

PENINSULA TRANSPORT SHADOW SUB NATIONAL TRANSPORT BODY

1 MARCH 2019

Present:-

Members

Councillors A Davis, G Brown, M Coker, R Excell

Co-opted Members:-

A Darley (Highways England), I Harrison (Heart of the South West LEP), D Round (Network Rail) and B Wills (Department for Transport)

Apologies:-

Councillor J Woodman, T Bagshaw, K Bournier, I Knight and B Watts

1 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2018 be approved as a true record.

2 **Items requiring urgent attention**

There were no items raised as a matter of urgency.

3 **Peninsula Transport Update**

The Board received the Presentation of the Technical Lead Authority on the latest progress and activities of Peninsula Transport.

The Board received details on the expected work programme to July 2019, as informed by the 'Investment Planning Guidance for the Major Road Network and Large Local Majors Programme' published by the Department for Transport in December 2018. Peninsula Transport Shadow Sub National Transport Body (SSTB) will need to submit a prioritised list of schemes for inclusion in the Major Road Network and Large Local Majors programmes in Summer 2019. AECOM have been commissioned by Peninsula Transport to develop the Regional Evidence Base and prioritisation process for the schemes for submission. Future SSTB board meetings will be required to consider stakeholder responses and prioritisation of schemes for submission.

Peninsula Transport will ultimately develop a strategic transport strategy for the peninsula, undertake traffic modelling using Highways England's South West Traffic Model, publish an Economic Connectivity Study and develop a Regional Evidence Base to be refreshed every two years. The programme of work will need to be reviewed by the SSTB Board if no funding support from DfT is identified.

Members discussed moving the SSTB board meeting from May to June to align with timescales for the technical work. It was agreed that the officers will move forward with engaging stakeholders regarding the schemes for submission.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Davis, **SECONDED** by Councillor Brown and

RESOLVED that

- (a) the latest progress and activities of Peninsula Transport are noted;

- (b) the scheduled May SSTB board meeting is moved to June.

4 **Major Road Network Schemes, Large Local Major Schemes and Prioritisation Process**

The Board considered the report and presentation on the Major Road Network schemes, Large Local Major schemes and the prioritisation process.

The Board heard key facts relating to the proposed 7 Major Road Network (MRN) schemes and 3 Large Local Major (LLM) schemes. It is noted that there are strict criteria which limit the possible schemes for inclusion in the initial tranche of funding. This includes:

- Schemes which are not on the MRN or are wholly on the SRN will not be eligible;
- The Department for Transport's contribution will be between £20m and £50m;
- Local contribution must be at least 15%;
- Schemes must submit a Strategic Outline Business case (SOBC) three years before works start, an Outline Business Case (OBC) two years before works start and start construction by 2024/2025.

Whilst remaining open to other schemes for prioritisation, any that do come forward must meet these criteria.

It is noted that the A358 Henlade Bypass scheme is currently being progressed by Highways England through the Road Investment Strategy. Should this process fail, this would be seen as a high priority for the MRN, although it will not be submitted as a scheme at this stage.

Progress on the proposed prioritisation process were discussed, identifying themes and questions to aid this. Members discussed whether the key priorities have been covered. The need for deliverability was identified to be a key priority for Peninsula Transport. It was noted that the prioritisation process must also act as a sifting process. The value for money that a scheme provides will be important, but the use of this for ranking should be avoided. It was suggested that it could be used as a threshold, to ensure schemes included represent at least 'medium' value for money. Supporting growth corridors and developments will also be critical, with the possibility to consider the uplift in productivity as a metric for prioritisation. In addition, it was suggested that the Government will want prioritisation to reflect the themes in the Industrial Strategy.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Brown, **SECONDED** by Councillor Davis and

RESOLVED that;

- (a) The schemes identified in the Report be approved for inclusion in the Major Road Network and Large Local Majors shortlist for future assessment and prioritisation; and
- (b) The prioritisation principals given in the Report be approved with the officers group incorporating the following comments received:
 - Strategic case is amended to include references to safety, enhanced productivity and the current planning status of schemes
 - Economic case should ensure AQMA's are considered
 - Financial case should consider the confidence of the cost estimate
 - Commercial & Management case should identify the approach to risk and the Local Authority's commitment to both delivering the schemes and sourcing the local contribution

- (c) The June board be made 3 hours to accommodate sufficient debate around the prioritised schemes

5 Finance Update

The Board considered the Report of the Finance Lead Authority on the latest financial position.

The Board noted that there is a low and high cost forecast expenditure.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Davis, **SECONDED** by Councillor Brown and

RESOLVED that;

- (a) The financial information set out in the Report be noted and approved

6 Communications and Engagement Update

The Board received the Report of the Communications and Engagement Lead Authority on the latest communications and engagement activity, the Communications Strategy and arrangements for the Peninsula Transport website.

The Board noted that there will be a full delivery plan as work progresses.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Brown, **SECONDED** by Councillor Coker and

RESOLVED that

- (a) The Communications Strategy be approved; and
- (b) The arrangements for the Peninsula Transport website be approved; and
- (c) Dartmoor National Park and Exmoor National park are added under 'planning authorities'.

7 Governance Update

The Board considered the Report of the Governance Lead Authority on the latest Governance position, Transport Forum Terms of Reference and Public Participation Scheme.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Davis, **SECONDED** by Councillor Brown and

RESOLVED that

- (a) The Transport Forum Terms of Reference be approved; and
- (b) The Public Participation Scheme be approved.

8 Co-Opted Members Update

The Board received verbal reports from the Co-opted Members on matters of interest arising from their respective organisations, including a presentation from Highways England on the Road Investment Strategy schemes in the South West.

The Board noted that Western Gateway SSTB have a board meeting on 6 March 2019.

9 Cross-Boundary Working with Western Gateway

The Board received the Presentation on cross-boundary working with Western Gateway Shadow Sub-National Transport Body.

The Board considered suggestions for continued joint working, particularly on cross-boundary corridors. It was noted that there is a need to engage with the CBI in partnership with Western Gateway going forward.

10 Large Local Majors Schemes Update

The Board received the Presentation on the progress of the Large Local Majors schemes currently in development in the Peninsula Transport area: North Devon Link Road and St Austell to A30 Link Road.

The Board noted that the North Devon Link Road secured planning permission in February 2019 with main works expected to start in November 2020 and St Austell to A30 Link Road is expected to secure planning in April 2019 with works expected to start in Spring 2020.

11 Dates of Future Meetings

Board Members noted the dates of future meetings as:

June 2019 – Date TBC
5 September 2019

All meetings to be held at County Hall, Exeter, EX2 4QD. Time is to be determined, with mornings preferred.

Please use link below for County Council Calendar of Meetings;
<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>

12 Exclusion of the Press & Public

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Brown, **SECONDED** by Councillor Davis and

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act namely the financial or business affairs of persons tendering for the provision of council goods or services and of the County Council, in both cases, and in accordance with Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, by virtue of the fact that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

13 Finance Update: Forecast Expenditure

(An item taken under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 during which the press and public were excluded)

The Board received the Report of the Financial Lead Authority on the itemised forecast expenditure of the Peninsula Transport Sub-National Transport Body.

The Meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 4.00 pm