

# SCR TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE BOARD

# 2nd June 2016

# **BROAD STREET WEST, SHEFFIELD**

No.	Item	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies	
	Present:	
	Board Members Cllr Julie Dore, SCC Cllr John Burrows, CBC Martin McKervey, Nabarro / LEP	
	Apologies were received from Board Members: Diana Terris, BMBC, Neil Taylor, BaDC and Simon Carr (Henry Boot, SCR LEP)	
	In Attendance / Advisory Members Tom Finnegan-Smith, SCC Neil Firth, DMBC Adrian Withill, RMBC Ian Wilson, BMBC	
	Julie Hurley, SCR Executive Team David Allatt, SCR Executive Team Tim Gregory, NCC Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit	
	+ Chloe Shepherd (SCR Executive Team) and Lee White, Amy Sykes (JMP) for item 8.	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st April were agreed to be an accurate record.	
3	Declarations of Interest	
	No declarations noted.	
4	<u>Urgent Items / Announcements</u>	

i. <u>Sustainable Transport Transition Year Bid</u>
Members were informed that SY's bid was successful and thanks all officers involved with the bid's development.

It was agreed the award puts us in a good place for the next substantive round of bidding.

#### 5 Transport for the North Asks

Members were reminded of the importance of the SCR maintaining a clear view of its overarching priorities to influence the development of Transport for the North (TfN) and were asked to note the discussion from the previous meeting at which it was requested that the item be brought back for further discussion, supported by a more comprehensive evidence base.

This additional information was presented at Appendix A to the report and provided a broad assessment of potential Sheffield City Region (SCR) transport requirement broken down by TfN workstream whilst recognising the TfN may not be the primary route/only route for delivery.

Members discussed the merits of progressing the development of a holistic list of everything big in transport for the SCR, or a more reined list of 'big TfN asks'. It was suggested that both undertakings have merit. It was also agreed that a sense of prioritisation needs to be infused into the list to help demonstrate SCR's ability to maintain oversight over its ambitions for transport.

Action: ALL to consider what else should be added to the big list and inform David.

It was noted that TfN have commented favourably on Teesside's approach to championing their 'asks' and suggested SCR might want to look at their approach in more detail.

It was noted that RMBC have recently undertaken a process of prioritisation ad have devised a model that might be of use to the other SCR districts.

**Action: Adrian to share** 

**RESOLVED**, that the Board:

1. Agrees support for the 3 'asks' and recommends these be presented to the CA for endorsement.

	2. Supports the further development of a 'big list' of major transport ambitions (aligned to the refresh of the Transport Strategy - debate continued at item 10).	
6	DfT Large Local Majors	
	A report was presented to provide Members with information regarding the DFT Large Local Majors funding competition.	
	It was reiterated that DfT has invited LEPs to bid for a £475m Large Local Major Schemes fund, which forms part of the Local Growth Fund and was announced in the 2016 Budget. The target of the Large Local Major Schemes is 'exceptionally large, transformational schemes that are too big to be taken forward within regular growth allocations and could not otherwise be funded'.	
	It was noted that SCR will work in partnership with local partners to consider potential bids. A call for schemes has been issued to local partners, with expressions of interest received for four schemes.	
	It was noted that the deadline for submission is the 21 July and the proposed draft submission will be presented to the 20th June LEP/CA meeting.	
	Members were provided with information regarding the 4 expressions of interest in development:  • Supertram Replacement  • AMID / LDV  • Pan-northern Connectivity / New trans-Pennine through routes	
	It was noted that a 4th EoI (Doncaster Mass Transit) was received and, whilst acknowledged as important, will not be progressed via this initiative as it doesn't meet the project-specific stipulations of the funder.	
	RESOLVED, that the Board	
	Notes support for the 3 Expressions of Interest (as agreed at the recent SY Leaders' meeting)	
7	Local Growth Fund 3 Process and Timescales	
	A paper was presented setting out a summary of the submission process, internal timescales and next steps for the next round of Local Growth Fund 3 (LGF 3), as determined by the CA / LEP on 6th May 2016.	

It was noted the Fund is worth £1.8bn and will be primarily phased from 2018 onwards. The deadline for Government to receive submissions is 21 of July 2016.

It was noted the LGF bid would effectively act as a 'top-up' to the SCR's existing Growth Deal programmes which will deliver against priorities identified through the LEP prioritisation workshop, the Integrated Infrastructure Plan (IIP) and the planned Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) refresh.

The Board was asked to endorse the proposed approach to the Fund.

#### **RESOLVED**, that the Board:

- 1. Notes the proposed programme level approach (as agreed by the CA and LEP on 9 May 2016)
- 2. Endorses the proposed TEB approach to devising the LGF 3 submission
- 3. Notes the internal timescales that have been set and agreed in order to meet the 21 July 2016 Government deadline

## 8 Bus Market Review

Members were provided with a presentation on the Bus Market Review work undertaken to date.

It was noted this work has been undertaken by JMP to give the SCR an outline of the current Bus Market operation and to inform the investigative work, regarding suitable bus service delivery models for the SCR as part of Phase 2, ahead of the potential receipt of new powers over bus service provision and control of the network from 2017 and the introduction of the Mayoral Combined Authority.

It was noted that phase 1 of the study has been fairly high level and focussed on South Yorkshire only (noting that powers may extend in some respect to cover Bassetlaw and Chesterfield depending on governance review outcomes).

Information was provided regarding the ReBoot analysis tool used to assimilate data to forecast future bus service demand and help identify future journey requirements that can't be made using the existing bus network. It was acknowledged that a limitation of the ReBoot tool is that it doesn't take account of journey that can be made via interchanges.

It was suggested that the general findings are that future employment sites are well served in Sheffield but less so in the other districts. It was also suggested that the identification of a need for 200-300 more buses by 2028 needs to be considered in tandem with a consequent need for 3 or 4 new depot facilities.

# Action: Chloe to circulate the full version of the phase 1 report

It was noted that the phase 2 work (to be discussed at item 9) would encompass more detailed analysis and investigate more challenges for each area and also cross boundary service requirements and is likely to enforce the suggestion that there is no single SCR-wide solution.

Members discussed the incorporation of bus services in Chesterfield and Bassetlaw into the study (hypothetically assuming the districts attain SCR constituent member status). It was recognised this will introduce a number of complexities and re-emphasise the suggestion that there is no pan-SCR solution to future requirements. It was noted that only c50% of services in Bassetlaw are run on a wholly commercial basis and the district receives c45% of the NCC total tendered subsidy, whilst in Chesterfield, all services are fully commercial.

Members recognised the need to consider a number of fundamentals' going forward, such as whether the services should be viewed as 'a public service' and the extent to which economic arguments should be used as determining factors for which services are run, Members also discussed the opportunities afforded by the Buses Bill.

## 9 <u>Expansion of the Bus Market Review and Creation of a Phase</u> <u>Two Work Programme</u>

Members were presented with a paper seeking endorsement to extend the remit of the Bus Market Review work for the creation of a Phase Two work programme.

It was noted that currently the Bus Market Review has been conducted for the South Yorkshire area only, which reflects the current operation of bus services, however, following Chesterfield and Bassetlaw seeking to become constituent members of the Sheffield City Region (SCR), Mayoral Powers are likely to also encompass public transport operations in these areas and as bus networks cross administrative boundaries and interact with areas of our geography differently, it is important to look at the area as a whole.

It was therefore suggested that a piece of scoping work is required to develop the work programme for Phase Two. This piece of work will shape the development of a business case which will be used to determine the best service delivery model for bus services across the SCR. The outputs of the scoping work will include a work programme that will be used for future progress reports and an indication of the level of resource required, to fully investigate the powers available to us.

It was noted that other similar reviews are underway or planned for DCC and NCC and agreed that these should be considered as part of phase 2.

It was noted that a budget for the phase 2 work still needs to be identified.

### **RESOLVED**, that the Board:

- 1. Endorses the findings for the work that has been completed to date on the bus market review.
- 2. Subject to available funding, endorses the scope of work for the forward plan of work, namely, an expansion of the Bus Market Review for the remaining geography of the SCR and further investigation and work to identify the most suitable delivery model for bus services in the SCR.

#### 10 SCR Transport Strategy Refresh

Members were reminded of plans to refresh the Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) and noted the proposal is to complement this with a refresh of the Transport Strategy (as detailed in the TEB Business Plan).

A paper was therefore presented to provide the revised timescale associated with a 'light touch' refresh as requested at the April TEB meeting.

The report also proposed that TEB steers this work, supported by the SCR Executive and a dedicated strategy development group providing technical advice.

It was noted a supporting 5 Year Implementation Plan will sit beneath the Transport Strategy to assist delivery by Local Authorities and the Passenger Transport Executive. The paper also proposed the need for a detailed position on buses to support discussions associated with devolution.

It was suggested the refresh was a good opportunity to iron out

some of the ambiguous language contained in the current strategy document.

#### **RESOLVED**, that the Board:

- 1. Endorses the scope and timescales of the SCR Transport Strategy Refresh.
- 2. Acknowledges that TEB should steer and oversee this work
- 3. Notes that the CA will be asked to delegate to the Head of Paid service authority to operationalise the delivery plan for this work.

### 11 Appraisal Panel Business Case Recommendation

Members were provided with the SCR Appraisal Panel's recommendation in respect of the Supertram Renewal project, for consideration and onward reporting to the Combined Authority.

It was noted this is the first Capital Investment project presented to the TEB as this project forms part of the agreed 16/17 Business Plan for Transport.

It was suggested the report needs to be clearer in respect of what funding has been received (from previous growth deals) and what the SCR is being asked to fund and when.

Action: Julie H / David to confirm will Mel Dei Rossi and provide the timeline information.

#### **RESOLVED**, that the Board:

1. Approves progression to SCR CA of 'Supertram Renewal' to full approval and award of contract at a cost £1M, subject to the detailed conditions set out in the Project Approval Summary Table (attached at Appendix 1 to the report).

## 12 Strategic Transport Update Paper

Members were presented with the Strategic Transport Update Paper, presenting key transport issues information in respect of TransPennine Tunnel, SCR Executive Boards Review and Sustainable Travel Delivery.

Regarding aviation matters, it was agreed to invite York Aviation to TEB to deliver a presentation on their work.

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	Action: Neil to discuss with York Aviation.  RESOLVED, that the Board:	
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	1. Notes the contents of the paper	
13	<u>Updates</u>	
	Verbal updates were provided in respect of important initiatives.	
	It was confirmed that Mayor Ros Jones is now the SCR's deputy Members on the Rail North Board.	
	It was noted a meeting is due to be held to discuss the HS2 eastern leg and options for onward connections to Scotland.	
	It was noted that a number of meetings are being convened ahead of the forthcoming announcement on route and station locations (scheduled for November). The Board noted concerns regarding unsubstantiated stories appearing in various newspapers on this matter.	
14	SCR Transport, Infrastructure and Planning	
	Minutes were provided for information for the meetings of the following committees:  • SCR Infrastructure Board held on 22nd April (Draft)  • SCR CA Transport Committee held on 11th April (Draft) (noted that the 23rd June meeting was cancelled)	
	A verbal update was also provided on the last meeting of the HS2 Programme Board.	
15	Matters to be reported to the CA	
	It was agreed papers would be taken on:  TfN asks  Supertram Renewal  Large majors' submissions.	
16	Any Other Business	
	East Midlands Rail Franchise     The board was informed that contributions are being sought to fund / resource an all-districts' co-ordinated approach to working up the franchise detail.	

	A formal approach will be made to SCR in due course.	
	Action: Tim to circulate more information	
17	Date of Next Meeting	
	14th July, 2.00pm at Sheffield Town Hall	