

Bristol One City Transport Board

Date/time	Tuesday 8 October 2024	Venue	City Hall – Bordeaux (Writing Room)
Attendance	<p>Chairs: Melanie Watson, Transport Focus; Cllr Ed Plowden, Bristol City Council</p> <p>Board Members: Fraser Reid, WSP; Katheryn Davis, Visit West; Katy Driscoll, Motability; Louise McBride, West of England Combined Authority; Mark Li, Foot Antsey; Rich Cooper, Enterprise Holdings; Rob Pymm, First West of England; Sean Walsh, National Highways; Simon Whitehead, Zedify; Stewart Cundy, UHBW; Zoe Bank Gross, Sustrans.</p> <p>Bristol City Council: Jacob Pryor, Transport Policy, Bidding and Strategic Projects Team Manager; Daniel Shelton, Environmental Performance Manager; Lara Davies-Jones, Climate Strategy Co-ordinator; Gnisha Bevan, Climate Strategy Co-ordinator.</p> <p>City Office: Karen Blong, Operations and Stakeholder Engagement Manager; Imogen Oxley, Partnership and Events Assistant.</p>		
Optional networking session			
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Welcome from co-chairs			
Melanie Watson, Transport Focus; Cllr Ed Plowden, Bristol City Council			
<p>MW began the Board meeting welcoming members and introduced the new political co-chair for the board Cllr EP.</p> <p>EP, the chair for Bristol City Council Transport Committee, shared his background in the transport sector in Bristol and expanded on some of his priorities which included delivery, collaboration, supporting buses, parking schemes, accessible transport for disabled people, and road safety. EP suggested that a possible new One City goal which could be introduced for the One City Plan refresh in 2025 for the Transport Board could be centred around reducing transport casualties to zero by 2050.</p>			
Update on actions from previous Transport Board and Task and Finish Groups			
Jacob Pryor, Bristol City Council			
<p>JP shared recent engagement activities with the Transport Board which included looking at the climate action tool and considering what action could be taken to achieve the modal shift needed to reduce vehicle demand and transition to net zero in a just way as well as city centre engagement activities that have been shared with board members to engage with and provide feedback on.</p>			

JP also gave an update on each of the Transport Board task & finish groups:

- The freight and logistics task & finish group focuses on last mile logistics using cargo e-bikes. The group has been looking at using underutilised spaces such as council owned car parks for last miles freight logistic facilities. An expression of interest form was then used to help understand the requirements to deliver last mile logistics operations effectively in the city using these spaces. The next step is to get these operations up and running.
- The accessibility transport task and finish group has been working on improving legibility along transport routes in Bristol. The group have produced a list of principles that they have discussed with Bristol City Council (BCC) officers and are incorporating the feedback they received so that they can share the updated principles back with BCC. BCC officers will then use these principles and incorporate in their transport projects.
- GP from the University of the West of England has expressed interesting in leading the nighttime economy task and finish group. This group is working on developing a survey to get a better understanding of movement for the nighttime economy.

Following JP's updates board members discussed the need to create a plan for how the accessible transport task and finish group's principles for legibility will be used by BCC officers.

Offer: The accessibility task and finish group will share their list of principles with the Transport Board for any further comments before they share them back with BCC officers.

Offer: Board members were asked to contact JP if they would like to learn more or join any of the Transport Board's task & finish groups.

Board Member Introductions and Updates

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ZBG updated that Sustrans now has an inclusive advocate on secondment from the Bristol Climate and Nature Partnership. Their focus is on inclusion in transport and ZBG noted that they have already provided a valuable additional lens on how to improve transport for everyone in Bristol.

RP updated that 98 electric vehicles will be arriving next year at First Bus. This was highlighted as an important step towards fully decarbonising their busses. State of the art charging infrastructure is also being built in the region to support these new electric vehicles. This charging infrastructure can be used by all kinds of vehicles and will benefit the wider region. RP shared that using collective thinking First Bus hopes to use this as an opportunity to feed into making the region more sustainable.

The board discussed how this charging infrastructure could have economic as well as environmental benefits and how the board can work together to use this new infrastructure to benefit the wider region.

Action: KD and RP to pick up how First Bus's charging infrastructure could support the visitor economy.

Action: SC and RP to pick up how First Bus's charging infrastructure could support the NHS's transport services in the region.

Action: Next Transport Board meeting to have an item on First Bus's charging infrastructure with a clear offer.

SC updated on UHBW's fleet operations and how they can reduce the size of their fleet and transition to zero emissions, focussing mainly on their fleet that transports pathology samples. They are also working with colleagues at NBT to help them achieve their emissions goals.

KD shared that Motability has a car sharing service based in UWE for all staff that is having good uptake in the 1000 employees. Motability is also aiming to be fully electric by 2030. Improving infrastructure and addressing range anxiety is key for achieving this especially as Motability has often vulnerable customers.

The board then discussed the positive steps happening in terms of sustainable decisions being made to benefit the city and the environment. Board members suggested that there is a need to communicate better on this and share successes more widely. The board also talked about how range anxiety can be addressed by collaborating and working with organisations like First Bus.

City Office Update

Karen Blong, City Office

KB shared that there will be a new head of City Office, Jude Langdon starts on 28th October at City Office and will introduce herself properly to board as soon as she is able to.

KB also talked about the City Gathering on the 8th of November 2024 which will be hosted by the University of Bristol. The theme of this City Gathering will be focused on collaboration and is taking place during COP29 and youth work week. During the City Gathering each board is to present a key priority to attendees and it was suggested that the Transport Board focuses on just transition to sustainable transport, but this is open to refinement with board members.

KB explained that EP will be presenting the Transport Board's priority to attendees, but City Office is still looking for volunteers to support with the discussion exercise at the City Gathering.

Ask: Board members are asked to please let City Office know if you would like to volunteer to be a discussion facilitator at the City Gathering.

Offer: City Office have reserved Bristol One City Gathering tickets for One City board members and partners which you can access by joining our waitlist on Eventbrite. Once you have joined the waitlist, City Office will be able to release a ticket for you.

KB also updated the board on the One City Plan refresh. Board members discussed the One City Plan refresh and how best to approach it. KB and JP suggested that the board uses an upcoming meeting to capture ideas and workshop the plan refresh. The goals in the refreshed One City Plan will become the framework for the Transport Board. MW encouraged board members to think about what goals they would like to see in the One City Plan with an emphasis on tangible goals that the group can accomplish together and with other One City boards.

Ask: Board members are asked to look at the One City Plan refresh spreadsheet that will be shared. Board members should look at the existing goals and consider what they think the goals for this board should be.

The board discussed their thoughts on how this board can be best used and run and touched on the importance of collaboration with each other and other One City boards.

Offer: MW encouraged board members to feedback any ideas on how they think the One City Transport Board should be run. The board is open for input from its members.

Re-cap of Climate View and Workshop – meeting Bristol's climate challenge

Danny Shelton; Lara Davies-Jones; Gnisha Bevan, Bristol City Council

DS recapped the previous board meeting discussion on the Climate View tool and how Bristol can meet the climate challenge. DS highlighted the One City Climate Action Plan which describes ways to push forward action to decarbonise transport in Bristol. The Climate View tool can be used to test actions that can be taken to achieve climate goals for the city and their measurable impact. The tool is useful for working out transition pathways and projections of behaviour changes. To achieve the One City Climate Strategy goal for a carbon neutral, climate resilient Bristol by 2030 a significant change in behaviour that goes beyond transitioning vehicles to electric is required.

DS, LDJ and GB then discussed the One City Climate Action Plan and its next steps with the board asking for input from members on how they can push the action plan forward. KD also highlighted the need to incorporate the visitor economy into the One City Climate Action Plan.

Ask: LDJ and GB were asked to consider incorporating the visitor economy into the One City Climate Action Plan.

Board members were then split into smaller groups to discuss a chosen action pathway for transport which were:

- Implement programme to significantly reduce car miles
- Implement programme to encourage modal shift to active transport
- Implement programme to encourage modal shift to public transport

Discussions covered the current context and enabling decisions for these action pathways, considering what needs to be in place to ensure the actions will have impact once they are implemented and in a way that will benefit everyone.

The groups fed back after their discussions highlighting how their organisations are currently working to implement these programs and how they are pushing actions forward to meet the city's climate goals. This included facilitating active transport, policy engagement and working with local and regional authorities to fill in any gaps. The groups also expanded on barriers that they face to push action forwards including limited time, funding, and capacity. The group discussion concluded by emphasising the need for a well-coordinated joined up approach.

Offer: The One City Climate Action Plan and a link to a non-editable version of the impact pathways that were explored as part of the workshop will be sent to board members with the minutes from this meeting.

Offer: Board members were encouraged to get in touch with the Climate Change Team (lara.davies-jones@bristol.gov.uk and gnisha.bevan@bristol.gov.uk) with any questions or ideas they would like to share.

The Active Way

Tim Rawlings, Bath and North East Somerset Council

TR presented to the board on B&NEs council's GP Prescribing Pilot which aims to address local community identified need relating to underrepresented groups, high levels of deprivation and health inequalities by supporting a modal shift to active travel, providing people with travel choices and supporting changes in behaviour.

Offer: Slides from TR's presentation will be shared with the minutes from the board meeting.

Offer: Board members were encouraged to reach out to TR at [timothy Rawlings@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:timothy.Rawlings@bathnes.gov.uk) with any questions.

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KD, Visit West, updated that the GDS index results for 2023 will come out in the next 10 days.

Offer: GDS index results to be shared with the board when they are available.

SW, Nation Highways, updated that the M4 will be closing for a weekend on the 18th-21st.

Offer: More dates for future closure to be shared by National Highways with the board as soon as possible.

JP highlighted that the next Transport Board meeting is on the 14th January.