



Bristol Transport Board
The Library, Floor 1, City Hall, College Green, Bristol

Notes – 25th February 2019 11:30-14:00

Board Members Present:	Cllr Kye Dudd	<i>Transport Portfolio Holder, Bristol City Council (Co-Chair)</i>	Paul Hassan	<i>Communities</i>
	Melanie Watson	<i>Transport Focus (Co-Chair)</i>	Sean Walsh	<i>Highways England</i>
	Stephen Peacock	<i>Executive Director, Bristol City Council</i>	Ann O’Driscoll	<i>Business West</i>
	Rupert Cox	<i>Stagecoach</i>	Sue Arrowsmith	<i>Bristol Women’s Commission</i>
	Peter Evans	<i>Business West</i>	Rod Dennis	<i>RAC – Communications</i>
	Jon Usher	<i>Sustrans</i>	David Redgewell	<i>Equalities</i>
	Roisin Tobin	<i>Bristol Community Ferry Boats</i>	Guest:	
			Marvin Rees	<i>Mayor of Bristol</i>
Associates Present:	Jason Humm	<i>WECA (representing David Carter)</i>		
Support Officers:	Alex Perry	<i>Mayor’s Office, Bristol City Council</i>	Nuala Gallagher	<i>Director, Economy of Place, Bristol C C</i>
	David Adler	<i>City Office, Bristol City Council</i>	Adam Crowther	<i>Bristol City Council</i>
Apologies:	Malcolm Green	<i>UNITE</i>	Richard Gillingham	<i>South Gloucestershire Council</i>
	Graham Parkhurst	<i>UWE</i>	Mark Hopwood	<i>Great Western Railway</i>
	Patrick Maish	<i>Taxi Operators</i>		

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1.	Councillor Kye Dudd welcomed Mayor Marvin Rees to the meeting and led the introductions of members and associates present.		

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<p>2. Matters Arising</p>	<p>Apologies: The apologies were noted.</p> <p>The notes of the last meeting were agreed as accurate.</p> <p>a. Bus Deal</p> <p>Cllr Dudd explained the good progress on the bus deal with a draft document having been circulated with the agenda. Ten routes were currently in scope with First's Service 2 scheduled to be launched at the beginning of April. The frequency would be doubled, new clean biogas buses delivered and significant bus priorities delivered. Melanie Watson welcomed the Deal as an excellent step forward for passengers in the Bristol area. It would be important however through WECA to see a broader regional level delivery programme for bus passengers. Concern was raised over the potential disruption likely to be caused by the extensive Gypsy Patch Lane work which meant careful communications were needed to ensure the possible negatives didn't overshadow the positives.</p> <p>Marvin Rees welcomed the investment in high frequency quality buses which would provide a viable alternative to cars and the further investment in clean biogas vehicles which linked closely to the climate agenda. He was also exploring with Government and other Core Cities whether bulk purchase across Core Cities would reduce prices and allow speedier delivery.</p> <p>b. Clean Air Zone - Progress</p> <p>Adam Crowther explained that the Council were awaiting further feedback from the government after additional modelling work and technical studies. The aim was still to introduce a scheme in March 2021. Business West ask for more of the detailed work to be released especially as two changes had been made on access to Cabot Circus for diesel cars and the moving of the boundary to not include the Portway.</p>		

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	<p>Concerns were raised over the potential impact on charities dependent on what support in the form of scrappage schemes or loans be available. Many charities relied on volunteers/workers who had diesel cars.</p> <p>c. LCWIP Consultation – WECA</p> <p>There were general concerns raised and discussed over the consultation and the document circulated. The document contained major schemes from each of the three local authority areas and LTP4 but the LCWIP was only a part of the wider Walking and Cycling Strategy. Concerns were raised over the method of consultation and a lack of printed material but WECA explained that the response rate on other consultations was reasonable overall, but very poor on paper versions despite the resource and cost. WECA would welcome feedback.</p> <p>Agreed that AP would convene a subgroup of 9th March to consider the documents and prepare feedback on behalf of the Transport Board. WECA also encouraged individual feedback too.</p> <p>d. WECA Bus Strategy</p> <p>WECA were also consulting on Region Wide Bus Strategy. Depending on the consultation received and any amendments necessary WECA were hoping to adopt a Strategy in Summer 2020.</p> <p>The Board broadly welcomed the publishing of a Strategy for consultation and questions were raised over how to ensure all communities especially the less well represented and lower demographic groups who probably used buses more often, would get their views across. There was also discussion on prioritisation and the very different needs of urban residents, rural residents, interurban links and bus/rail integration.</p> <p>Agreed that AP convenes a subgroup again on 9th March 2020 to prepare a</p>	<p>AP</p> <p>AP</p>	<p>9/3/20</p> <p>9/3/20</p>

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3. Forward Plan for The Transport Board	<p>The Co-Chairs explained that following feedback received they had changed the format of the Board sessions and had set out the one or two key items for each meeting for the 2020 year. There would be a clear strategic approach with a focus on the longer term and bigger issues.</p> <p>May a) City Centre Movement Strategy and Mass Transit b) Youth Mayor Connectivity Agenda</p> <p>September a) Bristol Transport Plan b) One City Plan</p> <p>November Spending priorities for 2021/22</p>		
4. Transport Spending Priorities for 2020/2021	<p>John Roy from Bristol City Council gave a short presentation and answered questions as part of the general discussion. Noted that this subject had been delayed from the February Cabinet to allow the Transport Board to review/contribute.</p> <p>Key discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DfT funding is received via WECA who have so far ‘passported’ the entire Bristol CC element to Bristol. • There are numerous other pots of funding – this relates to £6.7m of circa £30m in total. • Funding must be spent within the financial year. • Notable schemes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A4018 Bus Punctuality, Cycling & Walking ○ £600k Anchor Road Bus Improvements ○ £30k Cycling & Walking (expect most funding from LCWIP) ○ £667k Rd safety, local schemes and hotspots (budget has trebled) ○ £300k Temple Circus ○ £150k Routes to Schools 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £140k Safer Schools – Two Projects <p>After some discussion based on information supplied the Board broadly supported the direction of spend and prioritisation. However, to add value the Board needed briefing on the process and likely schemes far earlier, a clearer sense of the wider range of schemes and packages and clarity of who is responsible for what.</p> <p>To address these points Melanie Watson confirmed:</p> <p>a) The Spending Priorities 2021/22 was the main item for the November 2020 Board meeting</p> <p>and</p> <p>b) A Forward Plan Dashboard had been created and would be regularly updated with projects, dates and responsibilities</p>	<p>Adam Crowther</p>	<p>May 2020</p>

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5. Dashboard of Forthcoming Issues	<p>An initial dashboard had been prepared. The concept was for a simple plan to be produced which showed members what different schemes were being prepared, approved and delivery plans, dates and responsibilities. This would aid communication and give a wider perspective of the whole transport offer across Bristol.</p> <p>Members welcomed the first draft and looked forward to regular updates. There were several potential gaps to fill on rail schemes including Metro West phases and revenue support plans for buses.</p>	Adam Crowther	May 2020
6. AOB	<p>i. One City Connectivity Priority</p> <p>At the City Gathering the Youth Mayors and Young People chose ‘Connectivity’ as one the three Key Themes for Bristol for 2020. They have a key agenda slot at the next meeting but when asked why is was chosen they said:</p> <p>“As young people, we find public transport a necessity to travel across the city for education, work and recreation; it is key to our independence. The Bristol City Youth Council has put our support behind a bus franchising scheme, and we would like this seriously considered as a viable option to improve Bristol’s (and WECA’s) public transport.”</p> <p>ii. Climate Strategy</p> <p>Subject to agreement of the Sustainability Board a Climate Strategy will be endorsed. If this occurs, then AP will circulate it to Board Members. There is then a suggestion that a workshop is organised for both the Environment Board and the Transport Board to consider how to decarbonise Transport.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting: 19th May 2020</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>AP</p>	<p>27/02/2020</p>