

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
ASSEMBLY PLENARY**

Date: 14 February 2001

Subject: **M27 South Hampshire Integrated Transport Study**

Report of: Head of Regional Transport Planning

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL INFORMATION

1 Purpose of this Report

1.1 The purpose of this note is to briefly summarise additional information received subsequent to the debate at the Regional Planning Committee and which is considered to be of material significance.

1.2 Additional material has been received from:

- South East England Development Agency
- Hampshire County Council;
- Portsmouth City Council;
- Fareham Borough Council;
- Havant Borough Council;
- Winchester City Council;
- The Solent Gateway Group;
- Southampton International Airport.

1.3 Copies of all the correspondence received by the Regional Assembly are available for public examination.

2 Summary of Additional Information Received

South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)

2.1 SEEDA's Infrastructure Committee considered the output from the study on 11th January 2001. The report noted the international significance of the ports of Southampton and Portsmouth and the importance of the sub-region to the

success of the regional economy. The Regional Economic Strategy recognises the congestion experienced along the M27 corridor inhibits the potential for business development in the area. Major developments planned for the area will exacerbate the existing situation. The Infrastructure Committee agreed to

- welcome the study and support its recommendations;
- broker a meeting with all parties concerned to address the problems at Junction 9 of the M27 as a matter of urgency;
- seek to establish the means to co-ordinate and monitor the implementation of the study recommendations.

Hampshire County Council

- 2.2 The County Council is of the view that the study makes some useful recommendations for the development of the M27 corridor. However the Authority considers that its conclusions do not properly grasp the opportunities for integration, especially in terms of public transport initiatives. It particularly appears to under appreciate the scope of the South Hampshire Rapid Transit (SHRT) proposals. The Authority concludes by noting that the output from the study needs to be taken into account in the South Coast Corridor Multi Modal Study that is now underway.

Portsmouth City Council

- 2.3 The City Council fully supports the overall conclusions and recommendations in the report. The Authority wishes to draw attention to the redesignation of the A27(T) to motorway status up to its junction with the A3(M). Whilst this proposal is welcomed, they stress the importance of identifying an alternative cycle route off the carriageway as a matter of urgency.

Fareham Borough Council

- 2.4 The Authority's Planning and Transportation Committee resolved to support the study recommendations at its meeting on 23 January 2001. In so resolving the Committee drew attention to a number of detailed issues that will need to be taken into consideration as the framework set out by the study is implemented at the local level.

Havant Borough Council

- 2.5 The Authority's Planning and Transportation Committee resolved at its meeting on 6 February 2001 to:
- support the strategy proposed by the consultants in the M27 final report;
 - support proposed measures to redesignate the A27(T) to motorway;
 - look forward to the outcomes of the wider South Coast Corridor Multi Modal Study into which the M27 study will feed.

Winchester City Council

- 2.6 The Authority's Planning and Transportation Policy Review Committee resolved at its meeting on 25 January 2001 that:
- proposals to improve traffic flow on the M27 and public transport across the wider area are welcomed;
 - measures to improve congestion at Junction 9 of the M27 are supported.
- 2.7 In addition the City Council drew attention to a number of detailed issues that will need to be taken into consideration as the framework set out by the study is implemented at the local level.

The Solent Gateway Group

- 2.8 This group comprises representatives from Southampton City, Portsmouth City, Hampshire County and Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport and Havant Borough Councils has expressed general support for the outcome of the study.

Southampton International Airport

- 2.9 Whilst welcoming the publication of the report, concern has been expressed at the predicted levels of future traffic along the M27 and in the wider area, particularly in the vicinity of junction 5. They suggest that this issue is considered further in the strategic context set by the forthcoming South Coast Corridor Multi Modal Study. With respect to the proposals for the Eastleigh Chord, the Airport wishes to ensure that all appropriate airport safeguarding studies are undertaken.

3 Conclusions

- 3.1 The Secretariat are of the opinion that the additional information summarised in this note is material information that Members of the Regional Assembly should take into consideration in debating the output and recommendations of the M27 South Hampshire Integrated Transport Study.

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