TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS AND POLICY SUB COMMITTEE, HELD ON 21 APRIL 2017 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

Councillor Guy Harkin Bolton (in the Chair)
Councillor Jamie Walker Bury
Councillor Andrew Fender Manchester
Councillor Chris Paul* Manchester
Councillor Shah Wazir Rochdale
Councillor Robin Garrido Salford
Councillor Roger Jones Salford
Councillor Annette Finnie Stockport
Councillor John Taylor Stockport
Councillor Doreen Dickinson Tameside
Councillor Peter Robinson Tameside
Councillor David Hopps Trafford
Councillor Eunice Smethurst Wigan

*indicates substitute Member

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bob Morris Chief Operating Officer, TfGM
Chris Barnes Head of Programme Management, TfGM
Daniel Vaughan Head of Metrolink, TfGM
Alex Cropper Head of Capital Groups, TfGM
Paul Harris GMIST

CPP16/40 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors and Councillor Mohan Ali (Oldham), Michael Cordingley (Trafford) and Howard Sykes (Oldham).
CPP16/41  URGENT BUSINESS AND CHAIR’S ANOUNCEMENTS

a.  Maureen Rowles

Councillor Fender informed members of the death of former Councillor Maureen Rowles. The committee stood for a moment of silent reflection. Councillor Fender noted that Maureen had served as a Member of GMPTA for over 20 years and as vice chair of the Policy Committee at a time which oversaw the development, implementation and expansion of the Metrolink network, a network that continues for grown and flourish.

Member recalled with fondness their memories of Maureen and requested that the Clerk undertakes to write to Maureen’s family to convey the condolences of Members.

CPP16/42  DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in respect of any item on the agenda.

CPP16/43  MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 24 March 2017.

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting, held on 24 March 2017 be approved as a correct record.

CPP16/44  METROLINK CAPITAL UPDATE

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on the progress to date on the Metrolink Capital Programme, including the work on the extensions and the enhancements to the existing network, particularly the works taking place in relation to the Tram Management System (TMS), the Second City Crossing (2CC) and the Trafford Park Line.

With regard to the Trafford Park line, a Member enquired if there potential for the introduction of a parallel cycle route for safer cycling along this corridor, officers noted that cycling facilities have been included in the design, given the amount of road junctions within the scheme, a dedicated cycle route would not be possible but they would monitor the situation.

RESOLVED/-

To note the update on the Metrolink capital programme.
CPP16/44  INTERCHANGES UPDATE

A report was presented which provided an update to Members on recent progress made in respect of the Interchange facilities at Altrincham and Bolton, and the future transport facilities being developed for Stockport, Tameside, Wigan, Farnworth and Pendleton. An overview of the progress made since the last update and the work scheduled to be undertaken over the coming months was also presented.

A Member welcomed the completion of the footbridge at Altrincham Interchange. He highlighted that the new lifts could only be operated by Northern Rail which resulted in no lifts being available after 6.00 pm. In response, officers noted that these lifts are a Northern Rail asset and they did not provide 24 hour support which presented safety issues. Members noted that rail devolution would enable assets such as these to be managed by TfGM.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers undertook to provide information on the timescales involved in relation to Stockport Interchange developments to Stockport TfGMC Members.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the contents of this report and the achievements made in progressing these schemes since the last Interchanges Update to this Sub Committee, be noted.

2. That the work scheduled to be undertaken to continue to develop the schemes over the coming months, in conjunction with stakeholders, be noted.

CPP16/45  BUS PRIORITY UPDATE

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on the recent progress in respect of the Bus Priority Programme and the Salford - Bolton Network Improvement Programme.

With regard to the Cross City Bus Package, a Member highlighted signage issues on Oxford Road. In response, officers undertook to check this matter further.

A Member welcomed the works taking place to explore potential Park and Ride sites in Ellenbrook and Worsley. He highlighted that a beneficial way to reduce the number of cars heading in to the regional centre would be to have a park and ride site close to the M61 slip road. In response, officers noted that initial designs included the suggested park and ride location, however the Highways Agency refused this on safety grounds.

RESOLVED/-

That the Bus Priority Update be received and noted.