

SOUTH YORKSHIRE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

09 JANUARY 2014

PRESENT: Councillor M Jameson (Chair)
Councillors: L Bramall, I Auckland, B Johnson, A Jones, B Lodge,
R Miller, D Nevett, T Rippon, R Russell and G Smith

H Brier, M McCarthy, S Pick and C Tyler (South Yorkshire Joint
Secretariat)

T Belshaw, A Eckford, J Hurley, B Still and D Young (South Yorkshire
Passenger Transport Executive)

P Bray (Barnsley MBC), T Finnegan-Smith (Rotherham MBC), S King
(Doncaster MBC) and D Proctor (Sheffield CC)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors:
D Leech

1 **APOLOGIES.**

Apologies noted as above.

The Chair welcomed Andrew Eckford, SYPTE Interim Head of Financial Services, to the meeting.

The Chair informed Members that apologies had been received from representatives of Peel Holdings who were due to attend the meeting to discuss Robin Hood Airport related matters. It was noted that Peel are keen to attend the February of March meetings, and by which time more master planning information should be available for Members. It was suggested that a strongly worded letter should be sent to Peel to highlight the importance of the airport to the local transport strategy.

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

T Belshaw informed Members that trams between Tinsley/Meadowhall South and Meadowhall Interchange will not run between Monday 13 January and Sunday 26 January because of essential highways works taking place nearby. Replacement buses will run between the two tram stops at the same frequency as the trams meaning that disruption to customers will be minimal. It was further noted that bus replacement services will terminate at Valley Centertainment, and a bus replacement service will be in place between Attercliffe and Meadowhall Interchange for customers travelling beyond Valley Centertainment on Friday 10 January between 21:30 and 00:15. The disruption is due to essential preparatory work to construct a new section of road under Tinsley Viaduct which forms part of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) scheme.

It was noted that there will be disruptions to rail services between Sheffield and Doncaster on Sundays until 09 March due to essential engineering works being undertaken at Conisbrough and Hemingfield tunnels. Fast and stopping bus replacement services will be in operation.

It was noted that the Highways Agency has launched a consultation on proposals to implement a maximum mandatory 60mph speed limit between junctions 28 to 35a of the M1 motorway in place of the national speed limit in order to mitigate adverse impacts on local air quality. Members questioned whether this is contradictory to other managed motorway intentions, namely permanent hard shoulder running. B Still confirmed that the proposed response to the consultation will be presented to the next ITA meeting for consideration and to seek endorsement. It was agreed that Tom Finnegan-Smith would prepare the report and response. This will demonstrate where the recommendations have been based on evidence and analysis. T Finnegan-Smith noted that the HA's speed reduction proposals are actually intrinsically linked to the managed motorways initiative and represent an attempt to address potential air quality emission exceedance. It was noted that further meetings with the HA are scheduled to discuss all managed motorway related matters.

B Still informed members that an email response has been received from Baroness Kramer in relation to Midland Mainline electrification. Members suggested this response was not as robust as would have been liked and urged for the continuation of lobbying for the inclusion of works in control period 5 and avoid slippage into control period 6 (2019-24). J Hurley confirmed more meetings with Network Rail are scheduled to discuss control period 5 works.

B Still noted that confirmation of the 2014/15 Integrated Transport and Highways Capital Maintenance allocations was received on 30 December. It was reported that performance related elements have been added. A full report in respect of this matter will be presented to the next ITA.

J Hurley commented on the recent government announcement regarding LSTF2 revenue funding. It was reported that £78.5m will be available and each LSTF Partner is eligible to bid for up to £1m for 2015/16 (SY therefore = 5 bids = £5m maximum). This will be discussed in detail at SLG and a report presented to ITA. The deadline for bids is 31 March.

RESOLVED:

1. That T Finnegan-Smith will present a report on, and proposed response to, the HA's M1 60mph consultation to the next ITA meeting
2. That B Still will commission the LTP Team to present a report on the performance related elements of the 2014/15 IT and HCM programmes.

3 URGENT ITEMS.

The following matter was considered in private as an exempt item under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 as it contains information relating to the financial and legal affairs of the authority holding that information.

A report of the Clerk and Treasurer was received seeking urgent Member approval for the agreement to sell the outstanding Landsbanki Icelandic debt to Deutsche Bank and delegation to the Clerk and Treasurer to negotiate on behalf of the Authority, noting that the agreement is required by Thursday 9 January 2014 by Bevan Brittan Solicitors, who are acting on behalf of the creditors.

RESOLVED - that the ITA Members:

1. Agree to the sale of the outstanding Landsbanki Icelandic debt to Deutsche Bank on behalf of the Authority; and

2. Authorise the Clerk and Treasurer to negotiate on behalf of the Authority for recovery of the Icelandic debt.

4 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS.

RESOLVED:

1. That item 12 'Budget Setting 2014/15' be considered in the absence of the public and press

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN RELATION TO ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.

None

6 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

Cllr Auckland queried what information ultimately leads to the identification and implementation of bus service changes. D Young suggested that where possible, such information will be communicated as part of future notifications.

Cllr Johnson reported a recent incident at the Middlewood tram stop which resulted in a gentleman being knocked to the ground by passengers exiting the tram and attempting to reach the HS1 bus stop, suggesting that a barrier or other safety intervention may be needed. D Young confirmed this matter would be considered with City Council officers and an assessment of any accident report will be undertaken.

7 MINUTES OF THE AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2013

RESOLVED:

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the ITA held on 05 December be agreed to be an accurate record.

8 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Further to the matters considered at item 12 – '*HSR Meadowhall/Victoria Study Outputs*' of the October meeting of the Authority; Members reiterated the ITA's support for a preferred Meadowhall station location.

Members discussed and acknowledged Sheffield City Council undertaking private engagements with HS2 Ltd.

9 HSR CONSULTATION RESPONSE

A report was received seeking approval from Members for the proposed response to the HSR consultation.

It was noted that a number of minor changes still need to be made to the draft before submission. These are:

- Additional economic benefit modelling results (available 17 January).
- Confirmation of the estimated cost of the proposed connectivity package.
- Cross references to individual district responses.
- Minor text alterations

- Improved maps

Commenting on the current version, Members made the following observations / amendment requests:

- Doncaster wants to ensure there will be no reduction in ECML connectivity and services. References should be strengthened.
- References to the required upgrade of Holmes Chord should state this work is essential.
- Reference should be made to the potential for extending light rail connections to Barnsley and other areas of South Yorkshire

It was noted that the consultation document will be amended and that the ITA Chair will sign off the final version ahead of the consultation deadline of 30 January.

RESOLVED:

1. That the ITA Members note the content of the consultation response and appendices and also the actions to be undertaken.
2. That J Hurley will amend the response as discussed.
3. That the Chair will sign the final response before the consultation deadline of 30 January on behalf of the ITA.
4. That district officers will share their individual consultation responses with J Hurley

10 THE CONTRIBUTION OF TRANSPORT TO THE STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PLAN (SEP)

A report was received to update Members on the development of the Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) and informed of how 'transport' is represented in that plan.

RESOLVED:

1. That the ITA notes the update on the development of the SEP, timetable for submitting the draft and next steps.

11 ITA AND SYPTE 2013/14 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORTS FOR THE 8 MONTHS ENDING 30 NOVEMBER 2013

A report was received regarding the ITA and SYPTE 2013/14 actual revenue expenditure as at 30 November.

Members questioned whether more use could be made of LED lighting timers on bus shelters to further reduce energy costs. D Young indicated that this idea will be considered.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.

12 BUDGET SETTING 2014/15

A report was received to provide the ITA Members with updated information in relation to the 2014/15 budget and the measures needed to achieve savings.

RESOLVED - that the ITA Members:

1. Approve the presentation of the final (public) report being presented to the January Executive Board / February ITA meeting for formal approval.
2. Approve the outline 4 year budget subject to variation arising from the further work outlined in paragraph 3.3 of the report.

CHAIR