

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Minute of Meeting of the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership held in The Committee Room, Fourth Floor, 2 High Street, Perth on Tuesday 26 September 2006 at 11am.

Present: Councillor K Ritchie (Angus Council); Councillors K Keenan, R Wallace and J Morrow (substituting for Councillor Grant) (Dundee City Council); Councillor A Livingstone, J Hulbert and J Mair (Perth and Kinross Council); Councillors G Thomson and J Paterson (Stirling Council); R Andrew, M Duffy and Professor M Horner (Non-Council Members).

In Attendance: E Guthrie (Director); E Lawson and C Robertson (Angus Council); M Galloway and N Gardiner (Dundee City Council); G Taylor; A Deans and J Dickson (Perth and Kinross Council); C Bell (Stirling Council); N Farrell and D McLafferty (Scottish Executive); R Stewart and L Morgan (CDU); D Whittle and D Connelly (MVA Consultancy); P Say (Natural Capital) and K Laing (Tay Road Bridge Joint Board).

Apologies: Councillors F Grant and D Selfridge.

Councillor Livingstone, Chair, Presiding.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. FUTURE TOLLING ARRANGEMENTS AT TAY ROAD BRIDGE

Ken Laing, Engineer to the Tay Road Bridge Joint Board provided members with an overview of the issues relating to the existing Tay Road Bridge tolling arrangements; the limited life of the existing system; the outcomes of the Hyder traffic study; problems due to traffic congestion, particularly at peak periods; projected growth in road traffic; the review of toll bridges; the existing tolling arrangements; the pressures on the Bridge Board and proposed options for future toll collection arrangements.

The Chair thanked Ken Laing for an informative presentation.

Following discussion, it was agreed that:-

- (i) The Steering Group be asked to include engagement with SESTRAN as an integral part of our Regional Transport Strategy development.
- (ii) The Director be asked to endeavour to find out the Scottish Executive's intention in relation to future tolling arrangements on the Tay Road Bridge.

3. MINUTES

(a) Partnership

The Minute of Meeting of the Partnership of 27 June 2006 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(b) Executive Committee

The Minute of Meeting of the Executive Committee of 11 July 2006 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(c) Special Meeting of Partnership

The Minute of the Special Meeting of the Partnership of 17 August 2006 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. POLICY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

There was submitted a report by the Secretary (RTP/06/34) detailing a number of policy and governance issues which needed to be addressed.

Resolved:

- (i) The position regarding the development of a Scheme of Delegation; Financial Regulations; Tender and Contract Procedures; a policy of members' expenses and human resources policies by CDU Limited be noted.
- (ii) The resignation of Dr Paula Woolgar from the Partnership be noted.
- (iii) It be delegated to the Director and Secretary, in consultation with the Chair, to enter into a further recruitment process to fill the Non-Councillor (Other) member vacancy
- (iv) It be delegated to the Executive Committee to deal with the short-letting and interviewing of applicants and submit nominations to Scottish Ministers for consideration.
- (v) The Scheme of Administration voting arrangements be amended to allow Non-Councillor (Other) members on the Partnership to vote on any matter, other than those specifically excluded by legislation.

5. REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY: PROGRESS UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Regional Transport Strategy Steering Group (RTP/06/33) (1) on progress in developing the TACTRAN Regional Transport Strategy following the Workshop on 4 September 2006 and (2) seeking approval of the Regional Transport Strategy Vision, Objectives and Issues and Objectives report.

Resolved:

- (i) The Regional Transport Strategy Issues and Objectives report, summarised in Appendix A to Report RTP/06/33, be approved.
- (ii) The Regional Transport Strategy Vision, as set out in section 3.2 of Report RTP/06/33, be approved.

- (iii) The Regional Transport Strategy Objectives, detailed in Appendix B of Report RTP/06/33, be approved.
- (iv) Members' concerns in relation to the weighting of Objectives and the methodology used by MVA Consultancy in the Public Validation Survey be noted and that a further update on Objectives Weighting be provided to the Board Workshop on 17 October.
- (v) The content of the Minister for Transport's letter of 25 August 2006, as set out in Appendix C to Report RTP/06/33, be noted.
- (vi) The Minister for Transport be advised of the revised programme for completion and submission of the Strategy by 31 March 2007, as updated by MVA Consultancy at the Workshop on 4 September 2006.
- (vii) The additional resources MVA Consultancy had allocated to the project, as outlined in Report RTP/06/33, be noted.

6. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/2007: PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director (RTP/06/30) advising of the progress made on implementing the 2006/2007 Capital Programme projects and seeking endorsement of adjustments to the Programme.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made on implementing the 2006/2007 Capital Programme, as outlined in the Appendix to Report RTP/06/30, be noted.
- (ii) The variations to project costs and allocations, detailed in Report RTP/06/30 and Appendix , be endorsed.
- (iii) The anticipated allocation of £55,000 additional Scottish Executive revenue grant funding to fund schemes now defined as revenue expenditure, be noted.
- (iv) The sum of £300,000, allocated to Dundee City Council for the Swallow Roundabout project, be protected, with the potential for carry forward to 2007/2008.
- (v) A progress report on the Swallow Roundabout project be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership.
- (vi) Progress reports on the 2006/2007 Capital Programme and proposals for dealing with the 2007/2008 Capital Programme be submitted to the Partnership meeting on 19 December 2006.

7. CONSULTATIONS - NETWORK RAIL SCOTTISH ROUTE UTILISATION STRATEGY AND DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY (HEALTH BOARDS)(SCOTLAND) ORDER 2006

There was submitted a report by the Director (RTP/06/31) (1) seeking approval of a response to the Scottish Executive consultation on the Regional Transport Strategies (Health Boards)(Scotland) Order 2006 and (2) advising of the launch of a consultation by Network Rail on its Scotland Route Utilisation Strategy.

Resolved:

- (i) The Scottish Executive be advised that the Partnership supports the proposals set out in the Draft Regional Strategies (Health Boards)(Scotland) Order 2006.

- (ii) The publication of Network Rail's consultation on the Scotland Route Utilisation Strategy be noted and a detailed report on the consultation be submitted to the special meeting of the Partnership on 17 October 2006.

8. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE MANAGER / PA TO DIRECTOR

There was submitted a report by the Director (RTP/06/32) seeking approval to appoint an Office Manager/Personal Assistant to assist the Director in progressing the Partnership's organisational development.

Resolved:

An Office Manager / Personal Assistant to the Director be appointed on the terms and conditions as detailed in Report RTP/06/32.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

17 October 2006 - Workshop and Special Meeting of Partnership

21 November 2006 - Workshop

19 December 2006 - Partnership Meeting.