

Hertfordshire Local Transport Body Board Meeting

1430 – Thursday 1 October 2015, County Hall, Hertford

Those Attending:

Attendee	Organisation
Cllr Derrick Ashley (DA)	Hertfordshire County Council (<i>Chair, Hertfordshire LTB</i>)
Cllr Terry Douris (TD)	Hertfordshire County Council
Joan Hancox (JH)	Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership
Jan Hayes-Griffin (JH-G)	Hertfordshire County Council
Jon Tiley (JT)	Hertfordshire County Council
Richard Boutal (RB)	Hertfordshire County Council
Rupert Thacker (RT)	Hertfordshire County Council
Tom Hennessy (TH)	Hertfordshire County Council
James Povey (JP)	Hertfordshire County Council
Lawrence Thurbin (LT)	Hertfordshire County Council
Jane Custance (JC)	Chair, Hertfordshire Planning Group
Ashley Stower (AS)	Network Rail
Eric Cooper (EC)	Highways England
Stephen Hall (SH)	Highways England
Ian Cox (IC)	Hertfordshire County Council (<i>Minute Secretary</i>)

Minutes:

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1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence	
1.1	DA welcomed all to the meeting who then introduced themselves. DA explained that he would also be covering the HIPP as Cllr Mandy Perkins was not present.	
1.2	Apologies for Absence were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Percival • Mike Younghusband • Alex Williams • Trevor Mason • Dave Burt • Sanjay Patel 	
1.3	JH pointed-out that Andrew Percival had stepped down from the LEP Board and thus would no longer be attending LTB Meetings as the LEP business representative. TD said that a formal replacement for him was needed. LEP (JH) to advise	JH
1.4	DA asked for name plates to be available for future meetings.	IC
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
2.1	The minutes of the 15 January 2015 Hertfordshire Local Transport Body (Herts LTB) meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair.	
3.	Conflicts of Interest	
3.1	No conflicts of interest were declared.	

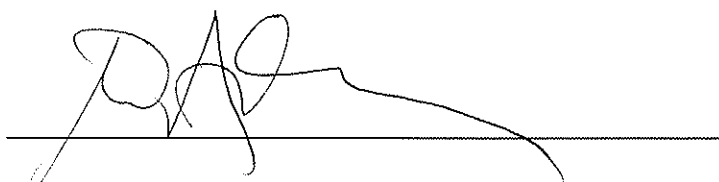
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4.	Updates Since Last Meeting (Verbal Update):	
4.1	<p data-bbox="336 300 1091 331"><u>Next Round of the Local Growth Fund (LGF3) (LEP/HCC)</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 367 1235 533">4.1.1 JH said that the next tranche of funding was expected following the Government's forthcoming Spending Review. She added that it was assumed that the 2017/2018 proposals would need to be ready by Christmas, pointing-out that bids needed to be in by the 9th of November for prioritisation in November.</p> <p data-bbox="336 568 1235 801">4.1.2 JP stated LTB approval was being sought to the emerging transport schemes list "<i>LEP SLGF 17-18 (bid Jan 2016): schemes list</i>", such that this could be passed to the LEP for consideration / prioritisation. After discussion DA asked for confirmation that the list supplied was not exhaustive. JT noted that the spreadsheet covered schemes still looking for funding and implementation in 2017/2018. The Transport Vision work will identify schemes beyond that.</p> <p data-bbox="336 837 1203 936">4.1.3 DA asked if the spreadsheet should or should not contain some Section S106 funding? RT said that the more detailed version did contain some 'match funding'.</p> <p data-bbox="336 972 1251 1106">4.1.4 TD raised the issue of the two schemes which were part of the last bid which did not go forward, i.e. the Hemel Hempstead Relief Road and Watford Junction improvements. RT said that there were no current preferred schemes for either of these with outline business cases.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1142 1235 1308">4.1.5 JC Noted that WBC were progressing working on Supplementary Planning Document for the Watford Junction area to facilitate a scheme to be bought forward.. JH said that the Hemel Hempstead Relief Road was being looked at with a report due late 2015. JT said that, in short, neither scheme had been lost.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1344 1139 1406">4.1.6 After further discussion the emerging transport schemes were endorsed for consideration by the LEP.</p>	
5.	Strategic Economic Plan Update (LGF2): Corridor Updates	
5.1	<p data-bbox="336 1516 948 1547"><u>LTB M1/M25 Corridor Update Report –Sep 15</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 1583 1219 1780">5.1.1 RB talked-through the paper supplied to Board Members. He said that in relation to CRL, Watford Borough Council had set-up a Watford Regeneration Board to both capture synergies and coordinate all current activity across Watford, which includes CRL, Heath Campus development and emerging developments at Ascot Rd, Charter Place and other locations.</p>	
5.1.2	<p data-bbox="336 1816 1251 1982">The transfer of CRL to Transport for London (TfL) / London Underground Limited was close to completion although negotiation of the legal agreements had been a long, drawn-out process. He added that TfL do not propose to start construction before spring 2016 at earliest.</p>	

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5.1.3	<p>DA asked if NR would have any residual interest in CRL? AS/RB stated that since part of route was 'joint running' (LU stock on NR infrastructure) there was a significant interface. RB noted that LU were discussing with NR the potential for NR to delivery all works on their own infrastructure, as changes in the overall NR national programme had freed up capacity.</p>	
5.1.4	<p>TD noted that the Press were reporting that the CRL would be finished in 2020 – he asked if this was realistic? RB said that TfL was reluctant to be tied down to a delivery date. December 2020 was understood to be a target, but formal 'in service' dates were linked to timetable changes which take place in May or December each year. If May is missed in a year, the service cannot be formally operational until December.</p>	
5.2	<p><u>East West Corridor Report</u></p>	
	<p>5.2.1 As per the Report supplied to the Board.</p>	
5.3	<p><u>Major Projects Update</u></p> <p>5.3.1 RB said Planning Permission application for the A120 Little Hadham Bypass would be submitted in Nov 15, followed by publication of draft Compulsory Purchase Orders. The scheme was still on target for a start in 2017 FY.</p> <p>5.3.2 RB noted that final funding approval for both the A120 and A602 schemes had initially been retained by the Department for Transport (DfT). He expressed the opinion that this bought an additional risk of extended approval times - DfT often require schemes to be re-assessed against new appraisal methods as they update their processes. Discussions were ongoing with DfT in relation to the need for them to retain approval for A602, given the 'package' nature of the scheme. JH said that the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills were keen to know how much the DfT full business case requirement may delay project delivery.</p> <p>RB noted that some general stakeholder consultation will start in late 2016/ early 2017 in relation to potential A120 Standon Bypass corridors as part of the overall HCC strategy for A120 Improvements.</p> <p>5.3.3 RT said that the Stevenage Central plans were now open to the public. Some initial traffic modelling was being looked at and the overall scheme was being supported.</p> <p>5.3.4 RB explained that HCC's current A1 strategy work was focused on Junction 7 and the "Glaxo" roundabout. – there is a need to co-ordinate with and capitalise on the proposed HE A1 main line improvements.</p> <p>5.3.5 TD raised the issue of a lack of Ramp Metering at A1(M) Junction 6. EC said he hoped it was near completion.</p>	

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6.	Strategic Roads (Verbal Update)	
6.1	A1(M) Junctions 6 to 8 SMART Motorway scheme. EC reported that consultant had been appointed. Published information indicated completion in 2019, but HE would like to deliver earlier.	
6.2	EC said that a consolidation exercise was ongoing for all HE strategies country-wide. This exercise is due to be completed by the end of October 2015. He expressed HE's desire to work closer with HCC.	
6.3	A1(M) Junction 6 Pinch Point Scheme EC reported all of the infrastructure was now in place, emphasising that the work done was mainly a safety scheme. He hoped that the ramp metering, once in operation, would help current congestion – the calibration of this had been delayed until the schools had returned. He said other measures were also being looked at. DA said that as this was all taking a lot of time, perhaps the Junction 6 Roundabout could have a Box Junction to reduce the congestion currently being experienced. EC indicated that HE would be willing to work with HCC and potentially contribute to mitigation measures that were effective.	
6.4	SH said that there was little currently to report on the southern end of the A1/A1(M). A review / report was under current consideration regarding "quick win" improvements Junction 4. He noted that HE were also investigating improvements at Junction 25 on the M25 (A10).	
6.5	EC said that HE there were six Strategic Studies ongoing which includes the A1/M25 Junction to Peterborough and Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. He said that ARUP was working on the Studies and went through the study objectives adding that one option being considered was making the A1 from Baldock to Alconbury all Motorway.	
6.6	DA queried the progress on the East-West Study? EC said it had the same delivery timetable as the other studies. DA asked if there was some co-ordination between the Strategic Road studies and the Strategic rail studies for E-W routes. EC said Sherrie Johnson was dealing with this as separate processes were involved.	
7.	Strategic Rail (Verbal Update)	
7.1	AS said there was currently three Rail reviews underway. The Bowe Review (into the planning of Network Rail's enhancements programme, 2014 to 2019) is due out Winter 2015.	
7.2	The Shaw Report was looking at the longer term future shape and financing of Network Rail. A <u>scoping study</u> has been published for comment & responses with a final report expected in early 2016.	

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7.4	TD said that it is being reported in the media that HS2 will be stopping at Old Oak Common. AS confirmed this was the proposal.	
7.5	DA rased the issue of future options for the Abbey Line between St Albans & Watford. AS said there is a study being developed looking at options for the line, which may consider through running to Euston and increasing the frequency to every 30 minutes. An update on this will be bought to a future LTB meeting	AS
8.	Hertfordshire Transport Vision Update	
8.1	JP gave a presentation to the Board (<i>Note: Forwarded to all after the Board Meeting</i>). The update was noted by the LTB chair.	
9.	Any Other Business	
9.1	JT said that the West Anglia Task Force was underway and about to enter consultation on Crossrail 2 (end of Oct 15).	
9.2	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 16:05.	
10.0	Date of Next Meeting	
	Date	Time
		Location
	14 th January 2015	14:30 to 16:30
		Committee Room 'B', First Floor, HCC County Hall, Hertford

Signed as a true and accurate record of the 1st of October 2015 Hertfordshire Local Transport Body Board Meeting.



Councillor Derrick Ashley

14th January 2016

