



Bristol One City Transport Board

Date/time	Tuesday 9 th July, 9:30-12:00	Venue	Arnolfini meeting room
Co-Chairs	Melanie Watson, Transport Focus, Cllr Ed Plowden (Apologies)		
Attendees	Kathryn Davis, Visit West; Randall Rickabaugh, Enterprise Holdings; Andrew Ord, Bristol Port Company; Fraser Reid, WSP; Graham Pankhurst, University of West of England; Jacob Pryor, Bristol City Council; Karen Llewellyn, Bristol Health Partners; Katy Driscoll, Motability; Louise McBride, West of England Combined Authority; Mark Li, Foot Antsey; Melanie Watson, Transport Focus; Neil Havill, Priority Express; Rob Pymm, First West of England; Sean Walsh, Highways England; Zoe Bank Gross, Sustrans.		
9:00-9:30	Optional networking session		
9:30 – 9:35	<p>Welcome from the Co-Chair, Melanie Watson</p> <p>GP welcomed the board to the venue and highlighted an upcoming event, The Centre for Transport and Society Symposium 2024, which takes place on Thursday the 18th July 2024, 09:30 - 17:00. This is an annual event that shares the Centre for Transport and Society’s research and provides an opportunity to engage with transport research and its relevance to policy.</p> <p>ACTION: Board members were asked to contact GP if they would like to attend the Centre for Transport and Society Symposium 2024 on the 18th July.</p> <p>MW welcomed members to the Transport Board meeting and shared apologies.</p> <p>MW informed the board that Councillor Ed Plowden will be the co-chair for the Transport Board and shared the Transport Board’s interest to align their activity with the Green party’s priorities for transport in Bristol.</p> <p>MW summarised the previous Transport Board meeting, highlighting key discussions including information sharing across board members and the desire to improve engagement and communications around transport and active travel in the city.</p> <p>KD shared the boards discussions with the Visit West team, highlighting the desire to improve transport communications and engagement in Bristol.</p> <p>JP also shared that JP and GP are following up on discussions on the nighttime economy and are mapping out what work needs to be done with the Transport Board to improve transport for nighttime workers in Bristol.</p> <p>ASK: MW encouraged board members to take discussions forward into their own organisations following Transport Board meetings.</p>		
9:35 – 9:50	<p>Member Updates, All</p> <p>LM highlighted recent changes in leadership at West of England Combined Authority following the general election and how this could impact West of England Combined Authority current transport activity and projects. LM also shared that there is a new Chief Executive at the West of England Combined Authority who is currently being briefed on key projects.</p> <p>SW updated the board on funding for National Highways which they are expecting to know more about soon. The focus is likely to be on restoring work and ensure that highways are safe.</p>		

	<p>KD updated the board that Forbes named Bristol as one of the most walkable cities in the world.</p> <p>KL updated the board on a Bristol Health Partners meeting taking place on the 17th July regarding the transportation of blood samples.</p> <p>OFFER: Board members are welcome attend the Bristol Health Partners meeting taking place on the 17th July or to find out more about SHINE HIT (The Supporting Healthy Inclusive Neighbourhood Environments Health Integration Team) please contact KL.</p> <p>The board discussed the potential for cargo and electric bikes to be used to transport blood in Bristol.</p> <p>OFFER: JP to reach out to KL to discuss contacts for using cargo and electric bikes for transporting blood samples in Bristol.</p> <p>OFFER: JP offered to feedback to board on discussions with Bristol Health Partners on how Bristol hospitals could use cargo and electric bikes to transport blood samples.</p> <p>RP updated the board on West of England Combined Authority and North Somerset First Bus timetable changes and new routes coming out on the 1st September.</p> <p>OFFER: RP offered to circulate summary of West of England Combined Authority and North Somerset First Bus timetable changes and new routes with the board following the media release.</p> <p>KD shared Mobility’s goal to move their whole scheme to electric cars and that they are going public with their B Corp accreditation soon. While Mobility is currently car-focused they are also interested in public transport in the region.</p> <p>MW updated that there is a new Chief Executive at Transport Focus and they launched their new business plan in June which had four core priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve transport in ways that matters most to users. - Make transport safe and accessible for everyone who uses it. - Minimise the impact of disruption. - Make sure all transport users are listened to. <p>OFFER: MW to share link with the board to the Transport Focus Business Plan.</p>
<p>9:50 – 9:55</p>	<p>City Office Update, Francesca Barclay</p> <p>FB updated the board on the next City Gathering which is due to take place on the 8th November at the Wills Memorial Building.</p> <p>OFFER: City Office is inviting 1-2 Transport Board members to join a working group to look at how the City Gathering is structured and help shape the next one.</p> <p>City Office is doing the One City Plan refresh next spring. The next board meeting will look at the One City Transport Board goals and how the plan can be refreshed to be inclusive to all board members, focusing on goals that the board can collectively act on.</p> <p>ASK: FB to send around a spreadsheet that details all the Transport Board goals until 2030 which board members can add their thoughts and comments to.</p> <p>OFFER: City Office is setting up a working group to look at how One City should go about the Plan refresh. Please contact the City Office if you would like to join this working group.</p> <p>FB also updated the board on the Just Transition which focuses on how organisations can transition to sustainable options in a way that considers and includes disadvantaged groups in the city. Organisations can make a Just Transition Declaration where you make a commitment to embed the principles of a just transition in the coming year.</p> <p>ASK: Board members were asked to contact the City Office if they would like to make a Just Transition Declaration.</p> <p>FB updated board members that the Head of City Office is being made permanent and the role is being advertised.</p> <p>OFFER: FB will share details of the Head of City Office role with the board.</p>

<p>09:50– 10:10</p>	<p>Climate View – meeting Bristol’s climate challenge, Daniel Shelton</p> <p>DS shared key information on how Bristol can meet the climate challenge by decarbonising the city and reducing emissions.</p> <p>DS also highlighted the Climate View Tool on Bristol Climate Hub. This digital tool can be used to show climate pathways and is loaded with local data sets. The tool highlights transitions or activity shifts that will decarbonise the city while meeting the needs of the city. The tool also helps to break down the city’s climate goals, as outlined in the One City Climate Strategy, into smaller scale actionable commitments to help deliver the goals.</p> <p>OFFER: Board members were encouraged to make use of the Climate View tool to consider possible action they could take as an organisation.</p> <p>DS highlighted a key finding that swapping to electric vehicles can only reduce emissions to a certain point and by itself will not fully decarbonise Bristol’s transport sector both rapidly and equitably. To meet the city’s net zero goal the number of car miles driven within the city needs to be reduced by approximately 40%. Achieving this would create multiple additional co-benefits and enable significantly improved public and active travel. Building support across board member organisations for political action on reducing car miles was suggested as being key.</p> <p>Board members discussed the need to make positive changes so that alternative transport options are available, accessible and easy to use for a diverse range of people living, working and visiting the city. The board also discussed possible measures to subsidise electric bikes or cargo bikes which would make switching from cars to bikes easier in Bristol.</p> <p>The use of effective communication was suggested as key in helping reduce vehicle use. There is a need to sell a positive vision for transport in Bristol using storytelling and supporting data to help encourage new positive transport habits.</p> <p>The need to transition away from vehicles in a way that is just and inclusive to everyone including people with disabilities was also highlighted, as well as the important connection between decarbonisation and health and wellbeing.</p> <p>ASK: As discussed, the critical dependency is building support for demand management measures as the key enabler of modal shift and multiple co-benefits. Ahead of the boards next meeting in October, members are asked to please refer to the Climate View tool and consider what action could be taken to achieve this.</p>
<p>10:10 – 10:25</p>	<p>Tourism and Bristol presentation, Kathryn Davis</p> <p>KD introduced Visit West to the board and highlighted key visitor data for Bristol. KD shared that the visitor economy has a significant economic impact on Bristol, at its peak the direct spend of the visitor economy was £1.3 billion, which is approximately 50% of the total value of the region.</p> <p>Transport is key part of people’s visit to Bristol including travel to sights, leisure trade, tours, and travel to business events and conferences. However, Visit West receives more</p>

	<p>complaints about transport than anything else. Recently questions have been focused on the Clear Air Zone, accessibility, signs and communications on transport in Bristol.</p> <p>KD shared data on how visitors travel in Bristol and highlighted that the majority of people walk once they are here and that there are low levels of people using trains to get around the region. Data was also shared on who visits Bristol and how transport can be used as a part of the visitor experience through tours.</p> <p>KD concluded by suggesting what Bristol can do better to improve the experience for visitors. These suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clearer signage and welcomes at key entry sights for visitors to support with navigation. - Using a broader range of languages other than English on signs around the city. - Improving communication on how to purchase travel passes. - Improving luggage storage. <p>The board then discussed the transport challenges that visitors face in Bristol. Many Bristol transport decisions are focused on people who live and work in the city. Consideration of how visitors experience transport in Bristol was suggested as being important to make visits easier and facilitate people staying longer in the city.</p> <p>The board also discussed the role of better communication on transport for visitors, especially surrounding how to travel well in the city, such as by encouraging visitors not to drive once they are in the city and how people can get to popular sights at different times.</p> <p>OFFER: There is an opportunity for the board to revive discussions on accessibility and legibility by including the visitors point of view as a key stakeholder for transport in the city.</p>
<p>10:25 – 10:40</p>	<p>National Highways Update, Sean Walsh</p> <p>SW provided an update to the Transport Board on the National Highways renewal project to take place on the Eastville Viaduct which is on the M32 by junction 2. The M32 will remain open during the renewal project but slip roads will be closed at times. This renewal project is due to start in the 2026/2027 financial year and will take multiple years.</p> <p>The structure presents lots of challenges for maintenance and is in need of renewal. However, SW also highlighted that it is not possible to knock the viaduct down and replace it with a structure that is easier to maintain as this would be a huge undertaking costing a very large sum.</p> <p>The disruption caused by this work around the M32 is being modelled so that impacts can be minimised as much as is possible although the alternative routes are already busy and so mitigation will be challenging. Mitigation could be achieved for example through improving cycling and walking routes in the area and providing additional bus services.</p> <p>SW also discussed the opportunities that this renewal could provide for the local area and communities, specifically in the space under the Eastville Viaduct. The National Highways team are there to carry out renewal work but they also want to work with local communities to make sure the space is improved for everyone.</p> <p>The board discussed how this renewal project could provide an opportunity for a shift in transport by improving alternative transport options in the area.</p>
<p>10:40 – 10:55</p>	<p>Update on T&F progress inc. presentation of Legibility T&F group recommendations</p> <p>This item has been deferred to a future board meeting.</p>

	OFFER: JP will send an update on Task and Finish progress via email to the board members.
10:55- 11:00	<p>AoB</p> <p>MW encouraged board members to reflect on discussions today and to bring further ideas and reflections to the next board meeting on topics covered at recent board meetings.</p> <p>ASK: Please email City Office or JP if there is anything you would like to be added to the next agenda.</p> <p>ASK: Please email City Office or JP if you are able to host an upcoming Transport Board meeting.</p> <p>The next Transport Board meeting is on the 10th October at Mobility.</p>