

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**24 APRIL 2007****REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY****Report by Regional Transport Strategy Steering Group**

This report seeks the Partnership Board's approval of the Regional Transport Strategy Consultation Report and Indicative Delivery Plan, for submission to the Scottish Executive.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Partnership Board :-

- (i) endorses submission of the finalised Regional Transport Strategy to the Transport Minister on 30 March 2007, as approved by the Chair and Director under delegated authority;
- (ii) approves the RTS Consultation Report, as set out in Appendix A, for submission to the Scottish Executive and agrees to delegate authority to the RTS Steering Group to approve related Appendices; and
- (iii) approves the RTS Indicative Delivery Plan, as set out in Appendix B, for submission to the Scottish Executive.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 27th March 2007 the Partnership Board considered the draft Finalised Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) and agreed to delegate authority to the Chair and Director to approve the finalised document for submission to the Transport Minister by 31 March (Item 3 refers). On 27 March the Partnership also agreed to consider the finalised RTS Consultation Report and Indicative Delivery Plan, for formal submission to the Scottish Executive, at this meeting.
- 2.2 The Chair and Director duly approved the Finalised RTS, amended to take account of revisions agreed by the Partnership on 27 March, and comments subsequently received from Board members in relation to the Draft Chapter 7 on RTS Appraisal. An electronic copy of the document was submitted to the Scottish Executive on 30 March, along with a cover letter from the Chair and the interim Indicative Delivery Plan. Six hard copies and a CD-ROM version were also delivered to the Scottish Executive on 31 March by the MVA Consultancy. A copy of the submitted documentation was e-mailed to all Board members on 30 March.

3. DISCUSSION

RTS Consultation Report

- 3.1 Responses received to the public consultation on the Draft RTS were considered at the RTS Workshop and Partnership meeting on 20 March 2007. A further update on the outcome of public consultation was presented by the MVA Consultancy at the Partnership meeting on 27 March 2007.
- 3.2 In accordance with Scottish Executive requirements, the MVA Consultancy has prepared a Consultation Report, which outlines the process followed by TACTRAN in consulting with Key Stakeholders, statutory consultees and the general public in the development of the RTS. This report is attached at Appendix A.
- 3.3 Detailed Appendices to the Consultation Report, in the form of notes of various Stakeholder Workshops and meetings, and the summary of responses received during the public consultation process, as reviewed in detail by the Partnership on 20 and 27 March, are still being compiled by MVA. The Partnership is asked to approve the Consultation Report, as set out in Appendix A, and to agree to delegate authority to approve the related Appendices to the RTS Steering Group.

Indicative Delivery Plan

- 3.4 An interim version of the Indicative Delivery Plan, in the form of a spreadsheet of estimated Revenue and Capital costs for implementing the various Interventions and Actions contained in the Finalised RTS, was approved by the Partnership on 27 March. This was submitted to Scottish Executive officials on 30 March, pending approval of the finalised Indicative Delivery Plan.
- 3.5 The finalised Indicative Delivery Plan is set out in Appendix B. This contains estimated delivery costs for each of the RTS Interventions/Actions during the first 3 years from 2008/09 – 2010/11 and beyond; indicative timescales for implementation; and an indication of the potential Lead and Support delivery agencies. The estimates contained in Appendix B have been updated to include indicative delivery costs for the additional Interventions/Actions agreed by the Partnership on 27 March.
- 3.6 The Partnership is asked to approve the Indicate Delivery Plan, as set out in Appendix B. As has been reported previously, this will be refined in consultation with constituent Councils and other potential delivery partners, with further developments reported to future meetings.

Next Steps

- 3.7 The Executive's RTS Guidance provides for Ministerial approval of the submitted RTS by the end of June/early July. The submitted documents are currently being reviewed by Scottish Executive officials. Any issues or queries will be the subject of officer discussion over the next 6 – 8 weeks. Further developments and any substantive issues arising will be reported to the next Partnership meeting.
- 3.8 Following receipt of Ministerial approval the Final RTS will require to be published and made widely available. Arrangements for publication and distribution will be reported to a future meeting. In the interim it is proposed that the submitted version of the Finalised RTS, and accompanying support documentation, is made available for public inspection on the Partnership's website at www.tactran.gov.uk and issued in electronic format on request.

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 by the Scottish Executive for this purpose. The constituent Councils have also made a significant resource contribution through officer input to the RTS Steering Group and supporting the consultants throughout the process.

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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 :-

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