



**Tyne and Wear Freight Partnership**  
**December Quarterly Meeting (4.12.13)**  
**UTMC, Newcastle University**

**In Attendance:**

Paul Davison (PD, Chair)	- Aecom
Deborah Crooks (DC)	- South Tyneside Council
Gordon Carr (GC)	- CILT
Stuart Smiles (SS)	- Alex Smiles
Kevin Cobb (KC)	- Alex Smiles
Natalie Stevens (NS)	- Alex Smiles
Stuart Corker (SC)	- Gateshead Council
Gary Bullock (GB)	- G O'Brien and Sons NDC Ltd
Tony Walker (TW)	- RFTA
Keith Taylor (KT)	- Northumberland County Council
Paulus Aditjandra (PA)	- Newcastle University
Martin Murphy (MM)	- NECTAR
Councillor Ed Hodson (EH)	- North Tyneside Council
Brendan Prior (BP)	- ETS/Tadea
Ian Radley (IR)	- Highways Agency
Martin Forster (MF)	- Sunderland City Council
Frank Lott (FL)	- TWITA
Colin Gransbury (CG)	- AG Barr PLC
Andrew Jameson (AJ)	- Sunderland City Council
Annabel Haynes * (AH)	- Newcastle City Council
Yvonne Forster (YF)	- Newcastle City Council
Jon Higgins	- Newcastle City Council

\* Author of note

**Apologies:**

John Cram	- North Tyneside Council
John Bourn (Chair)	- Tyne & Wear LTP Team
Michael Page	- Aecom
Malcolm Bingham	- FTA
Graeme Heron	- Northumbria University
Trevor Male	- South Tyneside Council
Bob Donaldson	- Sunderland City Council

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Attendance and Apologies.</b></p> <p>PD (Chair) welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the table and apologies read out.</p> <p>Apologies – as listed above.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising.</b></p> <p>Minutes of meeting held on 3 September 2013 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising not on the agenda</b> EH asked if cyclist related accident statistics were available yet</p>	PD
<p><b>3. Effective Transport Solutions</b></p> <p>BP presented information and gave examples of some of the services Tadea will be able to provide at their new facility/project in Washington. They have a brand new training centre due to open soon in Washington, Tyne &amp; Wear which will provide bespoke driver training and/or awareness for any given function – e.g. hazard awareness, CPC, improving fuel efficiency, etc. They have 3 simulators – 2 BMW minis and a digi truck, along with software developers who can tailor the software for any given situation. Next year they hope to be able to offer a skid pan as well as classroom based training. The only simulation they can't offer is for motorbikes.</p> <p>See additional notes from BP attached.</p>	
<p><b>4. Tyne &amp; Wear FORS</b></p> <p>PD gave a brief history of the scheme (funded by TfL) and updated on progress/membership to date. Currently in second year of operation.</p> <p>AECOM is managing the hotline for queries.</p> <p>Smiles and Barr's reps both reinforced the benefits from being FORS accredited e.g. safer drivers and good training courses.</p>	
<p><b>5. Red Route Network Plan for Newcastle – Jon Higgins</b></p> <p>JH gave a presentation about 2 proposed red routes that were being considered for a trial period. In effect this would mean that an offence would occur as soon as wheels of the vehicle had stopped turning on these stretches of road. Gosforth High Street and Central Station are earmarked for experimental orders. Experimental orders can be granted in approx 6-8 weeks and once in place, if they don't work they can be rescinded. There was some discussion about how this affects cyclists and cycle lanes, loading bays and other road users in general, e.g. blue badge holders.</p>	

<p>SS asked about parking of skips around the Stephenson Quarter during the works and how and where they might be placed should businesses be requiring their use.</p> <p>JH responded by saying that any requests for skips would have to be looked at on an individual basis and permits applied for.</p>	
<p><b>6. Task Update</b></p> <p>Multi Modal Carbon Calculator – a ‘cost’ section is to be added in the near future but hard to be accurate (see <a href="#">Partnership</a> website). The Partnership are exploring means of providing indication of cost for the tool.</p> <p>Mapping – Mike Page has checked locations/contact details are correct. Exercise is now complete and maps have been updated and are housed on the website.</p> <p>Rail Freight Group – PD discussed the topics covered at the Rail Freight Group meeting including the RiFle programme and efforts to maintain rail connections to former coal mining sites across the North East.</p> <p>PD informed the Partnership that the next rail freight meeting would be on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014.</p>	
<p><b>7. Longer semi trailers (LST)</b></p> <p>PD described how the trial is now in second year and a permit is required for use of longer trailers. More information is to be given at the next Freight Partnership meeting.</p>	
<p><b>8. Safe Urban design Course</b></p> <p>AG Barr rep reported that he attended the course in October 13 which involved HGV drivers using bikes on the roads to get an idea of road usage from their perspective. The course is free to attend and there are scheduled to be a series of further courses in 2014.</p>	
<p><b>9. AOB</b></p> <p>SS had questions about protecting cyclists/red route parking arrangements and asked if they could be answered by the group. SS to email questions to PD who will arrange for responses.</p> <p>Go Dutch Cycling Conference was held in Newcastle on 5th November. Reported that it had been a well attended successful event.</p>	SS/PD
<p><b>10. UTMC Centre presentation and site visit</b></p> <p>Ray King invited participants of the meeting to a presentation and ‘tour’ of the UTMC control room.</p>	

<p><b>11. Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>South Shields Town Hall 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 10.30am – South Shields Town Hall. PD to confirm that building work will not impact on feasibility of hosting the next meeting at South Shields.</p> <p>PD thanked everyone for their attendance and productive meeting.</p>	<p>PD</p>
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