

Transport Board

Agenda – 11th May 2021

	Date/time	11 th May 2021 11:00-13:00	Venue	Zoom call
	Co-chairs	Melanie Watson, Transport Focus Cllr (tbc)		
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11:00-11:10	1)	<p>Welcome from Co Chair and New Member introductions (Melanie Watson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Rachel Geliamassi, Managing Director, Stagecoach West (working over the West and other regions; Gloucestershire, Bristol, Swindon, Wiltshire, Herefordshire and Oxfordshire -Kevin Besa, Royal Mail (sent his apologies) -Christina Stokes, Trustee, The Older People’s Forum. The main purpose is to make sure that the older population have a say in the services that affect them. Forums are held to facilitate this. -Chris Hanson, First Bus. Covering Bristol, Bath, Weston Super-mare and Wales. Here to provide a South Bristol voice. -Peter Anderson (Nuala Gallagher replacement) Interim director -Kye Dudd replacement tbc, therefore board continuing business as usual until we know the new cabinet member 		
11:10-11:20	2)	<p>Mayoral Elections Update (Mayor Marvin Rees)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New cabinet members will be selected in the next few weeks and press releases will be taking place • The expertise on transport is here. <i>ASK link up with other boards on collaboratively and proactively moving forward in the same working method, aligning agendas.</i> • The idea is that expert insight and vision on transport is not held in Council offices alone. External stakeholders and partners need to work towards positively introducing public transport to the city; regularity, accessibility and affordability of buses and ensuring that passengers feel safe. • Marvin Rees’s highlights his and the city’s 3 main themes: Inclusion, the Climate emergency and the Ecological emergency – what part can transport play in active travel, we need to plan for an ever-growing population and future and engage those who may be in transport poverty and those economically excluded. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mel Watson – what are the main challenges that we are facing over the next 12 months? Marvin – Covid recovery, working with deprived households and inequality that Covid only exacerbated. • Social justice and social stability. We must support people into financial security, skills training and ensuring they are fit to work, whilst still focusing on decarbonisation of the city. • Government funding going forward. • Alex Perry – will the dynamic with WECA change our relationship? Marvin: It will depend on the level of the relationships made with the new WECA mayor, we 		

		<p>also need to remember that yes we operate as a main part of the command authority but we also operate as a Western Gateway. Action: Contact Newport, Cardiff, Swindon, Swansea and other similar groups on how we develop a coherent approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: Transport board to talk to external parties and evidence an aligned view for the city and it's future (e.g. Temple Meads regeneration and free bus travel for 16-25 yr olds) we need to show the government this is how the city speaks not just the council, we need to depoliticise this conversation. • Action: Invite Comms to discuss how to best reflect this • Action: Thank you letter to be written to Kye Dudd <p>Membership Review & Transport Board Workshop (Andrea Dell) Objective - To maximise the effectiveness of the Transport Board and ensure it is adopting a One City Approach in delivering transport goals in partnership with and for the communities and visitors of Bristol, and how we will be working going forward.</p> <p>Workshop 1 (To be scheduled June, once Cabinet Member known) <i>Remit and function (Terms of Reference)</i> <i>Relationship with key stakeholders (Boards, WECA, BCC, Community Groups)</i></p> <p>Workshop 2 <i>Setting the work programme for 2021-22</i> <i>Membership</i> <i>Development of the Board</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: board members to read and refresh their knowledge on the ToR • Action: City Office to distribute Andrea Dell's presentation and workshop questions. • Actions: Members to respond to workshop questions that have been circulated, new and old employee reflections.
11:20-11:35	3)	<p>Notes of the last meeting & Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language issues so will be reviewed and reissued. Action: Laura Gardner and Alex Perry to work together on this <p>Feedback on Women's Safety Meeting (Melanie Watson) standing agenda item</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mel Watson & Kye Dudd chaired, Alex Perry supported. The aim was to find out what the role of the transport board could be on this issue. • Linked up with Bristol Women's Commission, equalities forum and various other stakeholders. Continue to link in with other stakeholders to drive change, keep a watch and update accordingly • British transport police attended to provide a rail perspective, which we could use as a blueprint for Bristol. • Action: engage Mark Shelford; new precinct crime commissioner and WECA into this work <p>Sub-Group Meeting – Temple Quarter Re-Development (Alex Perry)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations are with Marvin Rees • An update will be provided on 2nd June 2021, everyone is welcome to attend and lend support • Malcolm Parsons, Network Rail already having live conversations about the development (virtual board taking place with him, David Carter and Gareth Blacker from Homes and Community Agency)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council, WECA and Homes England working together, bringing partners together to drive success, lead across investment and ensure the gateway is kept in line with the city • David Redgewell – ensure major closures of railway lines and its impact is reviewed
11:35-11:50	4)	<p>Latest Context of Travel in a Covid-19 Era</p> <p>Travel to Work Survey Results (Ann O Driscoll)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey results will be shared with all One City boards • The data will help us understand how as a board we can influence things like policy and decision planning, development of new services, and impact of Covid-19/recovery, the economic recovery strategy and the board’s goals. • Surveys run every March, for 1 week. Businesses pre-register to take part & it's promoted solely through workplaces using dedicated company links over 2020. • The 2020 survey took part before 1st lockdown and 2021 survey took place on 8th March, which was the day that the school started to be reopened and people were still being advised to work from home if possible so that's reflected in some of the statistics. • A wide range of small and large businesses took part. Working closely with UWE to develop a survey questionnaire, how the survey should be distributed to try and eliminate any bias. • This year we made some significant changes to the survey to capture and compare to pre and post covid working. • We compared the results to 2020 and other LA’s and saw a slight increase in single car occupancy in Bristol and a reduction in car sharing. Increase in cycling, decrease in walking and public transport. We also compared by postcode • We need to raise profile and target businesses who have low active travel and participation rate. <p>Transport Focus Research (Melanie Watson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We’ve worked over the last 12 months tracking and analysing attitudes of people who travel with us as non-users via in depth interviews, surveys, ongoing tracking surveys and deep dives into particular subject areas. We then divided the data, creating profiles of segments in the market in terms of how they're feeling about travel. We identified rethinking reducers, cautious, calm, carefree and carrying on population, springback socializers and those who are feeling very anxious about public transport. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will operators ensure public have confidence in transport; what advertising will there be, effective franchising of public transport routes and government support. • Stagecoach are creating wellbeing campaigns inspiring confidence, recognising and working with local businesses, particularly those who struggled. Unified approach. • Think about the benefits of Covid has had on travel and putting those in place – with more people reverting to public transport • Long term funding remains an issue but managed to get additional funding to do the Panel Survey, covering topics such as willingness to use public transport at different levels of occupancy and also whether people have been vaccinated or not. So, I think it will have particular local insight. The first wave results are ready but they need to go to the funding board. Second wave closing this Friday.

		<p>Bristol Night-Time Economy (Carly Heath)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carly had to send her apologies but is due to come to the next Transport board. The night-time economy is an important factor of our city
11:50-12:05	5)	<p>National Bus Strategy (Pete Woodhouse)</p> <p>Summary of Presentation (slides will be shared)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims to return to pre-pandemic bus use and then to increase patronage and raise the bus mode share • £3bn 'transformational' funding available from April 2022 • Requires LTA's to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. commit to establishing Enhanced Partnerships or begin the statutory process of franchising services by end of June 2021 2. publish a local Bus Service Improvement Plan by end of October 2021 3. have an Enhanced Partnership in place, or be following the statutory process to decide whether to implement a franchising scheme, to access the new discretionary streams of bus funding, by April 2022 • Vision for Bus Services; frequency, faster, more reliable, cheaper, more comprehensive and easier to understand • Bus improvement plans to be developed, coordinated, objectives to be set, annually updated for LTA, targets for journey times to be set and reliability improvements to be reported 6 monthly. From this data, we will review the bus priority measures, network design, radial roads, more bus lanes, daytime, evening & Sunday services to be reviewed and out of area bus routes to improve. • Bus service improvement plans; set pressures on road networks on air quality issues & carbon reduction targets, transform bus fleet to zero emission, set targets for passenger/customer growth and satisfaction, costings, roadside infrastructure, integrated network for schools, health, social care, employment and other services, local views, commit to bus passenger charter. • Continue working to enhance partnerships; Bus services act 2027. WECA to receive £100k to assist in partnership development • Updates to be provided re Bus rapid transit, zero emission buses, 'gearchange', funding and other elements • Action: Comments from board members to be sent to Alex Perry by 14th May <p>Discussion on Strategic Priorities for Bristol:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collective view is that we need to identify the necessary economic impact of the National Bus Strategy and what as a transport board we want to see included in the strategy • David Redgewell: We want to ensure everyone is signed up to multi partnership working. Data shows we are relying on buses from other sectors; BANES, Weston SM, Wales etc. We need to work with other LAs, internal and external conversations to be held and cross boundary working. • Graham Parkhurst: We need a discussion surrounding interchanges and who will benefit from these changes. Look into Avonmouth project/model, think about an integrated package of measures, create proposal and present. • We need to reduce the amount of car mileage in vs going across the sub region, raise the revenue to support the services we'll provide, we need congestion charging and we need workplace parking levy alongside infrastructure projects. There is a study going on in regard to the workplace levy, the challenge is WECA

		<p>wide. There is a recognition of a constraint, to make the transition to using public transport/making it more public transport friendly and not car friendly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: We need a coherent offer/proposal prospectus that we need to take to government re an integrated package and transport measures, alongside the corridor schemes and infrastructure projects, setting out what we see as the priorities for Bristol area from the transport board's perspective, have asked members to send points to Alex Perry. This will then be sent to Marvin. Marvin and WECA mayor linked up conversations, discussions need to take place publicly so people feel included. • Action: Compare to Manchester and Birmingham, as they are implementing CAZ d in June 2021.
12:05-12:35	6)	<p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport Board 2021 Goals (Melanie Watson); Will discuss the goals in more depth at the future workshops (dates tbc) Action: any thoughts or comments to be sent to Melanie or Alex Perry. • Liveable Neighbourhoods (Andrea Dell); The Task and Finish Group is still being devised and will update in due course. • Contribution to Multi Board Economic Recovery Plan (Jon Usher); This workshop was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances and is due to be rearranged (date tbc) • Action: Members to research the city's top 3 goals and the transport boards top 3, prep for workshop
12:45-13:00	7)	<p>AOB – all</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda items are welcomed from members. • David Redgewell – rail review and Williams review, set up a meeting re this. • Action: Invite Dan Norris to future board meeting • Action: Pete Woodhouse to update us on the national bus strategy from June onwards • Action: Subgroups to be created; volunteers to come forward to be representatives for each thematic board • Action: Small working group devised of transport board members to discuss and action anything urgent and anything on the year's work programme in between board meetings (regularly/monthly tbc). Contact Laura Gardner or Alex Perry with any specific points. <p>Update on Clean Air Zone – date of implementation tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to make sure that we have a support package to come to this board so we can discuss before October, what we can contribute as a transport board and implementation with comms, engagement etc. • Action: Alex Perry and Stephen Peacock to link up. • Action: invite officers from BANES councils to discuss their views and forward planning re CAZ d and on multiagency working • Key discussion to take place regarding CAZ d, focused session • Action at Zero Bristol, invite to next board. We need to create a focussed session on this. Transport board wants to be the voice of support once we know what is happening, how we can use the board in a positive way, talk with stakeholders and network what we can do.