

# Hertfordshire Local Transport Body Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday 7 April 2016

2pm, Committee Rm B, County Hall, Hertford

## Those Attending:

Attendee	Organisation
<b>Cllr Terry Douris (TD)</b>	Hertfordshire County Council (Sub Chair for Cllr D Ashley)
<b>Cllr Mandy Perkins (MP)</b>	Hertfordshire Infrastructure Planning Partnership / WHBC
<b>Jon Tiley (JT)</b>	Hertfordshire County Council
<b>Trevor Mason (TM)</b>	Hertfordshire County Council
<b>Richard Boutal (RB)</b>	Hertfordshire County Council
<b>James Povey (JP)</b>	Hertfordshire County Council
<b>Rajesh Kungur (RK)</b>	Hertfordshire County Council
<b>Jacob Wing (JW)</b>	Hertfordshire County Council
<b>Jo Softly (JS)</b>	Hertfordshire County Council
<b>Adam Wood (AW)</b>	Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership
<b>Eric Cooper (EC)</b>	Highways England
<b>Tina Gigg (TG)</b>	Hertfordshire County Council ( <i>Minute Secretary</i> )

## Minutes:

Serial	Agenda Item	Actions
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence</b>	
1.1	TD welcomed all to the meeting, and notified the members of the Board that he would be subbing as Chair for Cllr Derrick Ashley.	
1.2	Apologies for Absence were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen Hall (HE)</li> <li>• Edward McCrann (Network Rail)</li> <li>• Ashley Stower (Network Rail)</li> <li>• Tom Hennessey (HCC)</li> </ul>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	
2.1	The minutes of the 14 January 2016 Hertfordshire Local Transport Body (Herts LTB) meeting were agreed.	
2.2	The following actions were discussed from these minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Did Ashley Stower arrange a further meeting with HCC to discuss Hitchin Station? TG to action.</li> <li>- Network Rail Property to come to HIPP in July.</li> <li>- A new LEP member on LTB to be discussed under Item 3.</li> <li>- TM updated that the Oyster Card 'nut' had not been cracked, information will be sent out to LTB members as soon as it is available.</li> <li>- Junc 6 pinch point scheme (POPE) - A Highways England update on schemes is Agenda Item 5.</li> </ul>	<b>TG</b> <b>MP</b> <b>TM</b>

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3.	<b>LTB Membership</b>	
3.1	AW updated that he had spoken to Neil Hayes (Executive Member of LEP). There has been a review of all Boards across the LEP. The LEP Strategic Infrastructure Board will have a revised structure with a new chair which will lead to a new LTB representative. Ideally a business rep should attend LTB. AW to inform TG/JP as soon as a new rep is known.	<b>AW</b>
3.2	A discussion was had around providing substitutes for attendance at LTB meetings for the decision making process. It was decided that subs do not need to be formally agreed before a meeting, but Tina Gigg/James Povey would need to know who would be likely to act as subs. TG to find out.	<b>TG</b>
4.	<b>Declaration of Conflicts of Interest</b>	
4.1	No conflicts of interest were declared.	
5.	<b>Highways England Update</b>	
5.1	<p><u>Highways England Structure Changes</u>  EC updated that not much has changed from the front end.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The key focus now is improving safety, delivering the road investment strategy, and a better customer focus.</li> <li>- Customer Operations are coming together with EC's section</li> <li>- Major Projects to now be named 'Capital Programmes' to improve the focus on delivery.</li> </ul> <p>EC informed that current feedback from customers (road users and those that live near to HE roads) is that they want 'smooth roads', although HE are not entirely sure what that means specifically.</p> <p>Now that HE is a private company a Long Term Strategy has been developed. An important part of this strategy is looking at driver behaviour, as this is responsible for a large number of accidents on HE roads.</p> <p>There are a number of HE contacts for HCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Simon Amor</li> <li>- Eric Cooper</li> <li>- Jenny Volp (operational work)</li> <li>- Stephen Hall (HCC overlaps Stephen's HE area)</li> </ul> <p>RB requested to see a structure of the HE Management. EC to send.</p> <p>EC to also identify who HCC should contact for specific schemes (EC to put in a note)</p>	<p><b>EC</b></p> <p><b>EC</b></p>

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5.2	<p>MP pointed out the following issues around the A1(M):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recently more fatalities have been reported as County fatalities.</li> <li>- The issue of congestion on the A1(M).</li> <li>- When the A1(M) is gridlocked it also affects all the local roads.</li> <li>- Need to work together with HE on the proposed planning figures along the A1(M).</li> </ul> <p>EC responded with that there will be 1 person at HE focussing on road safety and producing a road casualty plan.</p>	
5.3	<p>EC asked the LTB what would members like HE to bring to future meetings (i.e. presenting more data such as collisions)? A discussion was had around KSIs and the cumulative impacts on growth and local plans.</p>	
5.4	<p>The Government's 'Road Investment Strategy 2020 – Planning Ahead' has been online since the budget. This document includes the processes that the HE are following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Route strategies will be more focused on the performance of the network.</li> <li>- HE to facilitate a national strategic economic plan, and has already been engaging with LEPs to understand where growth is. This plan will inform the route strategies later in 2016.</li> <li>- The Road Investment Strategy 2020 is online.</li> </ul>	
5.5	<p><u>A1(M) Junction 6</u>  A number of issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Perceived problems.</li> <li>- Users think it has got worse.</li> <li>- The diverge lane is being mis-used.</li> <li>- More congested at the Clock Tower roundabout</li> </ul> <p>HE are undertaking surveys (including video surveys) to see if there really is a problem.</p> <p>HCC are doing their own surveys, and should be working with HE on this. RB to check that HCC are working with HE and get back to MP.</p>	<b>RB</b>
5.6	<p><u>A1(M) Junctions 6-8</u>  A paper has gone to the Internal Investment Decision Committee. The operational concept will be available by 2017. Works could start by 2020. HE have been liaising with Sue Jackson about sharing modelling opportunities (COMET). EC to send the 2020 document.</p>	<b>EC</b>

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5.7	<p><u>A5/M1 Link</u> This scheme is progressing well, the beams are in place on the M1, it is on programme for 2017. EC offered a site tour.</p> <p>The A5 is to be detrunked and the condition of the current road is being looked at.</p> <p>TD highlighted that for the Markyate turnoff, the local MP for Hemel Hempstead had had a letter from the regional director about the withdrawal of promised funding. EC asked if HCC had seen the formal response.</p> <p>Modelling is predicting a 10% reduction in traffic on the A5. Detrunking may ease the congestion due to changes in speed limits.</p> <p>TD also highlighted that there will be a liability/cost to HCC when it is detrunked. EC noted that he is liaising with Sanjay Patel (HCC) on this and to let him know of any further issues/concerns.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Government Funding</b>	
6.1	<p>AW set the scene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The LEP will be refreshing the SEP as it is now 3 years old.</li> <li>- There are a number of key external pressures on Herts (growth, rail, domestic etc.)</li> <li>- In the next 12-18 months a new operational plan will be developed, looking 3-5 years ahead.</li> <li>- There is a prospectus approach at the moment (i.e. looking at priority areas and pressures on growth).</li> <li>- 5 year high priority projects will be considered first, then, 3 year, then 12-24 months.</li> </ul> <p>E.g. a new station at Stevenage. There is a 5 year timeplan before the station is built (£34-40million), to make it happen it needs the closure of Lytton Way within 3 years, but over the next 12-24 months there would be a range of projects (feasibility, design work, studies etc.).</p> <p>AW to do a presentation of Stevenage Regeneration at a future meeting</p>	<b>AW</b>
6.2	<p><u>Growth Deal 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summer 2015 saw an open call for projects, but things have been quiet since then.</li> <li>- The budget announced £1.2 billion to 2021 across LEP areas.</li> <li>- Guidance is expected 8 April 2016.</li> <li>- Bids will need to be submitted by July 2016.</li> <li>- Herts LEP are pulling together potential projects that will fit into the 3 year timeframe. The HCC transport scheme prioritisation forms a good starting point for the LEP submission.</li> <li>- Transport infrastructure and physical development (i.e. town centre regeneration) will form the bulk of the bid.</li> </ul>	

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6.3	<p><u>Sustainable Travel Transition Year Bid</u></p> <p>TM informed that the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) ran for 5 years, from 2017 there will be a 3-4 year access fund. For 2016 there will be a 1 year transition bid, which HCC submitted on 29 March 2016. This is for small schemes only as funding is only £20 million across the UK.</p> <p>HCC Bid schemes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- St Albans Shuttle Bus</li> <li>- Stevenage signposting on cycleways (to the town centre and local businesses)</li> <li>- Hertford signposting (from the station to the town centre)</li> </ul> <p>The government will supposedly assess the bids within 4 weeks. The full Access Bid will be Summer 2016. HCCs transition bid could be developed for the 3-4 year bid.</p> <p>TD asked a question around wayfinding signs in Watford, and why instead of distances, minutes had been used. TM replied that this was part of the LSTF scheme to make it more user friendly, and it is proven that the public respond to time references. It has been done with other signs but HCC doesn't want too much of mixing signs. AW suggested putting calories on signs, TM said that this had been considered in Stevenage, and we may work with Public Health in the future to do this.</p> <p>MP asked if there would be new signage for the new Hatfield Station? AW informed that a Hatfield Regeneration meeting had been recently held, and the next steps were a delivery plan and to identify projects, one of which may be to improve the journey from the station to the town centre for pedestrians. TM updated that some signage had gone in and that was why it wasn't included in the transition bid.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Budget Implications</b>	
7.1	TD announced that HCC had received £943,000 from the Governments pothole fund, but that it was for pothole prevention only.	
7.2	JT asked about Crossrail 2 and St Albans City Station. TM replied that a bid had been put in for the St Albans Station Redevelopment and GTR had received £5 million (out of the total £16 million pot).	
7.3	A 5 <sup>th</sup> platform at Stevenage Station is proposed to be delivered in Network Rail's next Control period (CP6 2019 – 2024).	

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8.	<b>Strategy Update</b>	
8.1	<p>JP gave an update on the progress with developing the Transport Vision and new LTP4. Stakeholder consultation had been held Autumn 2015 on the proposed options for the Vision, and JP went through a summary of the comments made. A new LTP4 is being drafted which will go through public consultation Summer 2016 with final adoption at the end of the year. LTP4 will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The new long term Vision</li> <li>- The new set of objectives</li> <li>- The strategic direction</li> <li>- The new major projects</li> </ul> <p>A new set of broader objectives have been developed as a result of last year's consultation and have been put into 3 themes (Prosperity, Place and People), these objectives will be used to appraise and agree the final list of Major Projects.</p> <p>It was agreed that a draft LTP4 would be brought to the July LTB meeting, and the 27 June LEP Board, and the July HIPP.  <u>Post Meeting Note:</u> The agenda for the June LEP Board is too full, therefore the LTP4 Consultation Draft will go to the Strategic Infrastructure Board.</p>	<p><b>JP MP AW</b></p>
8.2	<p>TD highlighted that up to 2050 technological changes could be massive, and that the LTP doesn't acknowledge this pace of change. JP responded by saying to wait for the draft LTP4, and that we were future proofing with major project colleagues.</p>	
9.	<b>Strategic Rail</b>	
9.1	<p>With regard to route studies the East Coast work is in progress.</p>	
9.2	<p>There has been an announcement by Network Rail, that the East West Rail Corridor will be Bedford/Sandy/Cambridge. Links to Hertfordshire would include St Albans (via Bedford), and links to Sandy as well. This is now seen as a strategic high speed link between Oxford and Cambridge.</p>	
9.3	<p>DfT and TfL have recently consulted upon changes to local rail services in the London area and they have given local authorities outside London a say. They are suggesting further TfL services outside of London up to WGC and Hertford North/Stevenage (TfL overground).</p>	
9.4	<p>Thameslink is on programme to finish Dec 2018, with opportunities for direct services from Hertfordshire (Stevenage/WGC). There will be further consultation on the timetable in June 2016. HCC will respond to this and make others aware.</p>	<p><b>TM</b></p>
9.5	<p>MP asked who she should contact at Network Rail to discuss the bridge at WGC station. TM to find out.</p>	<p><b>TM</b></p>

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<b>10.</b>	<b>Major Projects Update</b>	
10.1	<u>A120 Little Hadham</u> There has been a slight delay, but this will not affect the overall programme. HCC needs to look again at mitigation for affected species (in particular Bats) as there has been a change in advice for Bats.  HCC will finalise proposals shortly and then submit a planning application. Discussions are still ongoing with the landowners. There will probably be a public inquiry due to the size of the scheme.	
10.2	<u>A602 Improvements</u> HCC are finalising design details with the landowner for the offline section near Heath Mount School. Positive discussions are ongoing with both sides seeking to avoid the need for compulsory purchase of land. Work may be able to commence in 2016/17 on some sections of the scheme where the proposals are within the highway boundary, subject to successful completion of formal statutory processes.	
10.3	<u>Metropolitan Line Extension</u> This has gone quiet. The TfL approval process to award the “stage 2” (construction) contract needs to go through the TfL Board but there will not be a Board until July due to the elections. TfL have previously committed to a “Delivery Into Service” date of Dec 2020 however and the overall programme to achieve this remains on track.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
11.1	None.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
	<b>15<sup>th</sup> July 2016</b>	<b>14:00 to 16:00</b>
		<b>Location</b>
		<b>Room 242, HCC County Hall, Hertford</b>