

One City Transport Board

Date/time	29 th March 2022, 10:00-13:00pm	
Location	The Bordeaux Room, City Hall (BS1 5TR)	
Co-chairs	Cllr. Donald Alexander, Melanie Watson	
Meeting Attendees:		
In Attendance	Cllr. Donald Alexander (BCC), Melanie Watson (Transport Focus), Gordon Richardson (Disabilities Equality Commission), David Redgewell, Adam Crowther (BCC), Zoe Banks Gross (Sustrans), Belinda Nicholls (Bristol Community Transport), Chris Hanson (First Bus), Toby Wells (Bristol Cycling Campaign), Mya Parker (Bristol City Youth Council - BCYC), Christina Stokes (Bristol Older People's Forum - BOPF), Susan Carter (Bristol Walking Alliance), Randall Rickabaugh (Enterprise Holdings), Sean Walsh (Highways England), Stewart Cundy (University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW)), Dan Okey - Deputy for Mark Hopwood (Great Western Railway)	
Observers		
Invitees	Jacob Pryor (BCC), Octavia Clouston (City Office), Allan Macleod (City Office), Richard Martin (BCC), Martin James (BCC)	
Apologies	Katy Taylor (Bristol Women's Commission), Malcolm Parsons (Network Rail), Neil Havill (Priority Express), Shevaun hunt (Unite the Union),	
ITEM	ACTIONS	
1) Welcome and Introduction from Co-Chairs – Cllr. Don Alexander (DA) and Melanie Watson (MW)		
Welcome The Chairs and new board members were introduced.		
2) Terms of Reference – Cllr. Don Alexander (DA) and Melanie Watson (MW)		
The Transport Board Terms of Reference were signed off.		
3) Current sector opportunities and challenges – Jacob Pryor (JP)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JP presented on 10 facts about transport, 5 recent council achievements and 5 future endeavours (see paper 3). DA flagged that the refresh of this board is part of a wider refresh of One City. 		
4) City Office Introduction – Allan Macleod (AM)		

<p>AM gave a presentation explaining the role of the City Office and the Transport Board – (see Paper 5).</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM flagged that the Transport Board dates for the year ahead will be sent out shortly and that head of City Office, Andrea Dell, and Mayor Marvin Rees would like to meet with members in due course. • DA asked if the governance board will be checking on the progress of the Transport board? – AM confirmed. • DA asked how much the board members will be allowed to vary the workplan • AM reported that the Homes and Communities board took a thematic approach to the workplan and encouraged the transport board to own their own workplan. • DR (David Redgewell) flagged that the terminology of the bus deal has changed and that it is now the national bus strategy – MW agreed to update. 	
<p>5) Discussion of the Board draft workplan including Goals for 2022 and 2023</p>	
<p>Board Members divided into 4 breakout rooms to discuss the draft workplan (see Paper 1) and feed back their key discussion points to the main group:</p> <p>Group 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW explained that the group discussed the broader challenges and the fact that the move towards walking and public transport is key to achieving wider goals. • BN (Belinda Nicholls’s) group discussed a way of increasing the number of short walking journeys by targeting paths within communities that aren’t safe or need repairs, or places where there could be pathways, and engaging with local community groups to make them accessible through clearing undergrowth, tarmacking, and getting lights put in. • BN flagged that GR (Gordon Richardson) suggested the development of a map of the walkways available so that accessible ways of getting around while completely avoiding roads become more widely publicised. <p>Group 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DA’s group discussed bus usage, the gaps in the network post pandemic and change in lifestyle, and suggested inviting individuals to present to the Transport Board about the liveable neighbourhood scheme which aims to shift behaviour away from driving to walking and cycling. • DA reported that the group spoke about improving sustainable travel and data on who is travelling and how. He suggested a presentation on this could be valuable. • DA suggested that the board needs to discuss behaviour change and flagged that the council’s focus has been on walking and cycling but it is now moving to electric transport and raised the idea of advertising that shift as a city and integrating electric transport into our sustainability, though he suggested this may be ideologically challenging. <p>Group 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JP’s group thought about new journeys that have been created by the pandemic and suggested there were links to be made with the One City Economy and Skills board in terms of getting people to key destinations. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JP’s group thought the goals are modal focused and raised the idea of broadening them and talking about more holistic transport options or key modes like ferries, escooters etc. • JP raised Goal 2 and asked why we are restricting ourselves to the short term? • JP’s group raised that, for young people, cost can be very prohibitive and suggested that the language in the workplan is changed from affordable to value for money. • JP’s group suggested the removal of the second part of the sentence of Goal 3. <p>Group 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM’s group discussed the potential for working with businesses, Transport integration and the door-to-door experience. • AM’s group focused on accessibility options – stations being fully accessible – potential WECA funding and ensuring that we link up employment opportunities to transport routes – this could be cross cutting work with the Economy and Skills Board. • AM’s group discussed transport hubs as a potential other theme in the workplan as well as a focus on decarbonisation. 	
6) One City Climate Ask, Introduction and Discussion – Richard Martin (RM)	
<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Martin (Climate Change Project Manager) gave a presentation introduced himself and giving a progress update on the Bristol Climate Ask (see paper 4). • RM flagged that there is a lot of power in the room and a lot of soft power in terms of influence. • DR flagged that the disability equalities forum is engaged with this fully and highlighted that the Port is not mentioned. • DA flagged that there is currently enormous scope for organisations with large estates to be looking at how they can generate their own energy or engage with renewable energy (with prices going up by 500%). • JP suggested inviting exemplar businesses to present at the next board. • MW suggested that there needs to be a focus on getting the connection between sustainability and transport more widely publicised and normalised. • CH (Chris Hanson) flagged that First Bus have a group pledge to be emission free by 2035 and are looking to switch from a national food supplier to one on Gloucester road and that they have just taken their last every delivery of diesel busses and are electrifying their Hengrove depot and removing the gas buses that have just been put in. • CH also reported that First Bus employees are not allowed to fly for work and offered to present on what organisations can achieve through legislation. • CH asked if a company would be put off by the ambition associated with the 2030 date - RM answered that the 2030 goal is described as an ambition that will be aimed for rather than a hard line – they consulted on the 2030 target and received positive feedback that encouraged the ambitious approach. • RM flagged that the climate strategy is talking about the emissions of individuals. • DR flagged that we’ve still not cracked the electrification of the railway from Chippenham or the electrification of freight and suggested that that should be a major target. 	<p>RM and JP encouraged all Board Members’ organisations to sign up to the Climate Ask.</p> <p>CH offered to present at the next Board meeting on what organisations can achieve through legislation.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TW (Toby Wells) suggested that it's important that each organisation takes care to focus on where they can have the most influence – buses may struggle to fully decarbonise their fleet but organisations can make bus travel more widely available and therefore create a larger net benefit. • ZBG (Zoe Banks Gross) flagged the importance of a positive narrative around sustainable changemaking - RR (Randall Rickabaugh) agreed. • AM agreed and reported that there are some sustainability videos that exist supporting that narrative. • RM asked for pictures of sustainable behaviours (heat pumps, bike locks) • GR suggested that we need to work with programme makers and TV producers and media controllers to engage with the subliminal messaging opportunities. • DO agreed that there is no change too small and suggested linking up and communicating what we're doing on all levels, even at a community level. • Stewart C agreed that the way forward is to publicise e.g. how businesses have benefitted from grants that have been made available and flagged that UHB has access to respiratory consultants who can speak to the effect of polluted air. • ZBG flagged that Bristol walking and cycling index will be coming out in May with case study stories that will provide a positive narrative around behaviour change. • JP suggested that someone from Travel West could present about this on the board. • DA advocated for word of mouth among members. • Sean W reported that Highways England aims to have everything that travels on their network will be carbon neutral by 2050. • DA flagged that range anxiety is a myth. • DR asked if we should be trying to promote the CAZ and the associated health benefits and endorsed involving respiratory experts in communicating this. • ZBG flagged that the CAZ is a social justice issue and that those who are higher on the multiple deprivation index are more likely to deal with polluted air. • Stewart C flagged that talks are already ongoing with the council around involving respiratory consultants and that the respiratory consultants and data from air quality monitors in the publicity around the CAZ. • DR flagged that Megabus and National Express are doing a lot of work on modernising the coach fleet and are keen to work with Bristol. DR is going to give RM contacts. 	<p>RM asked for pictures of sustainable behaviours (heat pumps, bike locks)</p> <p>JP suggested that someone from Travel West could present about this at the next board meeting.</p> <p>DR to give RM contacts for Megabus and National Express</p>
7) Task and Finish groups	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM explained that Task and Finish groups are a way to focus on specific issues and themes that the board wants to drive action on and that there's also potential to look at other areas that are outside of the board goals. • AM explained that this agenda item is to discuss areas of interest and capacity for Task and Finish work. <p>Task and Finish 1 – Accessibility and Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR flagged that there's money in WECA (access improvement fund) and projects that have been stalled around making stations more accessible – he's keen to pick that back up and to explore the access issue with public transport. • DR and CH would be interested in joining that conversation as would GR and CS and DO. • DA asked what the commitment would be for a Task and Finish Group. 	<p>(JP to double check this information before proceeding)</p>

- AM suggested a couple of meetings between now and the next Board meeting – they can be a sprint that is finished between one meeting and the next – this could be hosted in city hall. The meetings will involve meeting defining what needed to be done and then doing it.
- DO recommended involving David Jarman (WECA) in an accessibility focused T&F as David is commissioning work in this area.
- DA flagged that the scope of T&F needs to remain narrow to be effective.
- MW flagged that specific funding and priorities need to be identified and met.

Task and Finish 2 – Bus Communication Strategy

- Susan C suggested filling in the gaps in the bus network by gathering information about walking from various members on the board and asking what Bristol Community Transport can do to plug bus network gaps.
- MW highlighted that we can gather data but need to think about what to do with it and how to communicate these issues? the biggest thing we can all do is promote bus travel.
- DR flagged that the big council estates are all supported networks and their importance needs to be communicated to WECA.
- MW suggested that we can communicate with communities and explore why the buses aren't being used
- CH asked if there is an existing strategy or a role for this group and a sub-group about how to publicise the message of: 'this is what's available to you'.
- AM reported that the City Office is working with anchor institutions across the city about how we can feed that message across.
- MW asked if we could look at a particular area and see if this is doable and summarised the idea as a bus communication strategy – engaging with communities with a 'use it or lose it' type comms strategy to highlight the support available to them and the potential for losing it.
- ZBG flagged that we need to look at the barriers to walking.
- JP flagged that this work is already happening in council workstreams.
- CH, DR, BN, (DR suggesting Nick Small from Stagecoach).

Task and Finish 3 – Transport Hubs

- TW raised the concept of multi-modal and how that can be achieved. He wants to work between the two modes of cycling and bus coordination to highlight the challenges where they're clashing as well as the positive interactions.
- Susan C asked if walking would be involved.
- DO registered enthusiasm for a cycle, bus, rail discussion and flagged that Great Western Railway has a small budget that could be contributed to the right scheme. He suggested an integrated transport T&F.
- DA suggested that transport hubs could be a good route to achieving this.
- CH suggested that Phil Right from WECA could be involved.
- AM flagged that the environment is working on collective purchasing of EVs and that this board is welcome to get involved in aggregated tendering.
- BN registered her interest as community transport is looking at a similar plan.
- DR flagged that WECA officers need to be present.
- DR, ZBG, CH, TW, Susan C, RR, DO, all raised their interest in joining this Task and Finish Group on multi-modal travel.