</i> <i>RAC – Communications</i>	Jon Usher Patrick Maish Ann O'Driscoll Paul Hassan Roisin Tobin Sean Walsh Mark Hopwood	<i>Sustrans – Cycling, Walking</i> <i>Taxi Operators</i> <i>Business West</i> <i>Communities</i> <i>Bristol Community Ferry Boats</i> <i>Highways England</i> <i>Great Western Railway</i>
Associates Present:	David Carter	<i>WECA</i>		
Support Officers:	Alex Perry Adam Crowther	<i>Mayor's Office, Bristol City Council</i> <i>Bristol City Council</i>	Jacob Pryor Nick Carter	<i>Bristol City Council (Item 6)</i> <i>Bristol City Council (Item 7)</i>
Apologies:	Kevin Slocombe David Tunley Colin Molton	<i>Bristol City Council</i> <i>Network Rail</i> <i>Bristol City Council</i>	Rupert Cox Malcolm Green Richard Gillingham	<i>Stagecoach / Bus Operators</i> <i>UNITE</i> <i>South Gloucestershire Council</i>

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1.	Councillor Kye Dudd welcomed all of the members and associates to the fourth meeting of the Transport Board which was followed by brief introductions.		
2.	The notes of the last meeting were agreed as accurate and the apologies given were noted.		

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<p>3. Matters Arising</p>	<p>a. Bus Deal</p> <p>Cllr Kye Dudd updated the Board on the significant progress of the deal between the City Council and First Bus. There were currently 9 corridors in scope with a 5 year delivery plan, the first actual delivery would be on Service 2 in Spring 2020. Final amendments were being agreed, mainly over strengthening outcomes for customers. There would be an official signing ceremony early in 2020. As part of the deal First Bus would deliver 150 bio diesel Euro VI clean buses to further improve Bristol's air quality.</p> <p>Cllr Dudd to arrange official signing ceremony.</p> <p>b. GWR New Timetable</p> <p>Mark Hopwood (MD) outlined the benefits of the new timetable from 15 December 19. The main benefits to Bristol included faster journey times, AM and PM superfast services to London, additional London services and increased capacity on the Cardiff-Portsmouth services with 5 carriages and extra capacity using 4 car refurbished High Speed Trains on the Cardiff-Taunton services.</p> <p>There was an issue that was under discussion between GWR and Network Rail/DfT over capacity issues at Bristol Parkway meaning some local trains would only go to Filton Abbey Wood rather than Bristol Parkway at certain times. Hopefully this would be resolved in May 2020 timetable change.</p> <p>A full service booklet was available and AP undertook to circulate an electronic version after the meeting.</p> <p>Action: AP to circulate the full guide to GWR service changes highlighting the numerous improvements by email</p>	<p>Cllr Dudd</p> <p>AP</p>	<p>Jan 2020</p> <p>27/11/19</p>
<p>4. Clean Air Zone</p>	<p>Adam Crowther ran through the Clean Air Zone Proposal presentation (which had been</p>		

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<p>Proposals</p>	<p>circulated) and also set out emerging thoughts on Mass Transit Proposals.</p> <p>In the discussion that followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for support/incentives for taxis and private hire vehicles. • Concern over potential impact of tourism if coach parties diverted elsewhere. • A desire for the LA to work closely with all local bus and coach operators to encourage investment which will protect vital local services and to assist in obtaining grant funding. • A request to look at exemptions for short term rail replacement services, school buses and works services which pass through Bristol but replace individual car trips. • Consideration to be given to exempt Euro 5 taxis or give longer for compliance. • Request for more details around the boundaries adopted – specifically the Cumberland bases and Portway. • A call for a commitment to collaborate with the communities. • Clarity around communications, the initial maps were not sufficiently detailed. • An offer for the Transport Board to review the comms before release to give feedback on the clarity and understanding of information prepared. <p>The Board recognised the various challenges to implement a Clean Air Zone to meet the legal requirements without damaging the city and its residents.</p> <p>The deadline for the final business case was 28 February 2020.</p> <p>Request from Chairs:</p> <p>Further work to do on mitigations and support. BCC urged to keep up communications with stakeholders and this Board.</p>		
<p>5. Mass Transit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciate that these are emerging ideas. • Mass Transit 10-15 years away in delivery. 		

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Discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of high quality, clean vehicles, segregated highway space, 95% punctuality. Access to hospital very important. Easy interchanges needed rail-bus-mass transit. M32 options being considered. Pedestrianisation of old city likely to feature. Bids for DfT funding required. Must coordinate behavioural change, cycling and walking and bus strategy, and use planning opportunities to underpin the wider transport strategy. Opportunity to think big and deliver radical changes. 		
6. Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)	<p>A presentation had been circulated to the Board. In the discussion the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board support for the work on improving cycling and walking in the City. Coordinated work needed e.g. phase works with Bus Deal to take a whole corridor approach. Dedicated funding required for cycling and walking. LCWIP proposal is being led by WECA. Awaiting results for funding of LCWIP and then a 5 year delivery programme. <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That Cllr Kye Dudd should champion the LCWIP bid and ask the officers to prepare a delivery plan.</p>	Cllr Dudd	Feb 2020
7. Taxi and Private Hire Standards Regulation	<p>A paper on the topic had been circulated in advance. Taxis and private hire play an important role in public transport provision in the city.</p> <p>In the discussion that followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General concern that the legislation is seriously out of date (some elements 1895), 		

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	<p>and does not deal with ride sharing apps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious concerns over how to ensure accessible taxis/private hire vehicles are available. • How can LAs enforce some elements of standardisation. • Noted the Bristol standards and work of the local taxi association has improved customer service standards. • Potential for good work on standards being undermined by other authorities accepting lower standards on private hire licensing. • Discussion took place around how to discourage out of town licensed private hire (which met lower standards) including the possibility of limiting access to infrastructure such as bus lanes, however could this disadvantage consumers and would it be a sufficient deterrent? Practically it is unlikely the current legislation would allow this, therefore in the short term working with neighbouring authorities to improve standards may be the best option? <p>Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cllr Dudd submits a paper to the WECA Joint Committee, urging Bristol CC, to propose regional standardisation and cooperation and lobby government to update regulations. 2. To promote and publicise Bristol Taxi standards to give wider publicity of their existence and encourage positive choice. 		
<p>8. One City Plan – Refresh of Transport Priorities</p>	<p>A draft of the top three priorities for the Transport/Connectivity themes for each year from 2020-2029 had been circulated. This was a refresh after the initial compilation ready for the 2019 Plan launch and after a subgroup meeting and individual feedback received.</p> <p>Points made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern over capturing all views and comments made and distilling them into three actions. • Focus on transport and not ‘digital’ which will be dealt with elsewhere. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that certain targets not urgent or dramatic enough given 2030 climate target. • Are the targets ambitious enough? • View that changing mechanisms such as road pricing and/or workplace charging should be considered. Suggestion that an absolute maximum for number of car journeys should be set. • More emphasis needed on future mobility zones. • Various conflicting views have been expressed. <p>Final opportunity for comments by email to AP by Friday 29th November. Co Chairs to then pull together a final version and circulate prior to One City Plan meeting to be held on 10th January 2020.</p> <p>Action: AP to circulate final version once agreed before 31 December</p>	AP	31/12/19
9. Transport Board Terms of Reference	<p>A new Terms of Reference document had been circulated following feedback and discussion.</p> <p>The new TORs were adopted by the Board with immediate effect</p>	Agreed	26/11/19
10. AOB	<p>a. Bristol Older People’s Forum</p> <p>AP explained that the BOPF had approached the Board and wished to input on transport matters and were preparing a '10 point manifesto'. It was agreed that a subgroup be convened to meet members of their forum, discuss their issues and report back to the Transport Board</p> <p>Action: AP to set up a subgroup to meet BOPF in Jan/Feb 2020 and report back</p> <p>b. Gas Bus Delivery</p> <p>A total of 75 new bio gas buses were being delivered for First, with 9 at Avonmouth</p>	AP	25/2/2020

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	<p>ready for commissioning.</p> <p>c. WECA Bus Strategy</p> <p>It was reported that the WECA Bus Strategy would go out for public consultation in January 2020 with a desire to report back and adoption in June 2020.</p> <p>d. JSP</p> <p>It was reported that senior led discussions were ongoing on how to move forward. Once agreed a public statement would be made.</p> <p>e. Future Agenda Items</p> <p>Any future agenda items from any member should be sent by email to AP</p> <p>f. Dates for 2020</p> <p>AP to liaise with Co Chairs and propose dates for 2020.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>DC</p> <p>DC</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AP</p>	<p>Next Mtg</p> <p>Next Mtg</p> <p>25/1/2020</p> <p>31/12/19</p>