

Bristol One City Transport Board

Date/time	30 April 2024, 9:30-12:00	Venue	Foot Anstey, 2 Glass Wharf, Bristol BS2 0EL
Attendance	<p>Chairs: Melanie Watson, Transport Focus; Cllr Ed Plowden, Bristol City Council.</p> <p>Board Members: Fraser Reid, WSP; Kathryn Davis, Visit West; Louise McBride, West of England Combined Authority; Mark Li, Foot Anstey; Lewis Lippiatt, North Bristol NHS Trust; Rob Sanderson, First West of England; Sean Walsh, National Highways; Simon Whitehead, Priority Express; Randall Rickabaugh, Enterprise Mobility; Andrew Ord, The Bristol Port Company.</p> <p>Bristol City Council: Councillor Rob Bryher; Darron Hamilton, Principal Transport Officer; Arthur Girling, Senior Business Active Travel Officer; Laura Gosling, Workplace Parking Levy Programme Manager.</p> <p>City Office: Judith Langdon, Head of City Office.</p>		
Apologies	Mark Brown, Motability Operations; Graham Parkhurst, UWE; John Boughton; National Express; Karen Llewellyn, Bristol Health Partners;		
Optional networking session			
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Welcome from co-chairs Melanie Watson, Transport Focus; Cllr Ed Plowden, Bristol City Council			
MW began the Board meeting welcoming members. Darron Hamilton and Arthur Girling introduced themselves as they will be taking on administrative functions for the board, replacing Jacob Pryor.			
Welcome from Foot Anstey Mark Li, Foot Anstey			
ML welcomed participants, describing how Foot Anstey is a firm which aims to participate in the civic life of the local community.			
Board member updates All			
KD mentioned that Bristol will host two key matches in the upcoming Women’s Rugby World Cup 13/14 September, with implications for transport in the city.			

SW gave an update on the A432 Badminton Road overbridge. There will be a third M4 closure Friday night to Monday morning, around end of October. The bridge should be open by around this time next year.

SW also spoke about Road Investment Strategy 3 (RIS3). This was expected to have kicked in by now, but has been delayed. It is expected next year but this is not certain. The focus is likely to be on maintenance and renewal, not enhancement.

EP stated that 2025/6 is the Council's first year of running a Green budget (last year's was inherited from previous administration). This started with a predicted £40-50m deficit which has been brought under control. There is a lot in the in-tray of the new WECA mayor, including submission of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement phase 2 (CRSTS2) this autumn.

LM noted upcoming changes at WECA. In addition to the new mayor, there have been two other senior appointments: Emma Blackham, Executive Director of Transport; and Pam Turton, Director of Bus Operations.

MW spoke about [Your Bus Journey survey results](#), published in March by Transport Focus. There was a 3% increase in bus user satisfaction across the UK, 4% increase in West of England and N Somerset (reaching 81% satisfaction).

MW also raised a [piece of research from Transport Focus on bus shelters](#). It found codesign with users is very important. Positioning is important, especially for people with additional needs. Other key considerations include comfortable seating, paper timetables (alongside real time info), information on onward connections, maps, good lighting, a bin that is emptied. The Campaign for Better Transport has also published a report calling for better standard of bus shelters and stops.

KD spoke about a project to improve wayfinding in the city centre, making use of bus shelters around the Promenade, finding creative ways of using spaces.

- **ACTION:** DH/AG to consider this as an agenda item in the next meeting.

AO spoke about the Bristol Port Company's application to the Marine Management Organisation to build an offshore wind terminal. The aim is to create a construction hub for wind farms off the South West coast.

One City Plan Refresh

Judith Langdon, One City Office

The Plan sets direction to 2050. It is due an update in 2025. The Governance Board has given permission for City Office and working group to be bold in this review while also being continuous with the previous iterations of the One City Plan.

The Plan has six themes, each with three goals. The aim is to build on progress so far by adding a small number of overarching priorities (missions/challenges), which should be a staging post between 2050 vision, and where we are now. Aim is to break down silos e.g. between transport, environment, housing, etc.

One City Plan Priorities should be underpinned by the following principles:

- Equity
- Added value
- Involvement
- Prevention and early intervention
- Impact

- Strengths based

There are already several ideas emerging, some broad, some more specific.

Discussion:

- Priorities should have an angle for all One City Boards, including Transport. Several board members stated that transport can be linked to most other priorities already suggested.
- Priorities must be a suitable focus of work for a large range of stakeholders, not just Council work.
- Priorities should be ambitious, but need to be deliverable. The goal needs to be tangible for people to properly 'buy in'.
- What are Bristol's strengths (e.g. our cultural offer?) and what are our weaknesses (e.g. social mobility?)
- How will impact be measured? There was some discussion of using existing measures rather than inventing new metrics.
- There is a potential for universities to assist with research telling us where Bristol sits, what the evidence shows.

Suggestions for priority areas to explore:

- Making Bristol a world-class destination. This would incorporate its place as both a destination and the gateway to the region.
 - The tech sector is one strength. There was some discussion of a priority which makes use of AI for public good.
 - Could a priority be a place? For example, South Bristol? Or another way of grouping certain areas.
 - Night-time economy was highlighted as a useful cross-cutting theme – 41% of Bristol jobs between 6pm and 6am. Has implications for health, transport, economy, etc.
 - Clean air was also mentioned, with links to health, transport, economy, etc.
 - Accessibility – in all its forms – is a possibly useful cross-cutting focus, ranging from the accessibility of public transport for families, to access to education and opportunity.
 - Safety - and the feeling of safety - is an important theme which cuts across many different work areas.
 - Connectivity could be a good focus, but need to define what it means, and for what purpose. BCC has a priority to reduce car-based journeys by 40%. But transport in most cases is a demand derived from other needs.
- **ACTION:** Board members were encouraged to fill out the One City Plan Refresh survey with feedback and ideas for potential shared priorities: [survey linked here](#).

Night-time economy

Darron Hamilton, Principal Transport Officer

DH spoke about some discussions he has had with Graham Parkhurst about a three-month project to understand transport needs around the night-time economy. This would include:

- Analyse of already established data sets together to identify what is missing and needs collecting.
- Survey design and delivery
- Results analysis
- Identify key changes to improve travel at night.

The board discussed how to reach the right people. This may be challenging especially with low paid workers not interested in an online survey, or people that are key parts of the night-time transport network, e.g. taxi drivers and delivery riders.

The survey will use the BID's platform to gather info and also speak to people face to face.

Workplace Parking Levy

Laura Gosling, Programme Manager.

A WPL is a levy paid to the local transport authority on parking places that workplaces provide. It would tackle congestion, promote alternative commuting modes and provide a significant revenue stream for transport improvements.

Under the Transport Act 2000, the Council has powers to introduce a WPL scheme. Nottingham is the only city which has successfully implemented a WPL but several other cities are now actively pursuing the idea.

In 2011, Bristol city centre workplaces had an estimated 8,600 – 9,500 parking spaces. BCC will need to re-survey and bring together other datasets. The modelling, data collection and scheme development phase will take around a year.

The board discussed how to gain buy-in for a potentially controversial measure. A suggestion was made to communicate the project early. This should lead with what businesses could get as a result, for example improved public transport network (ref. Nottingham's tram network). It is also crucial to gain an understanding of what stakeholders would like money to be invested in.

There was a discussion of how to avoid alienating people without alternatives, for example parents with young children. Funding streams need to reward those organisations using all possible levers to reduce car journeys.

Board members also discussed the possible consequences of a WPL, including relocation of some businesses (threatened but did not materialise in Nottingham) and the impact on homeworking patterns.

- **ACTION:** All to answer five key questions on WPL [via this survey](#).

Kerbside Strategy Task & Finish group

Cllr Rob Bryher

Bristol City Council is in the early stages of developing a Kerbside Strategy for the city. The kerbside is defined as the road space next to the pavement, where you sometimes find parking, double yellow lines and bus lanes.

Currently, around 90% of the kerbside space in Bristol is used for car parking. While providing appropriate car parking is still a priority for the council, the objective of the strategy is to assess how the kerbside can be incrementally shifted to more sustainable uses that help the council meet its wider objectives around health, equity, decarbonisation and economic vitality.

This could take the form of targets, e.g. X% for mobility, X% for improving biodiversity, etc. One suggestion was to make some areas flexible in the way they are used, for example incorporating drop off and pick up space for passengers, or 'Uberoo' type deliveries.

The board discussed how there may be ways of approaching for different areas, with different uses potentially ranked differently.

- **ACTION:** All board members are requested to [fill in the survey](#) by the deadline of 11 May. Please also pass on to relevant businesses and stakeholders.

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