



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

Notes – 14th May 2019 12:00-14:05

Board Members Present:	Cllr Kye Dudd	<i>Transport Portfolio Holder, Bristol City Council (Co-Chair)</i>	Colin Molton	<i>Bristol City Council</i>
	Melanie Watson	<i>Transport Focus (Co-Chair)</i>	Peter Evans	<i>Business West</i>
	Paul Hassan	<i>Localities – Communities</i>	Jon Usher	<i>Sustrans – Cycling, Walking</i>
	Sue Arrowsmith	<i>Women's Commission</i>	Sean Walsh	<i>Highways England</i>
	Rod Dennis	<i>RAC – Communications</i>	Patrick Maish	<i>Taxi Operators</i>
	Roisin Tobin	<i>Bristol Community Ferry Boats</i>	Martin Curtis	<i>Bath Bus Company – Bus Operators (part meeting)</i>
	Mark Hopwood	<i>GWR – Train Operators</i>	David Redgewell	<i>Equalities</i>
	David Tunley	<i>Network Rail</i>		
Associates Present:	David Carter	<i>WECA</i>		
Support Officers: Bristol City Council	Alex Perry	<i>Transport Policy Advisor</i>	Simon Cowley	<i>Mayor's Office</i>
	Adam Crowther		Jodi Savikas	<i>(part meeting)</i>
	John Roy	<i>(part meeting)</i>		
Apologies:	Kevin Slocombe	<i>Bristol City Council</i>	Graham Parkhurst	<i>UWE – Universities</i>
	Malcolm Green	<i>Unite The Union</i>	Rupert Cox	<i>Stagecoach (Martin Curtis deputising)</i>
	Richard Gillingham	<i>S. Glos Council</i>		
	(Associate Member)			

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1. Welcome	Melanie Watson welcomed all the members, associates and speakers. She then explained that Marvin Rees had stepped down from the Board as Cllr Kye Dudd had taken on the Transport Portfolio, so it was appropriate for him to replace the Mayor as co – chair and join the Board.		

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	<p>Cllr Dudd explained that he was very pleased to be taking over as Co-Chair and that he was looking forward to working with the members on the Transport issues and challenges facing Bristol and the sub region. He also stressed that the Mayor remained very interested in Transport and it was high on the political agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Dudd explained his background at the Council and within Royal Mail so had some experiences with the goods and freight agenda.</p> <p>Finally he welcomed three new members, Roisin Tobin, Bristol Community Ferry Boats, Sue Arrowsmith, Women's Commission and Peter Evans, Business West.</p>		
<p>2. Minutes and Matters Arising</p>	<p>i. Minutes The minutes were accepted and accurate by the members present</p> <p>ii. Matters Arising</p> <p>a) One City Plan – on the Agenda</p> <p>b) Local Transport Plan 4 – AP had organised a sub group which had met, considered the issues, formulated a response and submitted the feedback within the consultation deadline. The feedback had also been circulated to the wider group</p> <p>c) Williams Review of The Railway – the consultation was due to close on 31 May, it was agreed that a separate meeting to be arranged for those interested and a response formulated. (AP to arrange in May 2019)</p> <p>d) Future Dates – AP had circulated the future dates and also sent calendar invites for 20 August 19 and 26 November 19.</p> <p>It was also noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portishead Line – following further lobbying the rail funding gap on the Bristol-Portishead Line, part of the Metro West Phase One proposals, had been resolved and the scheme would be progressing 	<p>On Agenda</p> <p>AP</p> <p>Completed</p>	<p>Before 31 May 19</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Bus Passenger Survey Results were released in March and the main event was held in Bristol. Broadly the results were stable across the UK, Bristol had challenges, but plans were implemented to demonstrate improvements by next year. <p>The full results are available at</p> <p>https://www.transportfocus.org.uk/research-publications/publications/bus-passenger-survey-autumn-2018-report/</p>		
3. Proposed Transport Capital Programme – Bristol City Council	<p>Presentation by John Roy, Bristol City Council</p> <p>The presentation had been circulated in advance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds are now allocated to WECA who have passported the money to Bristol City Council The funds are not currently ringfenced The Highways Capital Maintenance and the Integrated Block are the main funds but other funds and ‘pots’ are available. The funding allocation from central govt is formula driven and based on the number of miles of roads within the authority The department seeks to deliver in a coordinated way There is a 2 year programme of major works A 2-5 yr programme is being worked on <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Kye Dudd explained the basics of the ‘Bus Deal’ that was referred to in the presentation. BCC and WECA were in early negotiations with First initially, to look at implementing bus priorities to speed up bus journey speeds (relative and absolute) in exchange for significantly enhancing frequencies – hopefully doubling them. Any bus 		

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	<p>company could be involved to improve the quality and frequency of services. The target is to get a deal agreed at least in principle by Sept 19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Carter from WECA gave further insight and explained a paper was likely to go to the WECA Board in June • Jon Usher requested that the Board had the opportunity to see the draft plans at a far earlier stage to enable more thoughts from the Board to shape the plan. <p>AP explained that this year the Board had only just been formulated so this was more information, but he suggested it was an agenda item for November 19 so the Board could have its input before the programme was put together for Cabinet approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was raised that there was no mention of taxis or the role they played and nothing appeared to be in place to resolve the lack of taxi ranks in the city centre. • Concerns were raised that the revenue funded activities were missing. Behaviour change was cited as a significant issue but there was too much focus on infrastructure and separate projects. All of the transport schemes needed public engagement and this had to be part of a long term plan. <p>There was a need to create a business case to show how behavioural changes can be proactive and support better mobility solutions which deliver more economic and social benefits from infrastructure.</p>	AP	Nov Board Mtg Agenda Item
<p>4. Presentation by Jodi Savikas – Bristol City Council</p>	<p>Bristol Transport Strategy</p> <p>The presentation was circulated after the meeting</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the public consultation no fundamental changes were being made • In general those who replied supported the objectives and outcomes • Some best practice examples would be added, such as the ‘My First Mile’ mobility trial 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The strategy would be put forward to the Cabinet on 2nd July 19 for formal adoption <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a lack of detailed deliverables, but this would depend on the adoption of strategies • Concerns that the Severnside area had a large employment zone but was poorly served by public transport, especially in linking deprived areas of high unemployment, and there was limited focus on linking employment zones • Bus and rail infrastructure often required public subsidy and there was little mention of that • Behaviour change was seen as the key to success and more public engagement was required on an ongoing basis. Questions of how to avoid consultation fatigue and consult those harder to reach communities • Following the One City approach how to do community groups play a part and feel connected? Also, how does Community Transport fit into the strategy? • Requests for better integration between modes and for simple information, ticketing and co-ordination between modes as well as connected infrastructure • Request for a delivery plan to show what the public will see and when, perhaps split into short term, medium term and long term <p>DC from WECA explained that having such a strategy was a powerful message to govt and helped the case for funding</p>		
5. One City Plan	<p>The introduction and section on Transport Themes 2019-2019 had been circulated in advance.</p> <p>Melanie Watson chaired a discussion around the themes, timescales and any gaps.</p> <p>Key issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns that there was insufficient attention given to walking and cycling and that 		

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	<p>the targets were too low and not ambitious enough</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A preference to focus on neighbourhoods rather than specific themes and look at differences by district and communities. Also concern it is too centrally focussed. • Consideration of bold targets that are inspirational and drive delivery and achievement. • A need for accelerated infrastructure and housing with a transport network in place from the beginning, with subsidies if necessary. • All felt that including digital themes within connectivity was a mistake and Transport should have its own Board and targets, with digital being a separate theme <p>The chair invited comments to AP by 17th June to focus on the following areas to allow feedback to the City Leaders Group meeting on 18th June 2019</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Are these the right themes? 2) Are these focused on the right areas? 3) Are there any gaps? 4) What should the Transport Board focus on? <p>Action: All to feed back to AP</p>	All	17 June 19
6. Highways England	<p>Sean Walsh gave a presentation which was circulated to the group after the meeting.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategic Rd Network (SRN) is 2% of the Road Network but carries 33% of all traffic • £80m capital maintenance is spent per year but the requirement is £300m • Issues affecting the Bristol area include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Peak hour congestion at most junctions ○ Seasonal traffic ○ A lack of resilience – especially M5 Jun 18 – Jan 21 • 5 Yr Programme called Road Investment Strategy R1S 		

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	<p>AP explained that the One City Principles had been circulated for agreement by the Board. Whilst each separate Thematic Group within the One City Plan had its own terms or reference, the Mayor wanted some commonality through the overarching principles. The members agreed to follow the principles.</p> <p>Action: AP to report back to the One City Team that the One City Principles had been agreed</p>	AP	31 May 19