

Transport Advisory Group – Membership

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Total Membership:	18	

Developing the Vision and Objectives

1. National Transport Policy is focused around five key transport objectives adopted by Central Government. These are:
 - to improve accessibility;
 - to support the economy;
 - to protect and enhance the environment;
 - to improve integration between mode and land use;
 - to improve safety in the transport system.
2. Within this context, the Regional Assembly identified a number of key themes upon which it invites comment and discussion from regional stakeholders as part of its work on developing the vision and objectives for the Regional Transport Strategy:
 - What is our vision for the transport system serving the South East in 15 years time?
 - How do we define a strategic transport network for the South East.
 - How can economic growth be delivered whilst at the same time reducing our dependency on the private car?
 - How do we use locational factors to influence the development of our transport network?
 - How can we manage the growth in travel demand?
 - How can we manage the use of our transport network in the South East more efficiently in the future?
 - How might we realise the potential for public transport to meet the need to travel?
 - How can we develop the potential of non-car modes to meet the need to travel?
 - How can we support the rural economy?
 - How might external factors influence the development of a more sustainable pattern of travel?

The Study Programme: Update on Progress

1. Multi-Modal Studies

1.1 Access to Hastings

The consultants are preparing their final report for the study following the completion of the consultation exercise on proposed strategies. The Steering Group met to discuss a draft of the report on 3 October. The emerging outcome of the Study is the subject of a separate paper to this Committee. The Assembly is anticipating receiving the final report of the Study from the Steering Group at the end of October. It is anticipated that this Committee will consider the output of the Study at its meeting on 10 January 2001.

1.2 ORBIT – Transport Solutions Around London

Work continues on developing the planning reference case for the Study against which draft strategies will be developed. Consultation on draft strategies is anticipated to take place early in the New Year. The next meeting of the Steering Group is 8 November, with the Study scheduled to report by the end of 2001.

1.3 SWARMMS – London to South West and South Wales

Consultation throughout the study area on the problems and issues that need to be addressed has just been completed. A seminar with South East local authorities was held in Newbury on 15 September. A workshop held on 13 October asked stakeholders to confirm the problems and issues and to discuss the strategy options to go forward for testing. The Steering Group is next scheduled to meet on 17 October.

1.4 London to Reading

A Tranche 2 MMS, the Regional Assembly and Government Office are involved in ongoing discussions with a view to identifying the best way forward for this Study. Close attention is being paid to ensuring that this study ties in with the work underway as part of ORBIT and SWARMMS.

1.5 South Coast

A Tranche 2 MMS, the initial meeting of the Steering Group for this Study took place on 5 October. Discussions are currently focused on agreeing the Terms of Reference for the Study. The next meeting of the Steering Group, scheduled for 14 November, will discuss the brief for consultants. It is now anticipated that the Study will report by March 2002.

1.6 London to South Midlands

Consultants Oscar Faber have been appointed to undertake this Study that is of relevance to the South East region given the inclusion of Milton Keynes within the Study area. Initial task for the consultant will be the production of the Commissioning Report for the Study. The Steering Group met on 10 October. It is anticipated that the Study will report by late 2002/early 2003.

2. Roads Based Studies

2.1 A3 Hindhead

Work continues on calibrating the traffic model for this Study. Testing of the impact of various tolling scenarios will begin shortly, which in turn will provide some initial feel for the scale of potential diversion as a consequence of the introduction of tolls. Work also continues on assessing the impact of the toll plaza. The Steering Group is next scheduled to meet on 17 October.

3. Integrated Transport Studies

3.1 M27 South Hampshire

A draft problems and issues paper has been prepared by the Consultants and circulated amongst the Steering Group for comment. A seminar with local Members was held on 22 September. A public exhibition of the proposed options was held between 28 September and 1 October. The next meeting of the Steering Group is scheduled for 19 October. The Study is expected to report by the end of November 2000. It is anticipated that this Committee will consider the output of the Study at its meeting on 10 January 2001.

3.2 A27 Worthing – Lancing

Consultation work continues on problems and issues within the Study Area. The Study is expected to report by the end of February 2001.

4. Other Studies

4.1 SERAS – South East Regional Air Services

The last SERAS Reference Group meeting was held on 8 September. It is hoped that the final approved Appraisal Framework document will be published in October. Ministers have agreed that new site options can be taken forward to the next stage of the SERAS process. Sift One has been extended to deal with options at new sites. The initial appraisal work on options at existing sites is underway and expected to be completed in October. Despite the extension of Sift One, it is still anticipated that the study will be completed by Summer 2001.

4.2 Regional Ports Strategy

The consultant's brief has been prepared by SEAPLAG (South East and Anglian Ports Local Authority Group). An approach has been made to DETR, Government Offices for the South East, London and East, as well SEEDA, EEDA and the LDA, with a view to securing funding to enable the consultants to be appointed: outcome of this approach is still awaited.

4.3 Intermodality Study

This study is being undertaken by a sub-group of the SEEDA Logistics and Transport Sector Group. The Study will help SEEDA develop a business-led strategy that will facilitate and encourage the development of intermodal operations. As such it will form an important input into the development of this aspect of the Regional Transport Strategy.