

## TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS AND POLICY SUB COMMITTEE, HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

Councillor Guy Harkin	Bolton (in the Chair)
Councillor Rhyse Cathcart	Bury
Councillor Andrew Fender	Manchester
Councillor Howard Sykes	Oldham
Councillor Robin Garrido	Salford
Councillor Roger Jones	Salford
Councillor Annette Finnie	Stockport
Councillor Doreen Dickinson	Tameside
Councillor Michael Cordingley	Trafford
Councillor Eunice Smethurst	Wigan

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Bob Morris	Chief Operating Officer, TfGM
Alex Cropper	Head of Project Group, TfGM
Jenny Hollamby	Governance & Scrutiny, GMCA

#### CPP17/10 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mohan Ali (Oldham).

#### CPP17/11 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business introduced at the meeting.

#### CPP17/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.

#### CPP17/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 23 JUNE 2017

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 June 2017.

With regard to minute CCP17/09 Rail Infrastructure Update, a Member advised that they had not received a response to their query about how many Greater Manchester stations were accessible by people with disabilities. Members discussed Government funding, the unsatisfactory pace of refurbishment works and raised concerns about the lack of local and national disabled access stations. The Chair added that out of 97 stations related to Greater Manchester, 42 were fully accessible.

**RESOLVED/-**

That the minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting, held on 23 June 2017 be noted.

**CPP17/14 BUS PRIORITY UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Projects Group, which provided an update on recent progress in respect of the Bus Priority Programme and the Salford – Bolton Network Improvement (SBNI) Programme. A number of photographs and images of the various schemes were included in the report at Appendix 1.

The Head of Projects Group presented the item and paid particular attention to

1. Cross City bus package current position and recent progress.
2. The busway scheme current position and recent progress.
3. SBNI.

A Member congratulated TfGM and the Bus Operators on the success of the busway. However, there were a number of problems such as passengers having difficulty boarding on Newearth Road, the provision of Park and Ride sites, there being no link to the East Lancashire Road from Boothstown, congestion and patronage. Members were concerned that that passengers would revert back to using their cars should the issues not be resolved. TfGM thanked Members and acknowledged their comments. TfGM advised that it would continue to improve the service and benefits.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the report and the progress which had been made on the Bus Priority schemes in recent months.

**CPP17/15 INTERCHANGES UPDATE**

Members considered the report of the Head of Projects Group that provided the Sub Committee with an overview in relation to the Interchange scheme currently being commissioned at Bolton, and also provided an update on the work in relation to future facilities at Stockport, Tameside and Wigan and future bus station improvements at Farnworth and Pendleton, which were being undertaken in conjunction with Local Authority partners, as part of the wider Growth Deal Programme.

It was explained that as part of the on-going work, which was taking place to progress the future Interchange schemes, TfGM was working with the relevant stakeholders to explore the opportunities for incorporating additional residential, commercial and other development infrastructure in conjunction with these schemes.

A number of photographs and images of the various schemes were included in the report at Appendix 1.

The Chair praised the Bolton Interchange.

Regarding Tameside Interchange (Ashton-under-Lyne), a Member asked about the relocation of the Ministry of Justice and if TfGM envisaged any delays. TfGM explained that they had six to eight weeks to close the premises and they would be on site in November 2017. Most problems had been resolved and currently there was no reason for any delays.

A Member expressed his dissatisfaction at the media press release about Bolton rail station and the response he had received from Officers when he had raised his concerns. Whilst the word 'blockade' was a well-accepted term within the rail industry, the Member suggested that it was an extremely negative word especially to describe improvements works to public services. In response, TfGM advised that they would work closely with Network Rail to prevent differing messages and avoid the use of a 'blockade'.

A Member asked what the white middle section was in the Stockport Interchange Visualisation. TfGM explained that they had received a number of artist impressions and would clarify following the meeting.

#### **RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the contents of the report and the achievements made in progressing the schemes since the last Interchanges Update to the Sub Committee.
2. To further note the work scheduled to be undertaken to continue to develop the schemes over the coming months, in conjunction with stakeholders.

#### **CPP17/16 METROLINK CAPITAL UPDATE**

The Sub Committee considered the report of the Head of Projects Group, which presented an update in relation to the Metrolink Capital Programme, including work on the extension and the enhancements to the existing network. Details of progress on individual projects covered:

1. Tram Management System (TMS).
2. Second City Crossing (2CC).
3. Trafford Park Line (TPL).

A Member advised that he had received a number of complaints from residents in Trafford about heavy goods vehicles trying to find routes through residential areas to Trafford Park. The Member was concerned that residents associated the traffic problem with the Metrolink works and held TfGM responsible although recognised this was a Trafford Council issue. The Member was forwarding the complaints to Trafford Council but suggested further work was required. In response, TfGM explained that they would have regular liaison meetings with Trafford Council to address the issue.

**RESOLVED/-**

To note the progress made on the TMS, 2CC and TPL.