



Delivering Safe, Sustainable
and Efficient Freight for
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September Quarterly Meeting (5th September 2012)

AECOM Offices, Trinity Gardens, Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne,
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In Attendance:

John Bourn (Chair)	- Tyne & Wear LTP Team
Councillor Ed Hodson	- North Tyneside Council & Tyne & Wear ITA
Rob Wilkinson	- CEMEX
Michael Page	- AECOM
Gary Appleby	- Port of Tyne
Anna Fraszczyk	- University of Newcastle
John Cram	- North Tyneside Council
Alasdair Tose	- Gateshead Council
Dick Phillips	- Northumberland County Council
Andrew Jameson	- Sunderland City Council
Peter Hayes	- AECOM
Councillor Peter Wood	- Sunderland City Council & Tyne & Wear ITA
Malcolm Bingham	- FTA
Graham Heron	- Northumbria University
Martin Murphy	- Nectar
Brian Matthews	- North Tyneside Council
Anne Clark	- Cycling Officer Newcastle City Council
Yvonne Forster *	- Newcastle CC

Apologies:

Bob Donaldson	- Sunderland City Council
Bob Brown	- The Delivery Company
Colin Gransbury	- AG Barr
Anthony Walker	- Railfuture NE
Julian Richardson	- Clipper Logistics
Colin Barnes	- South Tyneside Council
Ian Radley	- Highways Agency
Trevor Male	- South Tyneside Council

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Item	Action
<p>1. Attendance and apologies.</p> <p>JB welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Introductions were made and apologies read out.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising.</p> <p>Minutes of meeting held on 7th March 2012 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>No further information about Transport Newcastle's proposal to host European Freight Conference – JB will follow up with TZ.</p> <p>Link to Freight Partnership website to be added to future agendas.</p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>3. Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) – Update on Progress, Peter Hayes</p> <p>The FORS launch event was held in Newcastle Civic Centre on 19th June and was very well attended. This was followed by a “Going for Bronze” Workshop. Port of Tyne is currently going through site assessment to become a bronze member. Sunderland City Council has also registered on the scheme. Gateshead and North Tyneside Councils still deliberating.</p> <p>Cllr Hodson asked how, after initial inspection and approval, standards will be maintained.</p> <p>PH advised there will be regular re-assessments, every two years.</p> <p>JC queried whether FORS scheme could be added as a requirement in procurement contracts. JB is discussing this with (initially) Newcastle Procurement.</p>	
<p>4. Multi Modal Carbon Calculator Demonstration – Mike Page</p> <p>MP advised updates had been completed and adapted to look at general cargo and benefits to other industries. Terminal details have been added.</p> <p>MP demonstrated the tool which calculates time, distance and carbon emissions on routes by road, rail and sea.</p> <p>MP to clarify if system takes into account driver rest time on longer journeys.</p> <p>Tool is available to use at http://tyneandwear.ccccalculator.com.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>ALL</p>

<p>answers provided by Rail Group.</p> <p>Vulnerable Road Users – PH informed group that a task for this year is to promote awareness of dangers on the road. Two information packs are being produced, one for freight drivers and operators and one for cyclists. The pack will be ready by end of year and will be linked to a launch event. PH to look at linking details of Times campaign on website. Consultation with cycling groups and cycling officers will be carried out before information pack produced and launch event take place.</p> <p>Although there have been no recorded accidents involving HGV's in Newcastle, JB felt it was important to carry out this work now, given our aspirations for a big increase in cycling within Newcastle and the rest of Tyne and Wear. We should be pro-active, rather than reactive.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p>7. Vulnerable Road Users</p> <p>Rob Wilkinson from CEMEX gave an interesting presentation about vehicle technology and driver and cyclist awareness, which have received excellent feedback.</p> <p>Anne Clark, Cycling Officer, Newcastle City Council, outlined what the City Council is doing to raise awareness of cycling safety. In Newcastle, the number of people cycling has gone up by 28%. The number of cycling accidents has gone up by 10-12% so accident rate has therefore declined as a proportion of cyclists. It is the Council's intention to increase cycle use by 20% (on journeys of up to 5 miles) by 2021.</p> <p>Cycle training is carried out in schools, and free adult cycling refresher courses are available to adults working, living or studying in Newcastle. The City Council are developing a learning package, which it is hoped will be relevant to freight operators. Information is also available on the City Council web site. The council are trialling left turn audible messages on their own fleet.</p> <p>MP said the event being planned was intended to bring all groups together to share information. MP/AC to discuss best time.</p>	<p>MP/AC</p>
<p>9. Any Other Business</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>10. Next Meeting</p> <p>JB thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and thanked AECOM for hosting it. He suggested the next meeting should be held in Gateshead on Wednesday December 5th 2012 and he would liaise with Gateshead to organise this.</p>	<p>JB/SC</p>

The presentations are available on the Partnership's website:
<http://www.tyneandwearfreight.info/news/pdfs/September%20meeting%20final.pdf>

NOTE – We can now confirm that the next meeting will be held in the Bridges Room at Gateshead Civic Centre, starting at 10.30pm on 5th December.



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