

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**3 FEBRUARY 2009****CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008/09 – PROGRESS UPDATE****JOINT REPORT BY DIRECTOR AND TREASURER**

This report updates the Partnership on progress in implementing the 2008/09 TACTRAN Capital Programme and seeks endorsement of a number of amendments which have been required to ensure the required commitment of Capital Grant spend within the current financial year.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS**1.1 That the Partnership:-**

- (i) notes the slippage in programme for projects in the TACTRAN Capital Programme 2008/09 as outlined below;
- (ii) notes the approach to management of the financial slippage of £223,000 within Perth & Kinross Council's overall Capital Programme; and
- (iii) notes the virement of funding of £100,000 from Dundee Park and Ride and Dundee Railway Station Enhancement projects to the Grassy Beach NCN Cycle Route upgrade.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As first reported on 18 December 2007, the Scottish Government Spending Review has allocated former RTP Capital Grant direct to constituent Councils with effect from financial year 2008/09 (Report RTP/07/42 refers).
- 2.2 At its meeting of 29 April 2008 the Partnership noted that Angus Council and Stirling Council had resolved to retain their former RTP Capital Grant allocations of £776,000 and £630,000 respectively. This position currently applies for the 2008/09 financial year only (RTP/08/10).
- 2.3 The Partnership meeting on 24 June 2008 noted that Dundee City Council and Perth and Kinross Council had agreed to pool their 2008/09 former RTP Capital Grant allocations of £968,000 and £1,033,000 respectively, to support delivery of a regional Capital Programme. At the same meeting the Partnership approved a proposed 2008/09 TACTRAN Capital Programme utilising the equivalent former RTP Capital Grant allocation of both Councils, totalling £2,001,000 (Report RTP/08/22 refers).
- 2.4 Also at its meeting of 24 June 2008 the Partnership noted the Angus Council and Stirling Council 2008/09 Capital Programmes to be funded from former RTP Capital Grant.

- 2.5 A further update report on progress implementing the TACTRAN 2008/09 Capital Programme and noting progress on implementing the Angus Council and Stirling Council 2008/09 Capital Programmes was noted at the Partnership meeting of 9 December 2008 (RTP/08/35).

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Alterations have been required to a number of individual projects within the TACTRAN 2008/09 Capital Programme, as reported to the Partnership meeting on 9 December 2008. A number of further alterations have been required as outlined below :-

Broxden Park and Ride Passenger Waiting Facilities (£133,000)

- 3.2 In addition to the £133,000 available from the TACTRAN 2008/09 Capital Programme a further £50,000 funding is to be provided by Stagecoach towards the new passenger waiting facilities, giving a total of £183,000.
- 3.3 It was reported on 9 December 2008 that the TACTRAN contribution of £133,000 will be fully utilised this financial year, with any overrun contained within the £50,000 contribution by Stagecoach. Owing to delays in tendering for the passenger waiting facility it is now projected that £60,000 of the £133,000 TACTRAN allocation will be utilised this financial year, with the remaining £73,000 expenditure in 2009/10.

Linkages to Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge over the Tay, Perth (£200,000)

- 3.4 It was reported on 9 December 2008 that the TACTRAN contribution of £200,000 will be fully utilised this financial year. Work is continuing on the design of the Connect 2 Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge over the Tay at Perth. However, there have been delays in determining the linkage and bridge alignments. This has resulted in the design work programme slipping. It is now projected that there will be slippage in design expenditure resulting in £150,000 projected expenditure in 2008/09 and the remaining £50,000 expenditure in 2009/10.

Management of Slippage

- 3.5 The above adjustments result in a requirement to carry over £123,000 funding into financial year 2009/10 in addition to the previously reported £100,000 slippage for the New Tay Crossing, North of Perth, as reported to the meeting of 9 December 2008. It is proposed that this will be managed within the overall Perth and Kinross Council Capital Programme, through re-allocation of underspends in the current year to alternative Perth & Kinross projects, with an equivalent re-allocation of funding by Perth & Kinross in 2009/10. The Partnership is asked to note this arrangement.

Dundee Park and Ride (£50,000)

- 3.6 The final Cross Tay Sustainable Transport report, jointly funded by TACTRAN and SEStran, has been further delayed and is now expected to be received in late January/early February. As a consequence the planned preliminary design work for the South Tay Park and Ride project is not able to be undertaken this financial year. There is already provision within the

TACTRAN draft Delivery Plan in 2009/10 for this project. Further discussions will also now be required with Transport Scotland regarding Park and Ride around Dundee in light of these measures being included in the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR).

Dundee Railway Station Enhancement (£50,000)

- 3.7 This provision exists to take forward detailed design work on a station enhancement scheme. Consultants MRC McLean Hazel have been developing options to provide a fully redesigned and enhanced Dundee Railway Station. To date this work has been jointly funded by Dundee City Council, TACTRAN, Scottish Enterprise and Network Rail. The work on this has recently been reported to the Steering Group and further feasibility work is likely to be required, prior to detailed design work being undertaken.

Virement of funds

- 3.8 An opportunity arose to re-allocate finance from the Dundee Park & Ride and Station Enhancement projects to a major cycle scheme. There has been an ongoing programme of upgrading the Grassy Beach Cycle Route to NCN standard. The Grassy Beach cycle route is part of NCN 1 and is one of the most heavily used cycle routes in Dundee. It connects Broughty Ferry with the Stannergate area in Dundee and there have been ongoing improvements to the 3km route since 2005 utilising various funding sources including Sustrans and Vacant and Derelict Land Funds. An 80m raised walkway section requires to be upgraded to complete the full 3km upgrade.
- 3.9 In light of the delays in being able to utilise funding during the current year for the Dundee Park & Ride and Dundee Railway Station enhancements, discussions have taken place with Dundee City Council, and it has been agreed that the allocations for these projects would be re-allocated to the Grassy Beach cycle route. As contractors were on site completing the previous section of the walkway, a quick decision was required to fund the remaining 80m section. The completion of this route is consistent with TACTRAN's Walking and Cycling Strategy to complete gaps within the National Cycling Network (NCN). The Partnership is asked to note the virement of funding from the Dundee Park & Ride (£50,000) and Dundee Railway Station Enhancement (£50,000) projects to the Grassy Beach NCN Cycle Route upgrade.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The report has been prepared in consultation with the Chief Officers Liaison Group.
- 4.2 Perth and Kinross Council's Strategic Policy and Resources Committee has approved those elements of the TACTRAN Capital Programme which are to be funded from the Council's former RTP Capital Grant allocation.
- 4.3 Dundee City Council Planning and Transport Committee has noted the 2008/09 Capital Programme as approved by the Partnership at its meeting on 24 June 2008.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The 2008/09 TACTRAN Programme is being progressed by a steering group consisting of officers from TACTRAN, Perth and Kinross Council and Dundee City Council, with support from external contractors and/or consultants as required, the cost of which is being met from individual project budgets.

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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 :-

Reports to Partnership on 18 December 2007, 29 April 2008, 24 June 2008 and 9 December 2009 on Capital Programme.