

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

**10 May 2005
Berkeley House, Cross Lanes, Guildford**

Present:

Callum Findlay	Surrey County Council
Martin Tugwell	South East England Regional Assembly
Nigel Rose	SEFS
Detlef Golletz	SEEDA
Paul Hudson	SEEDA
Alistair Jefford	Kent County Council
Louisa Bellee	Freight Transport Association
Mike Ebbs	Dover District Council
Andy Barton	South East England Regional Assembly
Andy Mak	South East England Regional Assembly
Giuseppe Tripodi	South East England Regional Assembly
Colin McKenna	West Sussex County Council
David Cooper	GOSE
Iain Reeve	Hampshire County Council
Pat Baxter	Reading Borough Council
Peter Mann	Oxfordshire County Council
Sheila Holden	Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
Helen Tipper	South East England Regional Assembly / SEEDA

1. Apologies

James Waight	Strategic Rail Authority
Garrett Emmerson	Buckinghamshire County Council
Harry Rutter	Public Health Observatory
Robin Cooper	Winchester City Council
Mike Ford	Highways Agency
Karen Hudson	Confederation of Passenger Transport

2. Notes of the last meeting

2.1 The Group agreed to amend the notes of the last meeting (10 February) as follows:

- Para. 3.2.2 To replace *towards* with *against*.
- Page 2 To delete the two actions and the Post Meeting Note.

2.2 The notes were then approved without any further amendments.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Circulation of other meetings' papers.

It was agreed that notes from the latest Regional Transport Co-ordination Group, Regional Transport Board and Transport Advisory Sub-Groups meetings will be regularly circulated to this Group.

ACTION: Secretariat to circulate notes from relevant meetings.

4. Prioritisation Methodology

4.1 The Chairman set out TAG's role in assisting in the development of the methodology; it should focus on overall functionality of the methodology rather than detailed assessment. The Regional Transport Co-ordination Group would be the more appropriate forum in which Local Transport Authorities are able to advise on the output from the methodology.

4.2 MT gave a presentation to the group on the major issues arising from experience to date in testing the methodology. It was also noted that a similar presentation had been given to the Regional Transport Board meeting.

4.3 It was noted that there was a need to review the following aspects:

- The Policy Compatibility questionnaire; the Group agreed that it was too long (too many questions) and with several elements of double-counting. A broader approach should be pursued. The Group also felt that some specific issues needed to be covered by the questionnaire, in particular: Cost of travel, Access to Health Services, Intra-regional Disparities, Rural Dimension, Interchanges and Freight.
- Weightings; it was noted that changes in the questions/questionnaire might lead to the need for a discussion on weighting, however it was accepted that this was an issue to consider at the next meeting of the Group.
- The Funding Certainty table; this needed to be amended in order to increase consistency and to better reflect the status of the interventions. It was suggested that the percentage score for interventions **needing** further appraisal work should be **lowered**. It was also noted that the "Powers" stage should be removed from the table, as it is part of a different process. It could be replaced by an additive adjustment.

ACTION:

- i) An update on the work to be given at the next meeting;**
- ii) Discussion on weighting to be held at the next meeting.**

5. South East Plan

5.1 Regional Transport Strategy – Consultation Feedback.

5.1.1 A paper was circulated to the Group prior to the meeting.

5.1.2 The main issues requiring debate that arose from the Consultation were reported; it was noted that due to its spatial connotations and implications, the concept of Hub (and possibly the associated Policy) could now be moved from the Transport section to the Cross-Cutting Policies section of the South East Plan.

5.1.3 The Group was asked to advise on the inclusion of additional Strategic Corridors, Gateways, Hubs and Spokes to those identified in the Regional Transport Strategy. The group advised as follows:

- **Inter-regional Corridors**
The Oxford to Cambridge Arc Corridor is considered to be of a certain importance, especially for its function and linkage to Growth Areas. Its inclusion in the Strategy could be supported. The A27 Corridor is considered to be of regional relevance but not of inter-regional significance. An additional Map could show corridors of this relevance, filling the current gap in the characterisation of Regional Corridors in the Regional Transport Strategy.
- **Gateways**
The members of the Group fully supported the additional indication of Ashford International and St Pancras International. Support to additional indication of Kent International Airport (Marston) is conditional upon further study and scoping of its role and potential in the context of the Regional Transport Strategy.
- **Spokes**
It was noted that a new spoke should be shown on the map to indicate the A34 Corridor; an issue about the appropriate level of detail on this map was raised.
- **Rail Station Parking**
It was suggested to review the wording of Policy T12 and supporting text (RTS). It was agreed that parking standards at stations (and their management) should be considered within the local context and the role of local transport authorities should be reinforced.

ACTION: Secretariat to take advice into consideration in refining RTS policy framework.

6. Future Work Programme.

- 6.1 A paper about the work in progress and the work proposed was circulated to the group prior to the meeting.
- 6.2 It was suggested that larger use of the sub-groups should be made in the future.
- 6.3 It was noted that work and membership of all the Advisory Groups will be reviewed and that terms of reference updated.

ACTIONS:

- i) Secretariat to re-circulate terms of reference to the Group.
- ii) Secretariat to notify changes in the membership of this group and its sub-groups.

7. Any Other Business

- 7.1 MT advised the Group that the meeting was Callum's last as Chairman of the Group. He thanked Callum for all his work on behalf of the Group during his time as Chairman. The Group expressed their warm wishes to Callum for his retirement.
- 7.2 MT was pleased to be able to announce that Peter Mann had accepted the invitation to be the next Chairman of TAG.

8. Dates of next meeting

14:00, 28 June 2005
Berkeley House, Cross Lanes, Guildford

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