

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY  
TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP  
Action Note**

**7 February 2006  
Guildford County Club, High Street, Guildford**

Present:

Peter Mann (Chair)	Oxfordshire County Council
Iain Reeve	Hampshire County Council
George Burnett	Surrey County Council
Howard Holt	Dover Harbour Board
Andy Barton	South East England Regional Assembly
Andy Mak	South East England Regional Assembly
Pat Ayling	South East England Regional Assembly
David Cooper	GOSE
Mike Ford	Highways Agency
Nicky Linihan-Mardon	Basingstoke & Dean Council
Mick Sutch	Kent County Council
Philip Kirk	Oxford Bus Company
Nigel Rose	SEFS
Mike Ebbs	Dover District Council
Gordon Telling	Freight Transport Association

**1. Apologies**

Martin Tugwell	South East England Regional Assembly
Detlef Golletz	SEEDA
Harry Rutter	Public Health Observatory

It was noted that Sheila Holden had left RBWM on grounds of ill health and would not therefore be continuing on the Group. It was agreed that the Assembly would write to Sheila expressing the Group's gratitude for her important contribution to the work of TAG over the years and sending good wishes.

**Action: Secretariat agreed to arrange this.**

**2. Notes of the last meeting**

- 2.1 A discussion took place regarding the wording of paragraph 5.6. It was agreed that the wording stands but should be quoted in full in future usage. The notes of the last meeting (24 October 2005) were approved without any amendments.

**3. Matters Arising**

**3.1 Congestion Charging**

3.1.1 The Group were informed that there is now an item on the Assembly website for information. Following discussion it was suggested that the Assembly contact the Consultants currently engaged by the Department for Transport considering Heathrow expansion to investigate further use of the work.

### 3.2 Mobility Management Toolkit

3.2.1 Andy Mak gave a verbal update to the Group on progress to date. He informed the Group that the Assembly were now in the process of commissioning the work.

3.2.2 Following a discussion it was agreed that clearer guidance would be required to move this forward and enable officers to encourage their members to participate in this work. It was also agreed that sharper definitions were needed and suggested that a sub-group be set up to develop this work further. The work will need to concentrate upon the added value that experiences from the South East can bring to the mobility management agenda.

**Action: It was agreed that a sub-group be set up to work with officers drawn from the members of this Group.**

## 4. **Freight: Regional Freight Strategy**

4.1 Andy Mak introduced Gordon Telling from the Freight Transport Association who gave a presentation to the Group on the role of the FTA, and the developing Regional Freight Strategy for the South East.

### 4.2 RTS Policy Review

4.2.1 The Group were updated on the outcomes of a meeting with freight stakeholders which had taken place recently. Their thoughts had been pulled together in a paper presented to the Group. A general discussion then took place and the following points were raised:

- Are we consistent with European systems e.g. Germany does not allow freight to travel on autobahns on Sundays? We need to ensure that we operate consistently with International Standards.
- Need to address the overlap of inter-modal issues.
- Key importance of freight to the region and the UK as a whole. Checking if we have got the freight operation we both need and can afford?

4.2.2 It was agreed that a sub-group would be formed from within this Group to enable the work to be carried forward and specifically to assist with policy and environmental perspectives, in order to ensure that planning as well as operational issues are properly covered.

### 4.3 Ports Review

- 4.3.1 The Group were informed that a Pan-Regional Seminar is being put together and will be run jointly with the Assembly and GOSE/DfT to consider the National Ports Policy review. The Group was invited to send comments and thoughts on the ports review paper once published to Andy Barton at the Assembly.

**Action: Secretariat to circulate a copy of the FTA presentation to the Group. Secretariat to invite TAG members to RFS workshops.**

## **5. Prioritisation Methodology Review**

- 5.1 As part of the setting of transport priorities post 2011, the Regional Transport Board has asked for a review to be undertaken of the application of the current methodology. This will need to consider if there are specific changes needed to ensure that the methodology is picking up all issues and types of schemes within the South East Plan in a comprehensive and fair manner.
- 5.1.1 This Group's role will be to assist with the assessment and possible alternatives to the methodology that may be required. This will then be fed back to RTB in May 2006. TAG and RTCG members will be asked for comments on possible areas to address.
- 5.1.2 The general consensus was that the whole Group wish to be involved in the review. The Secretariat will set up a workshop of the Group to consider these issues.

**Post meeting note: Workshop set for 07 April 2006.**

## **6. South East Plan : Evidence Document**

- 6.1 As part of the South East Plan submission, an Evidence Document supporting the integral Regional Transport Strategy is required. This will form the evidence base for the policy framework.
- 6.2 The document is under preparation, and was envisaged to be able to be considered by the Group. Unfortunately this has not been possible due to unavoidable delays in drafting due to other pressures. It is hoped to be able to deliver a draft copy of the document to the Group prior to submission.

**Post meeting note: due to timescales it will not be possible to circulate the document for comment, but it will be published on the Assembly website by 31 March 2006.**

## **7. South East Plan: Monitoring**

- 7.1 Andy Mak acknowledged the hard work undertaken by the Sub-Group on this topic. Following a general discussion on potential new transport indicators, particularly, for public transport related monitoring, it was suggested that where available, this should be included as an additional monitoring element.

## 8. Public Transport

### 8.1 Rail Prospectus

- 8.1.1 The Group were informed that a paper related to this topic had been presented at the last Regional Transport Board and further work is being looked at with the possibility of consultants being appointed to undertake the development of the document.

**Action: It was agreed that any comments on the paper should be made to Andy Barton by email.**

### 8.2 Bus and Coach Implementation

- 8.2.1 A brief discussion was held on how an Express Bus and Coach Network could be implemented given previous studies and the Secretary of State Orbit response of July 2003. It was felt that currently there is no funding mechanism on a regional basis for anything other than rail.

**Action: It was agreed that a meeting would be set up between the Assembly, GOSE, Highways Agency and Oxford Bus Company to move things forward.**

## 9. Items for Information :

- 9.1 There were no items for information.

## 10. Future Work Programme

- 10.1 A suggestion was made that the Group undertake a piece of work on the Eddington Report/output.

## 9. Date of next meeting

**Post meeting note:** Due to the workshop being held on 7 April, the TAG dates for the rest of 2006 have been rearranged. The opportunity to sequence these with the RTCG and RTB has been taken. New dates are:

**6 June 2006**  
**19 September 2006**

Both meetings commence at 14.00 and the location is Guildford.

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