

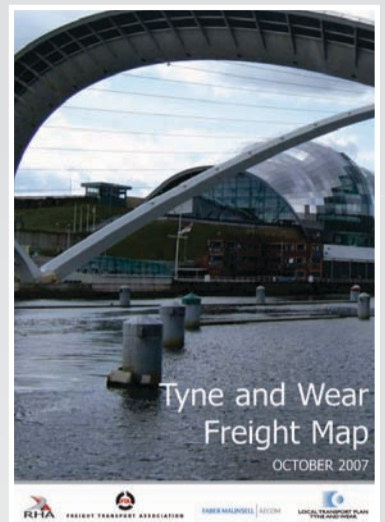
TYNE AND WEAR FREIGHT ACTION PLAN

Newsletter
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New and Improved Freight Map

Over the last 6 months a significant amount of work has been carried out to review and update the Tyne and Wear Freight Map. This is being carried out in consultation with the Partnership and has included identification of 40 new destinations, a review of preferred routes to the destinations, updated contact details, a review of new highway restrictions and an update of the highway network to include new links such as the Southern Radial Route in Sunderland.

The revised map is currently in draft and will be published once it has been approved by the respective local authorities and the Highways Agency. Two thousand copies of the map will be printed and it will also be updated on the Freight Partnership website.



Freight Partnership Leaflet



A new leaflet to profile the Partnership has been produced. The leaflet explains how the Partnership was set up and details the work undertaken with respect to areas such as mapping, signage, lorry parking and communication. Key outputs of the Partnership are highlighted and actions important to ensuring its success are identified. A final draft of the leaflet has been circulated to the Partnership for final comments, prior to printing and distribution. The leaflet can be downloaded from the 'News' page of the website.

Rail Freight

At the September meeting, a presentation was given by Richard Iggulden (Senior Route Freight Manager, Network Rail) who outlined the baseline position for the East Coast Mainline (ECML) and prospects for rail freight in Tyne and Wear. There have been significant changes in terms of freight movement in the last 4 years, particularly with respect to the domestic coal sector. Further growth

is anticipated in the next 10 years and the east coast ports will become the ports of choice for coal. Intermodal traffic will be a significant growth area in terms of rail freight traffic in the future. At Teesport there are large plans under the Northern Gateway proposal, which could generate a significant number of additional trains to the North West, Midlands and Scotland. Network Rail are confident that there is capacity for all of the additional 10 trains a day which are forecast.



The Port of Tyne are also looking at the potential for carrying intermodal traffic to the Midlands and Scotland. A divisible staff system was introduced on the line in 2003, which provides sufficient capacity to accommodate growth in the next 3 to 4 years. Re-instatement of the Boldon East Curve, which is a key proposal of the Freight Route Utilisation Strategy (RUS), is important to addressing capacity issues and will allow trains to access the ECML at Northallerton via the Durham Coast.

Tailored Freight Destination Maps

With the Tyne and Wear Freight Map as a starting point, these maps show a more detailed road network around the destinations, highlight preferred routes, include directions from the strategic road network and depict individual buildings. Good progress has been made in developing maps for a number of destinations including Portobello Industrial Estate, Tyne Tunnel Trading Estate, Rainton Bridge Industrial Estate, Silverlink, Cobalt and Middle Engine Lane, Team Valley, Washington, and Northumberland Street. The maps are shortly to be circulated round the Partnership for comments.

Abnormal Loads/Highway Restrictions Map

The abnormal loads and highway restrictions map will provide a standardised map across Tyne and Wear. The first draft is nearing completion and will be sent to abnormal loads representatives shortly for review.

Port of Tyne Signage

The Highways Agency are aiming to install complementary signs to those installed by South Tyneside Council on the A19 by the end of the year.

Further Information and Next Meeting

More information on the Partnership can be found at www.tyneandwearfreight.info. The next meeting is to be held on the **13th December (10:30am)** at **Faber Maunsell, Trinity Gardens, Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne**. Your views are important to the success of the partnership and its actions. If you have any queries on the above, or would like more information please contact **Michael Page** by email on michael.page@fabermaunsell.com. Alternatively call on **0191 224 6512**.