

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY STEERING GROUP (RTSSG)

NOTE OF THE 22nd MEETING September 2008 (Business conducted by E-mail)

Included:

Geoff Allister	Chief Executive, Roads Service – Joint Chairperson
Doreen Brown	Deputy Secretary, Regional Planning and Transportation – Joint Chairperson
Jim Aiken	Director of Corporate Affairs, Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company (NITHCo)
Bob Cairns	Director of Engineering, Roads Service
Tom Clarke	Director of Strategic Planning, Planning Service
Frank Clegg	Translink
Ciaran Doran	Director, Public Transport Performance Division
John Irvine	Roads Service
Catherine Mason	Group Chief Executive Translink / NITHCo
Kevin Monaghan	Roads Service
Andrew Murray	Director of Network Services, Roads Service
Philip O'Neill	Translink
Mike Thompson	Director, Regional Planning and Transportation Division
Brian White	Director of Ports and Public Transport

ACTION

1. Decision to hold meeting by email correspondence

The RTSSG joint-chairs agreed that the light agenda could be processed by email correspondence. Papers were issued and agreed electronically.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the twenty first RTSSG meeting of 19 June were agreed with one change.

Page 2 QBC Programme, second paragraph amended to read:

“The question of key outcomes for QBCs was considered. Two main measures could be bus patronage and bus speed. While patronage on the QBCs was rising, the bus speed was falling. It was noted that the increased patronage had led to increased dwell times at stops, despite a move from 60% cash ticket sales in 2002 to 40% now, and that this, along with congestion, may be one on the factors contributing to a decreased bus speed.”

Updates on Action Points

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- A meeting should be sought between Mrs Brown and David Ferguson – meeting held;

- Southern Section of the City Centre Ring options – ongoing;
- QBC Programme summary sheet – the summary sheet is submitted biannually, the next summary will be prepared for the December meeting;
- Discussions with the Police Service on the decriminalisation of moving traffic offences – awaiting response from Police Service;
- Newtownards Road QBC study report will be presented to the next meeting – timeframe extended, an update will be provided at the December meeting; and
- Trevor Robinson and Brian White met with NIAO on 19 June.

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- RTS Review Issues Paper – the Issues Paper is still being developed internally. Once an internally agreed draft is ready, it will be sent to RTSSG for consideration and comment; and
- Route-subsidy funding – PPTD will consider rebidding for route subsidy as part of the next budget round.

3. Matters Arising

Update on Cairnshill

A number of expressions of interest to provide bus services to the Cairnshill site have been received by the Department. Colleagues in the Central Procurement Directorate are considering the way forward and a full public tender may be required. Roads Service are updating the economic appraisal for the site and should soon be in a position to confirm if they are content to tender for the construction. This has been removed as an agenda item from the Public Transport Partnership Board.

4. BMTP

- i. Public Transport Partnership Board Update
Noted.

8. Dates for next meetings

The following dates should be noted:

- 9 December 2008 at 2.00pm;
- 10 March 2009 at 2.00pm;
- 9 June 2009 at 2.00pm
- 13 October 2009 at 2.00pm (note the later date)
- 12 January 2010 at 2.00pm

All meetings in Room 6.01c, Clarence Court (subject to Workplace2010)

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Regional Planning and Transportation Division