



Bristol Transport Board
 Lord Mayor's Reception Room, City Hall

Notes – 21st January 2019 13:00-15:00

Board Members Present:	Marvin Rees <i>Mayor of Bristol (Co Chair)</i> Melanie Watson <i>Transport Focus (Co Chair)</i> Malcolm Green <i>Unite – Trade Unions</i> Paul Hassan <i>Localities – Communities</i> Graham Parkhurst <i>UWE – Universities</i> Rupert Cox <i>Stagecoach – Bus Operators</i> Kevin Slocombe <i>Head of Mayor's Office</i> Colin Molton <i>Bristol City Council</i> Patrick Maish <i>Taxi Operators</i>	Jon Usher <i>Sustrans – Cycling/Walking</i> Rod Dennis <i>RAC – Communications</i> Mark Hopwood <i>GWR – Rail Operators</i> Ann O Driscoll <i>Business West</i> David Redgewell <i>Bus Users / Equalities</i>
Associates Present:	David Carter <i>WECA</i> Richard Gillingham <i>South Gloucestershire</i>	
Support Officers:	Alex Perry <i>Transport Policy Advisor</i>	Simon Cowley <i>Mayor's Office</i>
Apologies:	David Tunley <i>Network Rail</i>	
Invited:	<i>Highways England</i> <i>Bath & NE Somerset Council</i> <i>North Somerset Council</i>	

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1. Welcome	The Mayor welcomed those present to the inaugural meeting of the Bristol Transport Board. He explained how he had commissioned the Board following the recommendation of the Congestion Task Group. He explained his desire for an independent body to advise him and give recommendations. He saw it as a safe space to debate the challenges, comment on strategies, ensure that plans were coherent and to oversee delivery. Safe, reliable and accessible transport was fundamental to the		

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	<p>ongoing prosperity of the city and wanted to ensure the region was well connected and welcomed attendance from WECA and neighbouring authorities.</p> <p>He introduced his Co-Chair Melanie Watson from Transport Focus.</p> <p>Melanie explained that she was based in the South West and Transport Focus was an independent and evidence based body representing bus, road and rail users. As an organisation they were involved in other similar bodies in other core cities such as Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool.</p> <p>The Mayor sought the views of the members is what they hoped would come from the Board, the following themes emerged</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of the plans on the ground rather than just strategies • Success over the long term on many infrastructure projects take many years to delivery • Better communications to take people on the journey with us and explain how short term disruption is part of the delivery of long term real improvements 		
2. One City Plan	<p>The Mayor highlighted the key themes in the One City Plan, it was an attempt to bring together hundreds of unaligned strategies into a One City Vision bringing focus and prompt debate. He wanted it to be owned by the City and wanted to harness the collective power for the benefit of the whole city.</p> <p>In the following discussion there was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad support for the plan • A recognition this was just a starting point and the plan needed shaping • A need to work together with other Boards • A need to work closely with WECA and neighbouring authorities • The need for political and public alliance • To give a voice to the less vocal communities • A need for a clear timeline with evidence to show challenges and delivery of solutions 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A potentially powerful voice to government if the city was behind a 30 year plan, beyond electoral cycles • Interdependence, across all Boards for example economic issues affecting health outcomes affecting transport • Recognition that behavioural change can have significant impacts and it shouldn't be focused on just infrastructure • The need to help deprived communities share in the success, for example providing better transport links from South Bristol to Avonmouth connecting areas of high unemployment to available jobs. <p>He explained the governance framework with the 6 Thematic Boards (of which Connectivity/Transport was one) reported into the City Leadership Forum who then shaped the Plan and met quarterly. He wanted each Board to own their element of the Plan and to focus on 3 aims for each year.</p>	AP	Next Mtg
3. Transport Focus	<p>Melanie Watson gave a view from the consumer perspective on four key themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Performance of the Network Problems in the autumn were well known in terms of bus, rail and the road network. It's important to see individual improvement across all modes in terms of performance along with joined up delivery across modes to effectively manage demand for travel across the region. Walking and cycling play an important role in this too. 2) Resilience The resilience of the network could benefit from improvement; if an incident occurs sometimes the whole city can come to a standstill. What lessons are being learnt when dealing with incidents and how is a multi-agency response co-ordinated? 3) Infrastructure There are big plans to deliver more and better infrastructure, but how joined up is it 		

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	<p>and how much thinking is going into the delivery of the investment and the disruption this can cause across the wider network and to passengers? How is this managed and communicated across modes?</p> <p>4) Communications Is this customer orientated? Most don't recognise L.A. boundaries and aren't usually concerned over who delivers the service as long as it is reliable. Information should be timely, informative and relevant. This brings numerous challenges.</p> <p>5) Comments and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View that the Board should ensure decisions are always evidence based • Concern that Highways England should work in partnership and share evidence (HR were invited) • Taxis should not be forgotten, Bristol has 100% accessible and are working on low emissions 		
<p>4. Presentation by Jodi Savikas – Bristol City Council</p>	<p>Bristol Transport Strategy and Joint Local Transport Plan 4</p> <p>After the presentation the key points discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How representative the feedback was (2576 total responses) • How to best reach groups that are usually under represented • Whether the apparent support for some form of congestion charge/workplace parking levy would diminish if actual details and prices were published <p>Next steps:</p> <p>a) Bristol Transport Strategy – will be revised based on consultation, then final version prepared Spring 2019 and submitted to full Council for adoption in Summer 2019.</p> <p>b) Joint Local Transport Plan 4 – likely to be formally out to consultation 6th Feb-20th March 2019. AP to distribute copies to the Board.</p>	<p>AP</p>	<p>6 Feb</p>

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	<p>c) Agreed volunteers would be sought for a small task and finish sub group to meet and report back via email to the group. A response would be agreed prior to the next meeting</p> <p>AP to seek volunteers, arrange a sub group, draft a report on the Transport Board views, circulate and submit</p>	AP	By 20 Mar
<p>5. Mark Hopwood, MD Great Western Railway</p>	<p>Great Western Railway – Customer Performance Update</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Director appointed to focus on improvements • Joint working and weekly meetings with Network Rail • New trains have 24% more seats, better acceleration with electric traction and this is giving journey time improvements • Local services will benefit from extra capacity with cascades of rolling stock • From Dec 19 there will be 4 trains per hour to London, two extra services via Parkway giving a 15 minute faster journey time. <p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbying still required for electrification of Bristol Temple Meads • The Bristol-Weston-Bath-Chippenham are would benefit if it was electrified • There is a need to lobby the DfT to get schemed included in the likely 2-4 year franchise • How to best participate as a Transport Board in the Williams review of the railway 	AP AP	Next Mtg Next Mtg
<p>6. AOB</p>	<p>a) Future Agenda Items</p> <p>Possible future agenda items included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Air Zone • City Centre Revitalisation • Temple Quay / Temple Meads Masterplan 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Urban Freight • Walking and cycling • Behaviour change • Travel West and general communications to the public • Western Harbour redevelopments <p>b) Future Dates Dates were being considered and would fit in with the One City Plan governance model.</p> <p>The format proposed was Tuesdays 1200-1400 with 1200-1215 buffet lunch/networking then 1215 start.</p> <p>Proposed dates to be circulated by AP.</p> <p>The Co-Chair closed the meeting and thanked those in attendance for their contributions.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>AP</p>	<p>End of Feb</p>