



Delivering Safe, Sustainable
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December Quarterly Meeting (5 December 2012)

Bridges Room, Gateshead Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH

In Attendance:

John Bourn (Chair)	- Tyne & Wear LTP Team
Councillor Ed Hodson	- North Tyneside Council
James Turnbull	- Durham County Council
Michael Page	- Aecom
Ross Jackson	- University of Newcastle (New Rail)
Gordon Carr	- CILT
John Cram	- North Tyneside Council
Tony Walker	- Nectar
Stuart Corker	- Gateshead Council
Andrew Jameson	- Sunderland City Council
Peter Hayes	- Aecom
Ian Radley	- Highways Agency
Tim Stone	- Capital Shopping Centres
Graeme Heron	- Northumbria University
Gary Appleby	- Port of Tyne
Tom Zunder	- University of Newcastle
Yvonne Forster *	- Newcastle City Council (* Author of note)

Apologies:

Trevor Male	South Tyneside Council
Richard Toner	Elddis Transport
Malcolm Bingham	FTA
Dick Phillips	Northumberland County Council
Nigel Cook	Elddis Transport
Colin Gransbury	A G Barr
Colin Barnes	South Tyneside Council
Malcolm Dodds	RHA
Councillor Paul Mason	North Tyneside Council
Councillor Frank Lott	North Tyneside Council
Peter Morton	Newcastle City Council
Samantha Dyke	Newcastle City Council
Bob Donaldson	Sunderland City Council
Brian Matthews	North Tyneside Council
Paulus T Aditjandra	University of Newcastle (New Rail)
Bob Brown	The Delivery Company
Mark Hassan	Port of Sunderland

Item	Action
<p>1. Attendance and apologies</p> <p>JB welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Unfortunately the planned speaker from Port of Sunderland had to cancel, due to an important business meeting elsewhere in the country. Sunderland CC have had recent meetings with Port of Sunderland and they have lots of ideas to develop the port. It is hoped they will be able to give their presentation at a future meeting.</p>	<p>JB/MP</p>
<p>2. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>Minutes of meeting held on 5 September 2012 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>TZ has heard nothing more about the Transport Newcastle proposal to host a European Freight Conference. If it is arranged, the details will be circulated well in advance</p> <p>FORS – JB held discussions with Newcastle Procurement who are very supportive. Only proviso is that the Council themselves have to be member of scheme. Working internally to make sure this happens.</p> <p>Multi Modal Carbon Calculator – it was queried whether the tool takes into account driver rest time. M Page subsequently clarified that it does not but, for longer trips, the road journey time indication does raise a warning about the need for regular rest stops. Feedback on the tool has been good and JB/Northumbria Uni are arranging publicity.</p>	<p>JB/TZ</p> <p>JB</p> <p>JB/GH</p>
<p>3. Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) – Update on Progress, Peter Hayes</p> <p>Sunderland City Council and South Tyneside Council have signed up. The scheme is slowly gaining momentum, with 26 North East companies signed up, 10 of them local.</p> <p>A workshop is planned for the New Year to cover driver CPC accreditation. It takes 35 hours over a five year period to get accreditation and the workshop (lasting 7 hrs) will count towards this target. CPC accreditation will be compulsory by September 2013.</p> <p>Please feedback any comments and suggestions about the scheme to Aecom.</p>	<p>MP/PH</p> <p>All</p>
<p>4. North East LEP – John Bourn</p>	

<p>JB outlined background to the LEP's high-level economic review which is due to be completed by early next year. There is an opportunity for the Freight Partnership to put forward their views. The group discussed the issue and summed up that two areas were highlighted – Infrastructure & transport links and skills and performance.</p> <p>JB will circulate Terms of Reference for submission of views. Comments to JB to be fed back to the LEP.</p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>5. Task Update – Aecom</p> <p>Mapping – Continually updated to ensure it is accurate. MP asked Local Authority to provide revised contact details if they have changed.</p> <p>Newsletter – latest e-newsletter to be sent out after meeting. For future newsletters, MP suggested that members of the Partnership contact him if they had something they wanted to write about or information to be included.</p> <p>Promoting the Partnership –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFG briefing update – well attended from around the country • Press release re Multi Modal CC – had been sent out but very difficult to get freight stories in press • Smartfusion Workshop – successful event held at Great North Museum. University of Newcastle (which receives 600 freight deliveries a day) are liaising with NCC, Northumbria Uni and the NHS to consider a joint delivery strategy, to reduce the total number of deliveries and thus cut vehicle journeys and carbon emissions • C-Liege Freight Stakeholder Workshop was held on 4th October at the Sage Gateshead. The Freight Partnership was represented at what was a successful event, with a good attendance. 	<p>All Districts</p> <p>All</p> <p>TZ/Newrail</p>
<p>6. Rail Freight</p> <p>Rail Partner Group Meeting Update – As well as a full partner group meeting in November, a sub-group meeting to discuss the ABT line was held with the University of Newcastle, Northumberland CC and the Port of Blyth.</p> <p>The port had ambitious plans for freight growth which would generate more rail traffic. For passenger traffic, Northumberland CC were progressing the business case. There were different issues for passenger traffic and freight traffic.</p>	

<p>The Partnership would continue to liaise with interested parties to see how to facilitate meetings and bring them together. Newrail were keen to be part of the work. MP said it was an excellent attendance for such a new initiative.</p> <p>Face to Face Interviews Update – Aecom were approaching companies and collecting information and details regarding rail usage. Dates arranged for interviews. Ongoing/progressing.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>MP/PH</p>
<p>7. Tursdale Freight Interchange Depot - TW</p> <p>Tony Walker of Nectar and Railfuture gave an update on this proposal, relating to a site located south of the Tyne and Wear boundary and relevant to the proposed re-opening of the Leamside railway line. Partnership members were asked for their views on road and rail and interchanges in general, and where an interchange depot might be located, with the potential role of Tyne Yard in Gateshead being highlighted in the discussion.</p> <p>JB thanked TW for flagging this up and said a watching brief would be kept on this and colleagues will be informed of any further developments.</p>	
<p>8. Vulnerable Road Users</p> <p>Progress has been made on the operator packs and will be rolled out over the next few months.</p> <p>Cyclist packs still being developed, taking into account comments from Anne Clark, NCC's Cycling Officer. Expecting them to be delivered next year and hoping to hold a training event for lorry drivers and cyclists.</p>	<p>MP</p>
<p>9. Lorry Lengths</p> <p>MP gave presentation on the impact of longer lorry lengths on roads. Can be up to 2.5 metres longer with the proviso that they still have same turning circles over extremity of vehicle.</p> <p>JB suggested asking Eddis Transport to speak at next meeting as they are trialling this scheme.</p>	<p>JB/MP</p>
<p>10. Monitoring Partnership Benefits</p> <p>A short questionnaire is being developed and will be circulated electronically to partners, to be completed and returned.</p>	<p>MP</p>

<p>11. AOB</p> <p>Partnership members are invited to CILT's forthcoming ITS Maritime meeting at Port of Tyne – date to be confirmed.</p> <p>IR circulated summary note on A1 route based strategy for information.</p>	<p>GC</p>
<p>12. Date and venue of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be on 12 March 2013 at 10.30 at North Tyneside Council's Cobalt HQ. MP will set a schedule of future meetings. It was suggested holding a meeting at an operator's premises - eg, Co-Op at Drum Industrial Estate Birtley, or Eldon Square.</p> <p>There being no other business, JB thanked everyone for coming and wished them the compliments of the season.</p> <p>The presentations are available on the Partnerships website.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <div data-bbox="293 1016 405 1151" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div data-bbox="689 1093 1031 1160" style="text-align: center;"> <p>Supported by</p>  </div> </div> <p><i>Disclaimer: The sole responsibility for the content of these notes lies with the authors. It does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the European Union. Neither the EACI nor the European Commission are responsible for any use that may be made of the information contained herein.</i></p>	