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Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Minute of special meeting

16 March 2007

held in Consort House, Glasgow

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Minute of the special meeting of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport held in Consort House, Glasgow, on 16 March 2007.

Present:	Argyll & Bute	Councillor Duncan MacIntyre
	East Ayrshire	Councillor Eric Ross
	East Dunbartonshire	Councillor Alan Moir
	Glasgow	Councillor John Mason
	Glasgow	Councillor Alan Stewart
	Glasgow	Councillor Alistair Watson (Chair)
	Inverclyde	Councillor Eric Forbes
	North Ayrshire	Councillor John Bell
	North Lanarkshire	Councillor David Fagan
	North Lanarkshire	Councillor Barry McCulloch
	Renfrewshire	Councillor Sam Mullin
	South Ayrshire	Councillor Margaret Toner
	South Lanarkshire	Councillor Davie McLachlan
	South Lanarkshire	Councillor Chris Thompson
	West Dunbartonshire	Councillor Linda McColl
	Appointed Member	Liz Connolly
	Appointed Member	Thomas Hart
	Appointed Member	Niall McGrogan
	Appointed Member	Gavin Scott
	Appointed Member	Bill Ure

Apologies:	Glasgow	Councillor Irene Graham
	Glasgow	Councillor Jim McNally
	North Ayrshire	Councillor Sam Taylor
	North Lanarkshire	Councillor John Higgins
	Renfrewshire	Councillor John McDowell
	South Lanarkshire	Councillor Eileen Logan
	Appointed Member	Alan Malcolm

Attending: Valerie Davidson, Secretary; Valerie A Bowen, Assistant Clerk; Ron Culley, Chief Executive; Gordon Maclennan, Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Support) and John Halliday, Assistant Chief Executive (Transport & Strategy).

1. Long term strategy for the Subway

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With reference to the minute of the former Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority of 3 June 2005 (page 7, paragraph 11) when the Authority had agreed that a scoping exercise be undertaken as a first stage in the development of a long term strategy for the Subway, there was submitted a report (issued) of 19 February 2007 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Transport & Strategy)

- (1) highlighting the findings of the scoping study, assisted by the work of Atkins Ltd, which had been carried out in compliance with the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG);

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- (2) explaining
 - (a) that early work had established the problems and opportunities with the Subway and, after the fundamental planning objective had been established, sub-objectives to guide the subsequent consideration of the feasible options had been confirmed;
 - (b) that ten development options (detailed in Appendix 1) had been identified by the consultant and these had been narrowed to two generic options for consideration by the Partnership, a modernisation option and two extension options;
 - (c) that although the modernisation option would maintain and enhance the current Subway system, a range of development sub-options were contained within this from "do minimum" to "full modernisation"; and
 - (d) that the two extension options were as undernoted:-
 - (i) east from the city centre, providing an additional circular route interchanging with the Subway at Bridge Street; and
 - (ii) west from Govan to Renfrew and Paisley by enhancing the Clyde Fastlink Route;
- (3) confirming that any of the options taken up by the Partnership would require an implementation strategy to ensure that design development, procurement and funding were properly considered and timed to ensure optimum performance in terms of SPT's capacity and although costs had not yet been established, all options would require a substantial investment;
- (4) informing members
 - (a) that although this stage had identified the most likely options that would offer the potential for success, the next stages, completion of STAG Part 2, would refine and develop the options, provide the economic and financial case and establish the viability and funding options before detailed design development would be considered; and
 - (b) that the various strands of development on the Subway, Clyde Fastlink, the Conurbation Public Transport Study and Regional Transport Strategy, had been phased to ensure that they came together at the right time, informed one another and provided the Partnership with a comprehensive picture; and
- (5) recommending that the Partnership
 - (a) note how the findings fitted within a wider strategy development;
 - (b) endorse the appraisal conclusions and the two generic options to be taken forward as outlined at (2) above; and

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- (c) agree that work in developing a long term strategy for the Subway should continue and that a STAG Part 2 appraisal be undertaken.

Thereon Mr Halliday gave a more detailed presentation on the proposals and, following considerable discussion and having heard Mr Halliday in answer to members' questions, the Partnership approved the recommendations at (5) above.

2. **Regional Transport Strategy**

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With reference to the minute of 15 December 2006 (page 3, paragraph 8) when the Partnership, inter alia, had

- (1) authorised officers to enter into an eight week formal consultation period on the consultative draft Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) with the general public and transport stakeholders; and
- (2) agreed that the outcome of the formal consultation would be reported back to a future Partnership meeting,

there was submitted a report (issued) of 1 March 2007 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Transport and Strategy),

- (a) presenting an outline of the consultation process and consultation responses to the draft RTS;
- (b) enclosing as appendices to the report
 - (i) a breakdown of the type of written responses received;
 - (ii) a short summary of the final draft strategy showing how SPT's core activities, developing action plans and priority projects contributed to the following 4 strategic outcomes:
 - improved connectivity;
 - access for all;
 - reduced emissions; and
 - attractive, seamless, reliable travel; and
 - (ii) further detail on SPT's core activities, action plans and the target programme of transport interventions;
- (c) highlighting the key changes that would be made to the final draft RTS in light of comments received;
- (d) advising members that the documents to be provided to the Scottish Ministers would comprise

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a shorter, clearer RTS key report with less emphasis on process and methodology;
a full STAG assessment report;
the SEA Environmental report;
a report on the consultation process and Environmental Statement;
an Equalities Impact Assessment;
a modelling report documenting the appraisal process; and
working papers on the developing Action Plans;

- (e) requesting that, in order to allow final development work on the document and take account of members' comments, a Chair's Committee be scheduled for 26 March 2007 to approve the final draft RTS document for submission to Scottish Ministers by 31 March 2007.

Thereon Mr Halliday gave a more detailed presentation on the proposals and, following considerable discussion and having taken account of amendments intimated by members, the Partnership approved the request at (e) above.