



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE SOLENT LOCAL TRANSPORT BODY

**Thursday, 17 October 2013 at 11.30 am
Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Southampton SO14 7LY**

Voting Members Present:

Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, Hampshire County Council

Councillor Ian Stephens, Leader of Council, Isle of Wight Council

Councillor Tony Briggs, Member, Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH)

Councillor Jason Fazackarley, Executive Member for Transport, Portsmouth City Council

Anne-Marie Mountifield as Deputy for Russell Kew, Board Member, Solent Local Enterprise Partnership

Councillor Jacqui Rayment, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Southampton City Council

Councillor Jacqui Rayment, Vice Chairman, took the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Russell Kew.

2. Disclosure of Interests

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council and other Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

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3. Minutes of the Last Meeting on 24 July 2013 and Matters Arising

Members agreed to the revision of Minute No. 10 to read, "The scheme is designed to encourage modal shift but at its heart is a key multimodal interchange and has been designed to improve the situation for all modes including the car."

Subject to the above correction, the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

4. Deputations

There were no deputations.

5. Chairman's Announcements

The Vice Chairman summarised the changes in the funding stream from Central Government now to be included in the Local Growth Fund and controlled by Local Enterprise Partnerships. Consequently this has reduced the Body's function to that of prioritising transport schemes for inclusion in the Solent Strategic Economic Plan whilst TfSHIoW fulfilled the complementary role of strategic transport planning and implementation.

Members were told the Solent Strategic Economic Plan would respond to Central Government's requirement for delivery of projects during 2015-2016 and would include shovel-ready transport schemes and support increases in housing, jobs and skills in the Solent region.

The Chairman's Announcements are appended to these Minutes.

6. Future Governance Arrangement for Strategic Transport Partnership Working

Members received a report from the Monitoring Officer and Project Manager on the future of governance arrangements (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

The changes in available funding from Central Government and through the Local Enterprise Partnerships was noted by Members together with the overlapping and complementary work of the Board with Transport for South Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in projects to underpin regional economic regeneration. There was a consensus that formal closure and establishment of a new entity should take place subject to ratification by the parent Local Authorities.

Members voted unanimously in favour of the proposal to close the Solent Local Transport Body and for its work programmes to be continued by the new entity.

RESOLVED:

- (a) to agree the intention to close and transfer the programme of work to a new entity named Solent Transport at a future meeting;

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- (b) to invite Member Organisations (Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council, PUSH, SLEP and Southampton City Council) to ratify such intention through their own decision making process.

7. Assessment and Prioritisation of Transport Schemes for 2015-2016 Delivery

Members received presentations from the Board's external consultant in respect of the assessment and prioritisation of transport schemes for delivery in 2015-2016 and from Officers of Portsmouth City Council, Isle of Wight Council and Southampton City Council (Item 7 in the Minute Book).

Schemes were re-assessed using the Web TAG methodology because deliver-ability was required in 2015-2016 and the achievable economic outputs and three of the identified schemes were not deliverable in 2015-2016.

Two reservations existed for A27 Improvements, Fareham: the acquisition of land and the required planning consent.

Presentations of two additional projects were given to Members that could deliver strong economic outputs (Dunsbury Hill Farm Link Road, Havant and Red Funnel Interchange (Southampton-East Cowes)).

The Dunsbury Hill Farm Link Road - a local authority purchase in the 1940s since when it had remained dormant with external valuation assessing it as having a negative value without public sector investment. Since the opening of the A3M Hindhead Tunnel, the linked site was capable of delivering 3000 jobs into the area, proportionately 50% in respect of construction and 50% in permanent employment if an established business could be successfully encouraged to remain in the region. Members were told that their business was projected to triple in size in the next 3-5 years.

Red Funnel Ferry Interchanges at Southampton and East Cowes – relocation of terminal facilities on both sides of the Solent where traffic flows restricted ferry business and prejudiced economic growth of the whole Island. Members were told of benefits to the commercial and leisure sectors and of a current £330M developer interest in the Royal Pier, Southampton and how re-siting the centre of East Cowes closer to the waterfront would unlock facilities and employment.

The Vice Chairman invited questions from Members and the audience.

Andrew Wickham for Go South Coast (and SHBOA) brought to Members' attention the inclusion of bus terminal facilities on both sides of the Solent to support the inclusion of the Island into the integrated transport network.

Justin Bend for Sustrans was told that the prioritised list had changed in composition and priority order through the reassessment methodology being applied to schemes where development work had continued since the original assessment.

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8. Prioritisation of Transport Schemes for 2015-2016

Members received a report on the reassessment of the transport investment priorities and proposed schemes for recommendation to the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership for funding through the Local Growth Fund and further submission to the DfT (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

Following the Comprehensive Spending Review announcement and the commitment of £19.2M to transport schemes, one of the qualifying criteria became in-year delivery in 2015-2016. Additionally, the Local Enterprise Partnership required the proposed schemes to drive economic growth in the Solent economy.

Consequently existing and additional schemes were re-assessed through the Web TAG methodology to ascertain their suitability for submission.

Members voted unanimously in favour of the proposal and

RESOLVED:

- (a) to adopt the prioritised list of schemes identified as being deliverable in 2015-16 as presented in table 2 to the Report and approves this list for submission to the Department for Transport (DfT), noting that the list represents where we are today and will continue to be developed and amended through wider work in support of the Solent Strategic Economic Plan;
- (b) to approve the inclusion of the top four performing schemes as set out in table 2 as part of a wider pipeline of transport schemes that is being developed to cover the period 2015-16 to 2020-21 and beyond to inform the development of the Solent Strategic Economic Plan.
- (c) to endorse the intention of the promoting authorities and the LEP to enter into dialogue regarding the resourcing of the development of strategic transport schemes that emerge from the transport evidence that is being developed to support the Solent Strategic Economic Plan.
- (d) to note that work to develop a wider list of transport schemes to support economic growth and inform the evidence base underpinning the Strategic Economic Plan is in train.

Meeting closed at 12.30pm

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SCHEDULE OF ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING

CH2M – Halcrow – David Crockett	Department of Transport - Maureen Pullen
Eastleigh Borough Council – Cllrs David Airey and Ed Vokes	Fareham Borough Council – Rosemary Fletcher
Go South Coast - Andrew Wickham	Federation for Small Businesses – Charles Burns
Hampshire Chamber of Commerce – Kristine Salomon Olsen	First Group - Marc Reddy
Havant Borough Council – Stuart Wood	Hampshire County Council – Helen Maxwell; James Strachan; Peter McGrath
Isle of Wight Community Rail Partnership – Bobby Lock	Isle of Wight Council - Chris Wells
Network Rail – Josie Evans	Portsmouth City Council – Kathy Wadsworth, Simon Moon
National Express – Amine Belkacem	PUSH – Gloria Ighodaro
Southampton Airport – Steve Thurston	Southampton City Council - Frank Baxter; Phil Marshall; Paul Walker
Stagecoach – Mark Turner	Steve Porter Transport and Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce, Tourism and Industry - Steve Porter
Sustrans – Justin Bend	Test Valley Borough Council – Viv Messenger
	Transport for South Hampshire & Isle of Wight - Stuart Baker; Stephen Gee