

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND
REGIONAL TRANSPORT BOARD**

Date: 10 July 2008

Subject: **Items for Information**

1. **2012 Transport and Infrastructure sub-group**
2. **Guidance on the preparation of Port Masterplans**
3. **Access for All Small Scheme Funding**

Report of: See individual items

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board notes the contents of this report.

1. 2012 Transport and Infrastructure sub-group

- 1.1 Progress with implementation of transport improvements for the 2012 Games continues apace. The Olympic Delivery Authority continues to work closely with both the Regional Assembly and the local authorities in the Eton Dorney area to progress the Venue Transport Plan, the content of which will become firmer during the summer and autumn, and workshops to progress this work have been held in May and July 2008. The Assembly also continues to engage closely with the ODA on a regular basis, and is ensuring that the ODA's recently published Accessible Transport Strategy is consistent with this Board's mobility management work programme in delivering mutual outcomes.

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2. Guidance on the preparation of Port Masterplans

- 2.1 The Regional Transport Board has previously set out its support for key ports to prepare Masterplans outlining future developments, as part of its response to the recent Ports Policy Review in July 2006.
- 2.2 The government has now published draft guidance of preparing Port Masterplans. The closing date for comments is 22 July 2008.

- 2.3 While being far more light touch than the approach to airport masterplans, it does set out that 51 ports in the UK which handled more than 1 million tonnes of freight in 2000 are the target group of ports for this guidance. The consultation specifically notes the good practice of Dover Port and indeed the role of this Board.
- 2.4 There is however no requirement for a port to produce a masterplan, rather it is presented as a “set of general pointers” to ports on the content and topics that could be set out in them.
- 2.5 A further report will be submitted to the RPC for decision at their July meeting.

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3. Access for All Small Scheme Funding

- 3.1 There will be a further round of bidding for £6 million Access for All Small Schemes funding to improve accessibility at railway stations (on the same terms as previous rounds), for the financial year 2009/10. The closing date for applications for 2009/10 bidding is 26 September 2008, with the Department for Transport anticipates contacting successful applicants by 27 February 2009.
- 3.2 The maximum amount of funding available is £250k per scheme up to a maximum of 50% of the total scheme costs. The funding is only available for schemes which have reached a credible stage in development having completed all appropriate feasibility studies and after identification of other funding sources and which anticipate being substantially complete by the end of March 2010. The process only applies to stations owned by Network Rail. For more information see: www.dft.gov.uk/access under ‘rail’.

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