

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND  
REGIONAL TRANSPORT BOARD**

Date: 10 July 2008

Subject: **Programme Management and Monitoring**

Report of: Regional Planner

**Purpose of Report:**

To update the Board of the latest status identified from monitoring of the regional programme.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Board note the outcome of the monitoring of the Regional Transport Programme as a whole.

## **1. Programme Monitoring**

- 1.1 Annex 1 updates the Regional Transport Programme, as funded through the Regional Funding Allocation, based on the available monitoring information from the latest Department for Transport quarterly monitoring returns (Final quarter returns for 2007-08). The monitoring reports for the first quarter of 2008-09 are not expected until 18 July 2008.
- 1.2 The status of the Programme has not changed since the last meeting of the Board on 16 May 2008. The information gathered from Local Transport Authorities and the Highways Agency for the 2008 Refresh (discussed elsewhere on this agenda) provides an early indication of scheme development and revised costs for schemes in the latter part of the programme (post 2011).
- 1.3 As agreed at the last Board meeting, an additional schedule of milestones for scheme progression (Annex 2) will now be presented with this report. However as with the programme monitoring, this has not changed since the last board meeting.

## **2. Update on Regional Priorities not yet at DfT Programme Entry**

- 2.1 The 2008 Refresh is providing us with a comprehensive picture of major transport project requirements in South East England. This is providing an update on the cost and timing of regional priorities not at programme entry (and therefore not subject to regular monitoring returns).
- 2.2 An initial assessment of the information submitted by Local Transport Authorities appears to suggest few reports of substantive increases in scheme costs (an announcement on Highways Agency schemes is still awaited). Schemes also appear to be progressing to timetable, with some reporting the potential to be brought forward if funds were available. In the current climate such a picture, if accurate, would be welcomed. We will be testing the robustness of the information submitted by scheme promoters through a series of bi-lateral meetings programmed to take place over the next few weeks.

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