



Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority - Delegated Committee

Meeting to be held on Friday 12 October 2012 at 1.00 pm in a Committee Room, Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 2BN

Membership: Blackburn, D Wood (Chair) and P Wood

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AGENDA

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- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest of Members or Officers in any matter to be discussed at the meeting**

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Please also remember to leave the meeting where any personal interest requires this.
- 3. Exclusion of Press and Public**

Exclusion of Press and Public under section 100A and Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 because exempt information is likely to be disclosed and the public interest test against disclosure is satisfied.
- 4. Tyne Pedestrian and Cyclist Tunnels (TPCT) - Phase 3 Improvement Works** **1 - 12**

For decision.
- 5. End of Exclusion of Press and Public**
- 6. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 August 2012** **13 - 14**

For approval.
- 7. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2012** **15 - 16**

For approval.

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13 August 2012
(10.30 - 10.55 am)

Present:

Councillor: D Wood (Chair)

Councillors: Blackburn and P Wood

In attendance:

N Clennett	Gateshead Council
H Emms	Transport Policy Adviser to the ITA, Newcastle City Council
S Herbert	Transport Policy, Newcastle City Council
B Joyce	Democratic Services, Newcastle City Council
D Laux	Sunderland City Council
G MacDonald	Transport Policy, Newcastle City Council
H Mathews	Nexus

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR OFFICERS IN ANY MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

There were no declarations of interest.

6. LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND (LSTF) - REVISED BID

Submitted: Report of the LSFT Senior Responsible Owner (previously circulated and copy attached to the official minutes) to provide Members with an update on the revised bid to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, following feedback from the Department for Transport (DfT) and comments from the last meeting of the ITA Delegated Committee.

Nick Clennett gave a brief introduction to the revised document and thanked officers for making the suggested changes and providing a more coherent bid. The primary and secondary objectives of the bid were clearly set out (page 15) and the bid package was detailed in Section C (page 16).

Comments/points raised

- A Member suggested that the document could present an opportunity to provide information on the various projects across Tyne and Wear whilst highlighting that there was consensus around the priority of the A1 Western Bypass.
- In respect of the reference to 'suppressed demand for cycle travel' (page 18) Newcastle had a strong cycle forum and key issues raised were short trips and lack of infrastructure. There appeared to be growing support to stimulate cycle use and NCC had invested in infrastructure.
- Work had been ongoing in the Gateshead area on cycle routes for a number of years and there had also been a rise in requests for bicycle parking facilities.
- Nexus were aware that people currently using cars to get to Metro stations would be interested in a better cycling infrastructure.
- Figures used in the report were based on DfT research and would therefore be supported by DfT.
- The document would be amended to be more specific at Section D1 to illustrate if the figures were daily or weekly etc.
- The reference to '...200 tonnes of cargo' (page 2) would be amended to show that this was from Tyne and Wear.
- 'The A1 is the North East's only strategic corridor leading to Edinburg' to be amended to '... is the key ...strategic corridor'.

Officers would investigate the possibility of including more information on other schemes in Tyne and Wear in the context section of the document that did not detract from the focus of the bid.

The document would be formatted and branded (along with the appendices) prior to submission to DfT on Wednesday 15 August. The result of the bidding process would be available early/mid September 2012.

The final version of the document would be circulated for information to all ITA members on Wednesday 15th August and also published on the NCC and ITA websites.

RESOLVED: That the ITA Delegated Committee endorsed the revised bid document subject to the minor amendments and additions mentioned above.



Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority - Delegated Committee

8 August 2012
(10.30 - 11.00 am)

Present:

Councillor: D Wood (Chair)

Councillors: Blackburn and P Wood

In attendance:

In attendance:

N Clennett	Gateshead Council
H Emms	Transport Policy Adviser to the ITA, Newcastle City Council
S Herbert	Transport Policy, Newcastle City Council
B Joyce	Democratic Services, Newcastle City Council
D Laux	Sunderland City Council
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At the meeting on 7 August 2012 the DfT agreed that the proposed package was more focussed but considered that the surrounding context remained too broad and needed to be tightened up.

H Emms confirmed that the DfT were happy with the package in principle. The revised bid would need to demonstrate what difference the proposals would make and the benefits in terms of travel patterns across Tyne and Wear. The package was still too broad and the advice from DfT was to provide a more geographical focus and links to the wider more generic benefits.

The Chair advised that the deadline had slipped from 10th to 15th August and that the Delegated Committee had the authority of the ITA to take the final decision on the bid. He proposed that the Delegated Committee meet early next week to consider the final bid.

Comments/issues raised

- Although the travel planning measures within the bid remained appropriate the proposed bus service linking Washington and Gateshead could be removed.
- The issue of the assessment of the bid by a range of government officials/advisors was raised. It would be quite a difficult task to get the bid through the assessment.
- A Member expressed concern that a decision on such an important issue was expected prior to completion of the final bid document. He requested that papers be provided in a more timely fashion in the future.
- Given the uncertainty of the future of a bus service from Washington to Gateshead it was proposed to remove this from the bid.
- Officer agreement across the five local authority areas would also be needed to ensure the bid was robust.
- All local authorities need to be aware of the economic affects of transport proposals on their council area.
- There was some discussion around the Western Bypass/Lobley Hill junction and how the bid linked to future proposals. Officers advised that work was ongoing with the Highways Agency and that this would be looked at again as part of the City Deal. The bid offered a strong package which would compliment future proposals.

The final bid would be ready for Friday 10 August. It would be approximately 20 pages plus appendices. Hard copies would be circulated to members (home addresses) on Friday afternoon.

RESOLVED – That a further meeting of the Delegated Committee be convened at 10:30am on Monday 13 August 2012 to make a decision on the bid.