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## Information Note 19

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### Attendees

Attendees at the meeting were:

Transport Scotland/Jacobs	TACTRAN/ Local Councils
Alan Clark (AC)	Eric Guthrie (EG)
Geoff Duke (GD) Andrew Thomson (AT)	Chris Bell (CB) – Stirling Council Ian Cochrane (IC) – Angus Council Niall Gardiner (NG) – Dundee Council Jim Valentine (JV) – P & K Council

## 1. Introduction

The purpose of the meeting was to:

- give an overview of the STPR;
- outline the option generation and sifting process; and
- allow the RTPs to present details of the schemes that they feel should be included in the STPR process.

## **2. STPR overview**

AC outlined the overall objectives and programme for STPR.

The objective of the STPR is to identify a programme of interventions that will make a significant contribution to delivering the NTS.

The new administration has identified five strategic objectives. These five strategic objectives can be mapped on to the three KSOs of the NTS.

The programme for the interventions is 2012 – 2022. TS budget and resources are fully committed up until then. However this is not affected by the current spending review.

The STPR is based on the STAG process and has a series of work packages.

SWP3: this is the evidence base for the rest of the project, assessing current and future performance; it is behind programme to allow the evidence to be better presented; after being considered by the project board on 12 September, it will be issued to the Reference Groups and will be put on the TS website after Ministerial approval.

SWP4: this identifies gaps and shortfalls in performance, set against high level expectations; it is due to be completed by the end of September.

SWP5: due for completion by the end of October, this work package identifies the set of interventions to be appraised in SWP6.

SWP6: appraisal of interventions through STAG Part 1 and Part 2.

SWP7: a Strategic Environmental Appraisal runs in parallel to the project. There is a consultation period on the SEA, which will either be 6 weeks or 12 weeks. While the final report is set for August 2008, it is anticipated that it will be the end of 2008 or the start of 2009 before there is a commitment to the programme of interventions.

EG noted that TACTRAN continue to consider that Stirling should be regarded as a Strategic Node. AC confirmed that Strategic Nodes have been approved at a Project Board level and will not change.

## **3. Option Generation and Sifting Process**

GD outlined the option generation process to date, including schemes identified in the RTSs and a series of workshops with the Reference Groups. Using a flow chart, GD described the option sifting process. It was recognised that the wording may need to be altered to include the words “significant contribution to at least one KSO”. It was also recognised that there is difficulty in defining whether a scheme is national, regional or local and that it is more of a spectrum. STPR schemes would be those that are “largely national”, as opposed to “largely regional” or “largely local”.

Some schemes that get sifted out may be packaged with other schemes to be reassessed.

Below this level of the flow chart EG suggested that the “Include in package of measures?” box be extended to catch schemes that fall out of the process at an earlier stage. This was generally agreed to by GD and AC.

The detailed methodology for the sifting process has yet to be finalised but will be described in Interim Report 1 of SWP5.

EG suggested that it would be helpful to give more information about the subsequent process for schemes deemed to be non-STPR, as well as who would deliver these and how they would be funded. There is also an issue about the revenue costs of maintaining the asset. AC replied that the STPR process will identify *what* interventions need to be funded; STPR is not about *how* interventions will be funded and delivered, although the Final Report may discuss these issues.

Where TS or Jacobs need further information regarding an intervention, it was noted that the RTPs may be engaged for discussion.

#### **4. TACTRAN RTS**

TACTRAN's RTS has a 15 year design period which is similar to the STPR study period of 2012 – 2022.

EG gave an overview of the RTS, its main themes and the schemes identified. TACTRAN identified 79 potential interventions. 30 interventions were presented at the meeting, and are detailed below. It should be noted that some of the schemes lie outside the boundary of the RTP.

##### **Road**

- A90 Dundee through or around Dundee;
- Perth new link / bridge A94 / A9;
- Stirling Ring Road completion A84 / A9 and M9 / A811 intersection;
- A935 link from A92 – A90 : Port Access;
- A92 safety improvements north of Arbroath;
- Tay Bridge – abolition / relocation of tolls and Park & Choose;
- Park & Ride at Dundee, Perth and Stirling on strategic network;
- Safety improvements – A9; A977; A85 / A84 / A82; A90 (N); A811; and
- Additional Forth Crossing.

##### **Rail**

- Tay Estuary Rail Service (TERS Plus) : Arbroath – Perth – Dunblane – Stirling – Glasgow (plus new stations);
- Dundee (Arbroath) – Edinburgh hourly;
- Perth – Edinburgh hourly plus new stations (and faster);
- Aberdeen – Edinburgh / Glasgow fast (as per RUS) : Usan;
- Dunblane – Glasgow capacity;
- Inverness – Edinburgh hourly (stopping patterns)
- Disabled access at stations – Stirling, Montrose, others;
- Freight terminal facility(ies) at Montrose, Dundee, Perth; and
- Car parking / Park & Ride at stations – Bannockburn.

**Interchanges**

- Dundee Station improvements (NTS and RUS);
- Perth Rail / Bus interchange (NTS and RUS);
- Stirling Rail / Bus interchange;
- Arbroath Bus Station; and
- Dundee Airport – terminal facilities and services (NTS and UK).

**Integration**

- Travel Awareness / Plan development – beyond 2007/08;
- Integrated Ticketing;
- Travel Information systems; and
- Walking and cycling networks – on / adjacent to key strategic corridors / SRTS.

**Accessibility**

- Enhanced DRT and Community Transport : RPPT / RCTI / DRT;
- Enhanced Bus services : BRDG etc; and
- Tourism access – National Parks and others (NTS).

As highlighted, some of the above schemes do not fall within the TACTRAN area, and others fall out with the remit of the STPR.

**5. Next Steps**

TACTRAN thanked TS for this opportunity for consultation. They intend to review the list of 30 proposed interventions against the three KSOs. This information will be provided by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007.