

## DRAFT MINUTES

### CONNECTED DORSET MEETING

19 MAY 2021 14:00 – 16:00 pm

#### MS Teams Video Conference

#### Attendees:

- Andrew Ardley (AA), South Western Railways
- Andy Roberts (AR), Highways England
- Cllr Ray Bryan (RB), Dorset Council
- David Squire (DS), Yellow Buses
- Ian McQuade (IMQ), Portland Port
- Jaime Rockhill (JR), Network Rail
- Jim Stewart (JS), Poole Harbour Commissioners, Chair
- Julian McLaughlin (JM), BCP Council
- Kate Tunks (KT), Dorset Council
- Marc Griffin (MG), WSP
- Paul Walker (PW), Go South Coast
- Richard Pincroft (RP), BCP Council
- Simon Higgins (SH), Road Haulage Association
- Tim Forrester (TF), BCP Council

#### Also present:

- Francesca Powell (FP), BCP Council
- Rosie Macnamara (RM), Dorset LEP

#### Apologies:

- Adrian Hale (AH), BCP Council
- Andrew Wickham (AW), Go South Coast
- Cecilia Buffon (CB), Chair of Dorset LEP Board
- Cllr Mike Greene (MG), BCP Council
- David Northey (DN), Network Rail
- Lorna Carver (LC), Dorset LEP
- Trevor Green (TG), Wyvern Cargo

Item	Subject/ Title	Action owner
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>  Apologies noted.	
2.	<b>Review of Terms of Reference</b>  The original Terms of Reference date back to 2016, so updated Terms of Reference of reference were shared with the group members prior to the meeting together with the agenda. The new Terms of	

	Reference were approved by the group.	
3.	<p><b>Policies and funding opportunities arising from Covid-19</b></p> <p>Following the Roadmap changes by Government, there has been a significant amount of funding available. Councils have been working hard on recovery. However as the funding becomes repayable there will be challenges down the road, in around the next 12/18 months.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Transforming Cities Fund update</b></p> <p>MG gave a presentation on Transforming Cities Fund.</p> <p>Trip End Facilities – Schools:</p> <p>22 schools have been successful with their applications for funding towards trip end facilities.</p> <p>Consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The launch of public consultation on the Cycleway Corridor OBC was on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and closed on 31 March 2021. The comments and views from the public and stakeholders on the corridor proposals are currently being summarised and reports will be produced summarising the key themes and statistics from each of the sections.</li> <li>• The launch of the consultation on the Sustainable Corridor OBC is currently running from 10 May-14 June 2021. This is hosted on the Engagement HQ platform as before.</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Road Investment Strategy(RIS) 2020 -2025</b></p> <p>AR gave a presentation on the Road Investment Strategy for Road Period 2 (RIS2), 2020-2025, and Route Strategies: Future Road Investment Strategy and wider Highways England (HE) strategy and planning.</p> <p><u>RIS2:</u> The Government sets the long-term strategic vision for the Strategic Road Network. It specifies the performance standards HE must meet, lists planned enhancement schemes it expects HE to build, and states the funding that HE will make available during the second Road Period (RP2), covering the financial years 2020/21 to 2024/25.</p> <p>HE is required to prepare them under their licence. They are a key network planning tool in planning for the future of the SRN, prime stage of research to inform future RIS.</p> <p><u>Route Strategies: Future Road Investment Strategy and wider Highways England (HE) strategy and planning:</u></p>	

	<p>Approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HE are required to prepare Route Strategies under their licence. They are key network planning tools in planning for the future of the SRN. There are 20 routes updated to reflect current role of the SRN. Route strategies are grounded in evidence and informed by STBs, road users and others.</li> <li>• They are responsive to environmental needs and reflecting the role, function and aspirations of the route.</li> </ul> <p>Progress and Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Route strategies approach was approved by DiT in Spring 2021</li> <li>• There are opportunities for route strategies to integrate other transport modes and other routes.</li> <li>• HE will start engagement and delivery in the Summer.</li> </ul> <p>A decarbonisation plan will come forward with the Government Net Carbon plan. <b>Action: AR to do a presentation on this at the next meeting in the Autumn.</b></p>	<p><b>AR</b></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>M4 to Dorset Coast Strategic Study</b></p> <p>AR gave a presentation on the M4 to Dorset Coast Strategy Study.</p> <p>Progress to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholder workshops held in March. The feedback report is currently being finalised and to be circulated by end of May.</li> <li>• Information and data are being gathered on all routes to assess current baseline performance</li> <li>• The final scoping report is currently being finalised and agreed with DfT</li> <li>• The Executive Summary of the scoping report will be shared with stakeholders in June 2021</li> <li>• Update meetings with MPs by DfT will take place in July 2021.</li> </ul>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Western Gateway Sub-National Transport Body (STB) – update</b></p> <p>EW gave an update on the Western Gateway STB.</p> <p>DfT have agreed their funding for 2021/22 so that they can commission the stage 2 technical assessment later in the year.</p> <p>The role of the STB is to provide a Transport Strategy for the region and advice to Government on the prioritisation of schemes/ connectivity studies.</p> <p>There is now a published Transport Plan 2020-2025 and a long-term plan of 2025 to 2050 is in development. They have commissioned consultants to do the baseline assessment and WSP will be updating</p>	

	<p>the regional transport model.</p> <p>There are 4 Corridor partnership groups, second meetings held and geographic scope of the corridor studies has been agreed.</p> <p>There is also a Transport and Business Forum that JS chairs that includes stakeholders including port authorities, etc., to engage their views on the corridors.</p> <p>The next steps are that the STB will present a robust narrative describing the different scenarios, this will include initial views on schemes and the phasing of their delivery in relation to the particular scenario. They will seek stakeholders' views on the different scenarios ahead of the planned stakeholder engagement.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Dorset LEP Capital Infrastructure projects/ Growth Deal update</b></p> <p><u>Growth Deal:</u></p> <p>TF gave an update on the Growth Deal Funded projects delivered by BCP Council. All projects are now completed.</p> <p>KT gave an update on the Dorset Council- delivered Gillingham Growth project, which is now substantially finished to time and budget.</p> <p>RM gave an overview of the completion of the Growth Deal programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 54 projects</li> <li>- £98m secured by Dorset LEP supplemented by private and public match funding</li> <li>- So far the project has delivered over 6,000 jobs and apprenticeships, 2,538 houses completed, 12,621 students assisted and 25,000 sqm of new or improved learning floor space.</li> </ul> <p>By 2025, the projects aim to create:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Over 20,000 jobs and apprenticeships</li> <li>- Close to 5,000 houses</li> <li>- 75,000 students assisted.</li> </ul> <p><u>Getting Building Fund:</u></p> <p>The LEP has received £11.8m Getting Building Fund funding, supplemented by £13m match funding to deliver 9 projects ranging from port infrastructure projects, Full fibre connectivity, skills capital projects, Health R&amp;D, amongst others.</p>	

<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Update from sectors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trunk Road Network: AR gave an update on the Trunk Road Network.</li> <li>• Ports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Portland port</u>: IMQ gave an update on Portland Port. There have been regular technical visits from cruise ships without passengers. The first domestic cruise will leave tomorrow.</li> <li><u>Poole</u>: a new ferry service from Poole to Morocco has recently been introduced, initially for freight only. Superyachts: 17 in Poole Harbour at the moment, likely to be a growing trend due to Brexit. New inspection facilities (funded by Dorset LEP via the Getting Building Fund, see above): Border Control Post and Public Trade Office projects: these are requirements under Brexit. The Public Trade Office project will be delivered by the end of June, and the Border Control Post project, by the end of December 2021.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bus: DS gave an update. Yellow Coaches, the sister company to Yellow Buses in Bournemouth, has launched the new megabus scheduled coach service from Dorset to Heathrow and London; details at megabus.com and <a href="https://www.yellowbuses.co.uk/megabus-teams-yellow-coaches">https://www.yellowbuses.co.uk/megabus-teams-yellow-coaches</a>.</li> <li>• Rail: AA gave an update on rail. They are now up to 85% of their pre-Covid time-table. The delayed new White paper which should be published shortly, will detail the Governments' Rail commitments. [NOTE: this was published on 20 May and can now be found on <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/great-british-railways-williams-shapps-plan-for-rail">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/great-british-railways-williams-shapps-plan-for-rail</a>]  <b>Action: AA will do a presentation at the next meeting (potentially with Network Rail ) covering SWR's new National Rail Contract with DfT, a review of the strategic route studies that will have been completed by then, plus what we know on the rail white paper.</b></li> <li>• Haulage: SH gave an update on haulage.</li> </ul>	<p>AA</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>2021 meeting dates</b> RM and JS to arrange dates for 2021 Connected Dorset meetings.</p>	<p>RM/ JS</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><b>Any other business (AOB):</b> none</p>	