

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Date: 10 January 2001

Subject: **Regional Transport Strategy**

Report of: Director of Planning and Transport

Recommendations:

Members note the report and agree to discuss the Regional Transport Strategy objectives as a major item at their next meeting.

1. At the October meeting the members received a report, which outlined the progress to date of the Regional Transport Strategy and a timetable for the preparation of the draft strategy for consultation by the end of 2001. Subsequent to the October Regional Planning Committee meeting a Regional Transport Conference took place at Reading on the 1st November jointly hosted by the Assembly, SEEDA, and GOSE. The Conference was very well attended and the highlight was an audience participation session skilfully conducted by David Begg, Chairman of the Government's Integrated Transport Commission. This included a structured audience response using a survey and instant voting electronic "Vote Recorders". This obtained much valuable information, which is currently being analysed, together with information from a number of other sources.
2. It had been hoped to bring a report to this committee, following that analysis setting out suggested objectives, which would underpin the Regional Transport Strategy. The Assembly Secretariat's heavy involvement however with several multi-modal studies that are now reaching a critical stage (some of which are referred to elsewhere in this report) have made it difficult to give adequate time and consideration to this important issue prior to this committee. In addition, it became clear the weight of other items on the January agenda would in any event preclude adequate time for discussion. I would therefore propose that the matter is a priority topic for consideration at the additional Planning committee recommended elsewhere on the agenda to be held in late February.

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