

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Minute of Meeting of the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership held in Quality Hotel, Leonard Street, Perth on Tuesday 27 March 2007 at 11.00am.

Present: Councillors K Ritchie and D Selfridge (Angus Council); Councillors K Keenan, R Wallace and J Morrow (Dundee City Council); Councillors A Livingstone, J Mair and J Hulbert (Perth and Kinross Council); R Andrew (Member).

In Attendance: E Guthrie (Director); E Lowson, G Chree and Councillor F Ellis (Angus Council); M Galloway and N Gardiner (Dundee City Council); A Deans, G Taylor and V Goldthorp (Perth and Kinross Council); L Goodfellow and C Bell (Stirling Council); D Whittle and D Connolly (MVA Consultancy); P Say (Natural Capital) and N Farrell (Scottish Executive).

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors F Grant, G Thomson and J Paterson; and M Duffy, Professor M Horner, G Roser and W Wright.

Councillor Livingstone, Chairperson, Presiding.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in terms of The Code of Conduct.

2. MINUTE OF MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Partnership of 20 March 2007 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

3. FINALISED REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY: PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There was submitted a report by the Director (RTP/07/18), seeking approval of the finalised TACTRAN Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) and Interim RTS Indicative Delivery Plan for submission to the Minister for Transport, Tavish Scott MSP, by 31 March 2007.

The Director reported that amendments agreed by the Partnership to Chapters 1 to 6 of the document at its meeting on 20 March 2007 had been incorporated in the revised version at Appendix A to the report. He also gave a verbal update on responses received from statutory consultees, including Health Boards and Community Planning Partnerships, which were all broadly supportive of the Draft Strategy as issued for public consultation. A verbal report was also given on a response recently received from HITRANS. The MVA Consultancy gave a verbal update on a number of proposed minor amendments resulting from their completed analysis of responses received towards the end of the Public Consultation period on 16 March 2007 and these were agreed.

After consideration of the revised Chapters 1 – 6, the following further amendments were agreed:-

- (i) amend sections 2.3.27 and 6.2.102 to reflect recent announcements by the Scottish Executive on the future role of Regional Transport Partnerships in the provision of Demand Responsive Transport;
- (ii) Chapter 4 to include specific reference to supporting the Scottish Executive's Traffic Stabilisation Target;
- (iii) include specific reference to timber transport in section 4.2.14;
- (iv) amend section 6.2.2 to reflect ongoing discussion between the Consultants and SEA Gateway on Appropriate Appraisal;
- (v) amend sections 6.2.68 – 6.2.71 to include specific reference to the importance of protecting locally important rail halts;
- (vi) extend Intervention IV_G6 on Integrated Ticketing to include Integrated Timetabling;
- (vii) extend section 6.2.126 to include reference to investigating the possibility of dualling the A9 to the northern TACTRAN boundary and associated grade separated junction improvements;
- (viii) extend section 6.2.128 to specifically refer to safety improvements on A90 between Dundee and the northern TACTRAN boundary;
- (ix) include under Intervention IV_4 – Road Safety Improvements, additional Actions addressing the A811, A977 and other concerns on the strategic road network;
- (x) include a new paragraph under 6.2.130 making specific reference to vulnerable road user groups;
- (xi) include under section 6.2.152 a new paragraph indicating the intention to consider alternative opportunities to develop regional air facilities at Errol and other locations, in the event that proposals at Dundee Airport are unable to be progressed.

The Director reported that the Indicative Delivery Plan circulated as Appendix B to the report would require to be revised to take account of agreed changes to the RTS Interventions/Actions, including incorporation of indicative costs for new or amended Actions.

There followed a presentation by J Baggaley, MVA Consultancy, on continuing work on the revised Chapter 7 dealing with Appraisal of the RTS, which was an evolving document and had yet to be agreed by the RTS Steering Group. He reported that discussions were also ongoing between Natural Capital and the SEA Gateway on issues raised by the Gateway in relation to consultation on the Environmental Report.

Councillor Livingstone sought views on agreeing a mechanism for approving Chapter 7 of the RTS submission and outlined four options for consideration.

Councillor Morrow, supported by Councillor Keenan suggested, and it was agreed, that the completed Chapter 7 be circulated to all Partnership members for comment, with authority delegated to the Chairperson, in conjunction with the Director, to formally approve Chapter 7 and the finalised

RTS for submission to the Minister for Transport by 31 March 2007, in light of comments received.

The Director advised that efforts would be made to issue Chapter 7 to Members of the Partnership via email by the afternoon of Thursday 29 March 2007 and requested that comments be communicated to him no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 30 March 2007.

Resolved:

- (i) The finalised Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) as detailed in Appendix A to Report RTP/07/18, amended to reflect further revisions as agreed by the Partnership, be approved for submission to the Minister for Transport, Tavish Scott MSP;
- (ii) The interim Indicative RTS Delivery Plan as detailed in Appendix B to Report RTP/07/18, amended to incorporate additional or revised Interventions/Actions as agreed by the Partnership, be approved for submission to the Minister along with the Finalised RTS;
- (iii) The Chairperson be given delegated authority, in conjunction with the Director, to approve Chapter 7 and the Finalised RTS for submission to the Minister by 31 March 2007; and
- (iv) The finalised RTS Indicative Delivery Plan be submitted to the Partnership Meeting on 24 April 2007 for consideration and approval.

4. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There were no items for discussion.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 24 April 2007 at 11.00am at the Quality Hotel, Perth.