

Project:	<b>Tyne and Wear Freight Partnership</b>	Job No/Ref:	<b>60097336/06</b>
Purpose:	<b>Quarterly Partnership Meeting</b>	Date held:	<b>11.06.09</b>
Held at:	EACOM Newcastle Office	Made by:	<b>M Page</b>
Present:	<p>John Bourn Tyne and Wear LTP team</p> <p>John Robertson Newcastle City Council</p> <p>James Turnbull Durham County Council</p> <p>Peter Graham Sunderland City Council</p> <p>Linsey Childs Sunderland City Council</p> <p>Ian Radley Highways Agency</p> <p>Mark Newlands North Tyneside Council</p> <p>Colin Engleby Co-op CRL</p> <p>Martin Gibson GONE</p> <p>James Firth Freight Transport Association</p> <p>Ally Meadows DFDS Seaways</p> <p>Malcolm Dodds Road Haulage Association</p> <p>Martin Murphy NECTAR</p> <p>Kevin Jones DB Schenker</p> <p>Mark Coyle DB Schenker</p> <p>Mike Page AECOM</p> <p>Peter Ulleri AECOM</p> <p>Susan Darroch North Tyneside Council</p> <p>Nigel Cooke Elddis Transport</p>	Distribution:	
Apologies:	<p>Dick Phillips Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Steve Brown DB Schenker</p> <p>Simon Matthews Crutes Law Firm</p> <p>David Park PHSN Consultants</p> <p>Trevor Male South Tyneside Council</p> <p>Andy Jameson Sunderland City Council</p> <p>Margaret Robinson Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Stuart Corker Gateshead Council</p> <p>Jessica Anderson Tyne and Wear LTP Team</p> <p>Gordon Carr CILT</p>		

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1	<b>Introduction of Tyne and Wear LTP Team leader</b> Jessica Anderson sent her apologies for as she was unable to attend and looks forward to meeting attendees at future meetings.	
2	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> JB welcomed attendees to the meeting in the AECOM, St Mary Room and announced the apologies. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed, with minor changes to Item 5, paragraph 2, line 1 – freight should be amended to passenger traffic.  Investigation into the accident data between HGV and Cyclists is to be left as an action, SC could not attend meeting.  JB updated the Partnership on the progress of the Freight Consolidation Centre. It is not certain that the MetroCentre will be involved initially but the scheme is still progressing. There will be a further update at the next meeting.	SC  JB

**3 Promoting the Partnership***CIVITAS*

JB updated the Partnership of the progress made in the application to CIVITAS: The first application in January was unsuccessful; however positive feedback was received to help support the success of future funding applications.

JB/MP

The application was subsequently rewritten ready for the next round of applications early summer 2009. In consultation with the European Team of Newcastle City Council it has been decided to investigate working with a European partner.

*Port of Tyne (Insight Seminar)*

MP attended an Insight Seminar for the Port of Tyne. The overall results were excellent although trade in the car market was low.

The coal business is robust with the port handling 65,000 tonne of coal. There are on average 48 trains from the port each week, however in November 2008 a maximum of 67 was achieved.

A question raised by the Partnership, was answered at the seminar. The question being:

*The enhanced railway loading gauge now provided from the Port of Tyne to the East Coast Mainline and the planned reactivation of the Boldon East Curve will facilitate an increase in rail shipments to and from the Port. What steps are the Port taking to respond to these changes and what further improvements has the Port identified with its rail partners to ensure that its rail freight involvement continues to grow.*

The panel confirmed that they now operated with a dedicated staff of 6 people for rail. The port needs the re-instatement of the Boldon East Curve to open up rail paths to the ECML at Northallerton and allow a 24 hour operation six days a week.

*North of England Traffic Managers group*

An overview of the tangible outcomes of the work undertaken by the Partnership was presented by JB and MP to the group on the 26<sup>th</sup> June. This was well received.

*TT2 Strategic Partnering Forum*

The project is on schedule for the original completion date. Silverlink Roundabout causes concern but interim funding of £3m has been obtained to upgrade the roundabout. this will give an extra lane and maximise the volume throughput

*Website Update*

An update in April to the website included the addition of:

- March Meeting minutes and Newsletter
- Durham maps
- Rail freight assessment report.
- TIP driver survey
- Updated loading design technical note
- The action plan for Year 5



	<p><i>Highways Restrictions</i> We are currently working with Newcastle City to host the restrictions map on their server. It will reduce the size of the file and subsequently achieve a more user friendly programme. From initial discussions it was concluded that GIS mapping systems would be appropriate fro basis of restrictions.</p> <p>The aim is to allow intervention from authorised personnel to update as and when required.</p> <p>Signage on the approach to Tyne Bridge has now been installed. The deficiency of the signs showing height restrictions was originally highlighted to the local authorities by the Partnership.</p> <p><i>Durham County Council Maps</i> The maps produced by Durham County Council have been added to the Tyne and Wear Website. These include the regional and individual maps which are to be found in the Area Freight Map tab.</p> <p><i>National Freight Map</i> Meetings have taken place with other authorities to device a National freight map. the vision for the mapping would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A shared national data source that will allow development.</li> <li>• Include restrictions.</li> <li>• Offer consistent data, regularly updated and provide easy access to any third party user.</li> </ul>	MP/JB
6	<p><b>Rail Freight</b> <i>Assessment Report</i> The final version of the report was submitted in May following comments from the stakeholders. The report can be found on the Partnership website.</p>	MP
7	<p><i>Freight on Rail year 5</i> The aim of this year's rail freight task is to understand the impacts of future developments from Teesside to Northumberland. How we can assist in the modal shift from road to rail and link in with the rail operators. The first step was to invite a representative from DB Schenker to the Partnership meeting. The second, a presentation by Mark Coyle of DB Schenker on "Rail today". Mark gave a very interesting view of rail freight in the North East, discussing the Freight Facilities grant for modal shift, rail and the environment and where next using Telford International rail freight Park as an example of best practice.</p>	MP
7	<p><b>Lorry Parking Opportunities</b> An update was given on the progress of a lorry parking facility. The meeting discussed an alternative location where another appropriate site could be identified, which area was most suitable and to go back to their authorities to investigate a location. The site would be open land no longer in use or where a road haulier may have additional space to boost revenue by allowing vehicles to park overnight.</p>	MP All
8	<p><b>Truck Information Point (TIP)</b> Following the success of the TIP installed in Durham Services, we are now investigating an opportunity another TIP in an appropriate location. The locations to instigate with a feasibility study are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port of Tyne (DFDS Ferries).</li> </ul>	PU

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emerging Lorry Park.</li> <li>MOTO Services (Washington)</li> </ul>	
9	<p>The Partnership was asked if they were aware of any other appropriate locations in the authority or, look at opportunities for further installations.</p> <p><b>Operator Engagement Campaign</b> A proposal of work has been offered to encourage further participation of operators to the partnership. This will increase the contacts for communication and build a healthy base of operators to refer to for assistance in developing future tasks.</p>	MP
10	<p>The Partnership is currently working with the Chamber of Commerce in their sector Forums. We will host a transportation forum on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 18:30 allowing operators to attend. Details of forum will be distributed nearer the time.</p> <p><b>Backloading</b> Contact has been made with a number of various freight exchanges. These exchanges match available loads to available trucks and are on-line and in real time for viewing and booking purposes.</p>	MP PU
11	<p>At the next meeting further detail will be given and hopefully a presentation by one of the companies.</p> <p><b>AOB</b> <i>One North East</i> - has requested that we distribute out a survey into the Northern Strategic Transport links. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes and needs to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.</p> <p>The survey can be found on: <a href="http://www.sdgsurvey.co.uk">www.sdgsurvey.co.uk</a>. The more people that complete the survey the better the results of which could be reported back at the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Rebranding</i> On 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009 Faber Maunsell AECOM rebranded to AECOM (Architecture/Engineering/Consultancy/operations/Maintenance)</p>	
12	<p><b>Date Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b> Thanks to the Government Office for the North East, the next meeting will be held in their offices. The details of the meeting, <b>10:30 on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009</b> at</p> <p>Government Office for the North East, Citygate, Gallowgate, Newcastle Upon Tyne. NE1 4WH</p>	