

Project:	Tyne and Wear Freight Partnership	Job No/Ref:	60044340/03
Purpose:	Quarterly Meeting	Date held:	12th March 2009
Held at:	The Board Room, St Thomas Street, Sunderland City Council	Made by:	Mike Page
Present:	<p>John Bourn (JB) T&W LTP Team</p> <p>James Turnbull (JT) Durham County Council</p> <p>Neal McCay (NM) Durham County Council</p> <p>David Arthur (DA) Faber Maunsell</p> <p>Dick Phillips (DP) Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Mike Page (MP) Faber Maunsell</p> <p>Martin Gibson (MG) GONE</p> <p>Peter Ulleri (PU) Faber Maunsell</p> <p>Tom Horner (TH) York City Council</p> <p>Stuart Corker (SC) Gateshead Council</p> <p>Kevin Jones (KJ) DB Schenker</p> <p>Martin Murphy (MM) NECTAR</p> <p>Ian Radley (IR) Highways Agency</p> <p>Malcolm Bingham (MB) FTA</p> <p>Nigel Cook (NC) Elddis</p> <p>David Park (DP) PHSN</p> <p>Andy Jameson (AJ) Sunderland City Council</p> <p>Colin Engleby (CE) Co-op Retail Logistics</p>	Distribution:	All present
Apologies:	<p>Lee Davies Sefton Council</p> <p>Trevor male South Tyneside Council</p> <p>Jeff Allen Johnsons Apparelmaster</p> <p>Margaret Robinson Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Gordon Carr CILT</p> <p>Gary MacDonald Gary MacDonald</p> <p>Susan Darroch North Tyneside Council</p> <p>John Robertson Newcastle City Council</p> <p>Colin Gransbury AG Barr</p> <p>Michael Obst Gloucestershire Council</p> <p>Jacqueline Rutherford Abacus Cranes</p>		

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1.	<p>Welcome and Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>JB welcomed attendees to the meeting in the Board Room at the St Thomas Street Office and announced the apologies. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed.</p> <p>JB gave a progress report on the Consolidation Centre (CC). In addition to Eldon Square, it is proposed that this should now be expanded to include Newcastle City Centre and the MetroCentre. There is a view that Newcastle City Council Partnerships, (office supplies, restaurant and other supplies) should be included in the distribution from the CC.</p>	JB

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	<p>JB asked for an update on the instance of accidents between HGVs and cyclists. SC said he investigated the accident data, but found no obvious link. SC to re-investigate and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>2. Promoting the Partnership <i>Regional Conference Feedback</i></p> <p>PU explained that the event (held on 26th February) had been very successful. 67 had attended from a diverse range of organisations. Local authorities were represented from York, Peterborough, Stockport, Barnsley, Wigan and Leicester.</p> <p>There were a number of measures that showed the conference had been successful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 88% of the delegates left the conference with good or advanced knowledge of the Partnership• 91% of the delegates thought that the conference was 'very effective'• 96% thought that the conference met all their objectives <p>The results were very encouraging, especially given that this was the Partnership's first regional conference.</p> <p>During the workshops delegates had the opportunity to suggest ways in which the Partnership could improve. Suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• involving other local authorities and operators from rail, road and water• an evening Partnership meeting to engage operators who are unable to attend during the day• consideration of alternative methods to communicate using different types of media systems• putting a bigger focus on rail freight• extending the use of interactive mapping, which is both an improvement and a challenge for the Partnership• Recognition of the need to ensure the newly formed Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) have a full appreciation of freight• The requirement for consistency through all the local authorities – this could be achieved through an annual regional freight Group meeting• Communication is an ongoing challenge in reaching out to drivers.• Rail freight is a challenge for not only the partnership but nationally.• The development of a Consolidation Centre should be located next to a rail link.• The T&W approach is transferrable to other authorities depending on their available budget.• T&W mapping is well designed and could be a template for others to follow. <p>A key point made during the workshops was that the appropriate level of funding is necessary to maintain momentum and build on existing achievements.</p> <p>3. Loading and Unloading Arrangements</p> <p>Two design schemes are being worked up for areas within Newcastle - Shields Road (Byker) and Chillingham Road (Heaton). Consultations have taken place with the authority and OS maps of the area obtained. A site survey was carried</p>	SC
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out on 5 March 2009, after which the detailed line and design plan will be developed. Newcastle City Council recently implemented yellow lines in both locations - these have been taken into account for the final design. Signage to accompany the yellow lines is currently absent and will be considered in the finalised design and report.

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The scheme will consider:

- Appropriate operating times for loading bays.
- The most appropriate location of the loading bays to service the larger retail outlets.
- It is suggested that the loading bays should operate between the windows of 08:00 to 10:00, and 14:00 to 16:00. This would allow the deliveries to be spread across the day and not create additional congestion in the morning peak period. NC suggested that consideration be given to all day operation.

4. **Truck Information Point (TIP)**

Interviews commenced at the end of 2008, but due to the deterioration in the weather only 40% were completed. Driver interviews are planned to re-commence in the week of the 16 March. When the interviews are complete and data collated, a report will be produced and submitted to the Partnership for review.

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5. **Freight on Rail**

A draft copy of the rail report was handed out at the Partnership meeting. The members were requested to return comments by Friday 20 March.

The report identified a growing campaign to open the Blyth and Tyne for freight, with subsequent paths further on to Ashington for passenger traffic. The additional paths will be required if the proposed Blyth Power Station is confirmed as a viable proposition. If approved, 60% of the required coal supplies will be delivered by rail from the Port of Tyne and Mossend. The Regional Funding Advice (RFA) has recommended an £35m funding application for the South East Northumberland Public Transport Corridor. This is now with the DfT for consideration and approval.

The Leamside Line is becoming more of an issue to the local region, with Network Rail indicating that an intention to uplift the tracks. A study was commissioned in 2007 by Nexus, One North East, Durham and Sunderland to find a way forward for the line. The conclusion of work (carried out by Faber Maunsell) was that the route would relieve the congestion on the ECML, which would reduce the commuter overcrowding in the busiest section of the line. It was also noted that Rail Freight would provide enhanced transport links to industrial centres such as Washington, Follingsby and Nissan.

The re-instatement of the Boldon East Curve was identified in the Network Rail RUS for upgrade. Completion is expected by 2011. The curve is important to supply additional paths for the Port of Tyne to the ECML at Northallerton. Nexus support the plan, but are concerned that the Metro may be held up at the curve, which could impact on the timetable to and from South Shields.

Mark Coyle from DB Schenker has said that, subject to availability, he would be happy to give a brief presentation of "Rail Today" at the next partnership meeting.

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6. **Lorry Parking Facilities**

	<p>A meeting has taken place, bringing together Gateshead Development Control, Traffic Management and the prospective operator (Van Hee, Felling) to discuss outline plans for a local site. Initially there will be 30 available spaces for HGV parking, Gateshead Council support this project and have no objections to the change of use. The shower and toilet facilities will require upgrading. It was made clear that the operator would have to pay for any signage. The operator could promote the opening of the site facilities by placing press releases in the industry press. The RHA and the FTA may be supportive and also place articles in their newsletters. FM to continue to assist in facilitating the process.</p>	FM
7.	<p>Year 5 Action Plan</p> <p>DA summarised the 18 tasks to be undertaken in year 5. These will be posted on the website at the end of March in readiness for launch in April.</p> <p>The following are a summary of the comments from those present at the meeting:</p> <p><i>Task 4 – Develop and update of tailored maps</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Place hard copies of the maps onto the ferries at the Port of Tyne.• Gateshead Council has commissioned a new signing strategy for the MetroCentre, which will need to be included in update of the map. <p><i>Task 8 – Operator engagement campaign</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage operators with a talk on rail, road and water freight.• Expand contact circulation list with additional organisations. <p><i>Task 10 – Sharing Best practice</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CIVITAS applications have been reviewed and shortlisted. The announcements was originally due to be made in February but has been delayed as it now requires sign off by the CIVITAS board before any announcement is made. <p><i>Task 11 - Freight Exchange</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PU stated that he had previous background knowledge of freight exchange systems and that there are a number of websites available.• One company has offered discounted rates through the Partnership website.• MP to have training session with Freight Exchange. <p><i>Task 12 – Satellite Navigation information sharing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MB pointed out that OS mapping had pulled out of the programme to offer the haulage industry maps with highways restrictions.• The Partnership believe that Sat Nav could be linked to route planning. <p><i>Task 13 Signage</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress is ongoing in consultation with the local authorities.• Height restriction signage has been installed on the Tyne Bridge.• New signage has also been installed on the Holystone roundabout. <p><i>Task 16 Additional truck information point</i></p> <p>A number of sites have been identified including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Londonderry Truck Stop (A1)• DFDS (Port of Tyne)• Proposed new truck park in Tyne and Wear	FM

- Moto (Washington)

Task 17 – Highways restriction and abnormal loads map

The abnormal loads route map to include:

- Police contacts
- Highways Agency

8. **A.O.B.**

MP stressed the importance of progressing the installation of the restriction signage on the Tyne Bridge. MP to discuss with Gateshead Council and Newcastle City Council.

The Tyne Tunnel scheme is on schedule for completion.

9. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

To be held on **June 11th 2009** at **10:30** in the **Faber Maunsell Offices, Newcastle**