

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

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FINALISED REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Report by Regional Transport Strategy Steering Group

This report seeks the Partnership Board's approval of the finalised TACTRAN Regional Transport Strategy and an interim RTS Indicative Delivery Plan, for submission to the Transport Minister.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Partnership Board :-

- (i) considers the Finalised Regional Transport Strategy, as set out in Appendix A and agrees to submit this, amended as necessary to reflect any revisions by the Board, to the Transport Minister;
- (ii) agrees to submit the interim Indicative RTS Delivery Plan, which forms Appendix B to the report, to the Transport Minister along with the Finalised RTS; and
- (iii) considers the finalised version of the RTS Indicative Delivery Plan at its meeting on 24th April 2007.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 20th March 2007 the Partnership Board considered the outcome of public consultation on the Draft Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) and agreed various amendments to the content and proposed interventions contained in the Draft RTS, in response to comments received through the consultation (Report RTP/07/10 refers). The Partnership agreed to consider the finalised RTS, amended to reflect the outcome of public consultation, at its meeting on 27th March 2007, to enable submission to the Transport Minister by 31st March 2007.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 As was reported on 20th March a large number of responses were received during the last few days of the consultation period, ending on 16th March. The MVA Consultancy analysed and presented additional issues arising from these responses orally to the RTS Workshop on 20th March. A number of responses have also been received after the deadline. Ongoing analysis of all responses received has confirmed that the majority of comments received after circulation of the RTS Workshop papers for 20th March were addressed in considering the consultation summary papers on 20th March.

Further Statutory Consultee Responses

- 3.1 On 20th March responses received from constituent Councils were considered. Responses from Health Boards and Community Planning Partnerships were not available for reporting to the Workshop. These are now summarised below.

NHS Forth Valley

- 3.2 NHS Forth Valley supports the analysis of Objectives and Issues and agrees with the Preferred Strategy. They welcomed the opportunity to work with partners in addressing transport issues of joint interest, in particular working jointly with TACTRAN on development of Transport Assessments and Travel Plans.

NHS Tayside

- 3.3 NHS Tayside strongly agrees with the Preferred Strategy and Preferred Strategy interventions. They agree with the Objectives and strongly agree with the analysis of key Issues. They have also noted support for additional emphasis on interventions which improve Health and Wellbeing.

Angus Community Planning Partnership

- 3.4 The Angus CPP has welcomed the opportunity to respond to the consultation and has indicated that they support and have nothing to add to the Angus Council response.

Dundee Partnership

- 3.5 The Dundee Partnership has indicated support for the Preferred Strategy. They consider that the Preferred Strategy represents a balanced approach which complements their own vision and objectives.

Stirling Community Planning Partnership

- 3.6 The Stirling CPP has also welcomed the opportunity to comment and has offered general support for the Preferred Strategy, indicating that they support the views submitted by Stirling Council.

Perth & Kinross Community Planning Partnership

- 3.7 Perth & Kinross CPP has indicated that they support the Preferred Strategy and the views submitted by Perth & Kinross Council and other CPP partners.

SEA Gateway

- 3.8 Comments from the SEA Gateway (SNH, SEPA and Historic Scotland) were received on and just after the deadline. These have raised a number of issues and queries regarding the need to undertake appraisal of scheme mitigation measures prior to detailed development of specific interventions. These matters are currently being discussed with the Gateway by Natural Capital. Further developments will be reported orally on 27th March.

Regional Transport Partnerships

SEStran

- 3.9 SEStran has indicated willingness to work jointly on addressing matters of cross-boundary interest, particularly in relation to issues such as travel information; cross-boundary bus and rail provision; and has sought support on action to complete long distance cycle routes, such as the round the Forth and North Sea Cycle routes.

HITRANS

- 3.10 HITRANS responded on 22nd March. At the time of writing this response is being analysed and will be reported orally on 27th March.

RTS Consultation Report

- 3.11 As agreed on 20th March a finalised RTS Consultation Report, setting out the process followed in consulting on the development of the RTS and the outcomes and influences this has had on the finalised RTS, will be submitted for approval to the Partnership meeting on 24th April.

Strategy Appraisal

- 3.12 At the time of writing work is ongoing on Chapter 7 of the finalised RTS, dealing with the RTS appraisal, SEA process and Equality Assessment. This section of the finalised RTS will be forwarded as a supplement to Appendix A, upon completion.

Delivery Plan

- 3.13 As agreed on 20th March an Indicative Delivery Plan, setting out estimated Revenue and Capital costs associated with delivery of the finalised RTS, will be submitted for approval by the Partnership on 24th April. The Scottish Executive has requested that an indication of the likely Revenue and Capital consequences of the RTS in the initial 3 years from 2008/09 – 2010/11 be submitted by 31st March, to help inform the current Comprehensive Spending Review. The Partnership Board is asked to approve submission of the interim Indicative Delivery Plan programme, which forms Appendix B. This will be the subject of further refinement by the Steering Group and MVA prior to reporting for approval in a finalised form on 24th April.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 This report has been prepared in consultation with Council representatives on the RTS Steering Group.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The costs of developing the RTS with consultancy support are being met from Scottish Executive grant funding totalling £265,000 which has been allocated during the current financial year for this purpose. The constituent Councils are also making a significant resource contribution through officer input to the RTS Steering Group and supporting the consultants.

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NOTE

Background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report :-

Draft TACTRAN Regional Transport Strategy
Responses to Public Consultation on Draft Regional Transport Strategy (various)