

Project:	<b>Tyne and Wear Freight Partnership</b>	Job No/Ref:	<b>March 2010</b>
Purpose:	<b>Quarterly Meeting</b>	Date held:	<b>11<sup>th</sup> March 2010</b>
Held at:	Newcastle Civic Centre	Made by:	<b>M Page</b>
Present:	<p>Martin Gibson Government Office for the North East</p> <p>Vicky Porter Sunderland City Council</p> <p>Peter Graham Sunderland City Council</p> <p>James Turnbull Durham County Council</p> <p>Gordon Carr CILT</p> <p>Ed Hodson Integrated Transport Authority</p> <p>John Robinson Newcastle City Council</p> <p>Malcolm Bingham Freight Transport Association</p> <p>Martin Murphy NECTAR</p> <p>Ian Radley Highways Agency</p> <p>Jessica Anderson Local Transport Planning Team</p> <p>Peter Hayes AECOM</p> <p>Michael Page AECOM</p>	Distribution:	All
Apologies:	<p>Malcolm Dodds Road Haulage Association</p> <p>Nigel Cooke Eddis Transport</p> <p>Lynsey Childs Sunderland City Council</p> <p>Gary Archer O'Brien Group</p> <p>Dick Phillips Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Trevor Male South Tyneside Council</p> <p>John Bourn Local Transport Planning Team</p>		

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1	<p><b>Introductions</b></p> <p>Jessica Anderson chaired the meeting today due to the absence of JB who was attending an LTP3 meeting in London</p> <p>JA asked everyone at the meeting to briefly introduce themselves and announced the apologies for the meeting.</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed.</p>	
3	<p><b>Mapping</b></p> <p><b>Embedding Maps</b></p> <p>MP discussed the progress made in embedding the maps. A total number of 2190 maps will be sent out to the businesses identified on the 20 maps, by the end of March. A covering letter with AECOM's contact details has been included to explain the purpose of the maps, where they can be found on the Tyne and Wear website and to ask for feedback.</p> <p>There have been a number of responses, some to amend the name of the business, others to ask where to find PDFs of the maps. Two examples of the feedback were shown at the meeting,</p>	MP

**Interactive Map**

The 10 maps identified in year 5 business plan have now been successfully converted from the individual maps into the interactive type map. The functions of the drop down box on the map were demonstrated to the stakeholders, to find a business, its location and contact details. They were also shown how to get directions to a specified business from origin, by typing a post code into the 'To Here' tab. The direction details shown on the screen could be printed if necessary. There is also a facility to show the preferred route on the map from origin to destination.

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An original PDF copy of the Individual map can be printed using the tab 'Download PDF'

The maps will be launched and posted on the Tyne and Wear Partnership website in March. To coincide with the launch a press release will be sent to Industry Representatives, industry media and local press.

Ideas for the future of the maps were raised – including questions over the development of dynamic routing for the maps – however, the maps are designed for pre-journey planning to ensure no distractions are provided to the driver en-route. Questions were also raised over the suitability of Google maps routing for HGVs - Maps are checked to assess suitability of routes provided. If the Google route is not appropriate then preferred routes can be added manually to the maps.

Restrictions on the Washington Hertburn Map to be moved into correct position

Malcolm Bingham noted that the FTA have endorsed the new version of the TOM TOM work Sat Nav device as this is exceedingly 'freight friendly'.

**Restrictions Map**

The local authority engineers were part of a one month trial of the restrictions map to identify any potential errors in the plotting of the restrictions. Comments were invited from the engineers which, when received were collated and relevant issues addressed on the map database. The map is now fully functional and will be posted onto the Tyne and Wear LTP website in March.

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Future thoughts: - Inclusion of routing by size of vehicle. i.e. the ability to put in vehicle size details to provide a suitable route around the region

4 **Promoting the Partnership**  
**CIVITAS**

The Urban Goods Transport project for the CIVITAS CATALIST funding has now been agreed to the negotiation stage. The funding requires the Partnership to carry out a Port study to identify the most common language of drivers arriving into the Port of Tyne and Teesport. The funding also allows the Partnership to organise an international Freight Conference, inviting delegates from not only the

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UK but from the CIVITAS partners in Europe. A keynote speaker will be invited who shall be a European Dignitary. Other speakers will be invited from the CIVITAS partners to give an account of the issues they experience.

The purpose of the conference will be to share best practice; therefore small workshop sessions at the conference will give the delegates an opportunity to have a discussion forum to hear how other authorities have addressed their issues.

John Bourn of the LTP Team and Jonathan James of AECOM represented the partnership at a CIVITAS CATILIST workshop in Brussels on February 11<sup>th</sup> 2010. Contact was made with potential partners at the workshop.

### **Branding**

The montage images on the new Tyne and Wear branding design are to be amended to include South Tyneside's Souter Lighthouse and Whitley Bay's Spanish City Dome, to make it more representative of the region.

### **Awards**

The Partnership are on target with the submissions for awards, the latest being an application to the Transport Times on February 12<sup>th</sup> for the National Transport Awards in the category of Most Innovative Transport Project. The short list to be announced in April with the award ceremony on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Palace Hotel, Manchester.

### **Website**

The Partnership is continually striving to keep the website fresh and up to date with information and design. A new layout for the website has been designed by AECOM and accepted by the stakeholders. The new design will be launched in April to start year 6 with a new image.

Other updates include Minutes of last meeting, February newsletter, Review of website. We have been asked to include Cumbria's new mapping system on the website which includes the Cumbria regional map and several individual maps. They can be found under Area Freight Maps.

The website continues to be very popular with 45,551 hits in the previous three months. The most popular pages viewed are Traffic Info, Destination Maps, Freight Map, Lorry Parking, Common Questions, News, Contacts and Links and Meeting Minutes.

The Truck Information Point (TIP) is proving successful with 903 hits in the previous three months. The most popular pages viewed were found to be Traffic Info and Lorry Parking. The replenishment of the maps at the Durham Services is still ongoing with 1,277 taken in three months. The most popular maps taken have been Northumberland Street, Metro Centre, Eldon Square, East Gateshead and Port of Tyne.

Questions were asked as to how the partnership gauges opinions of Maps. Currently success is measured by dissemination and web hits. Suggestions to

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improve this included a feedback box provided by the TIP and on the website.

### ***Tyne Tunnel (TT2)***

The overall programme is on target for completion although as in any construction certain schemes are behind schedule where others are ahead of schedule.

The Silverlink Junction was the focus of a consultation on the Interim scheme for Silverlink Junction at the Travelodge, Wallsend on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February. The funds for which have now been agreed and allocated by the Highways Agency. There is no information as to when this upgrade is planned.

The Grade II listed pedestrian tunnels are coming up to 60 years old and are showing their age with frequent breakdowns of the lifts and escalators. What can be done to increase the number of people using the Tyne Pedestrian and Cyclist Tunnels connecting Jarrow and Willington Quay? A campaign has now begun to collect funds for the renovation scheme. There was also mention of the possibility of improved signage to the pedestrian tunnels.

Paul Fenwick has presented on the TT2 project and could provide a good overview of the possibilities this project has created for the region.

It is felt that with the introduction of the TT2 the A19 will become an even more important freight corridor into Scotland. Making the case for improved truck parking infrastructure all the more important.

### ***Annual leaflet***

The year 5 2009/10 annual leaflet has been produced to include some of the tasks from Year 5. The leaflet had been sent out to the partners for review and comments. Amendments were made to the draft version and sent for final review. A supplier has been appointed to print the 1,000 leaflets and distribution will be taking place once the leaflets have been received. The local authorities are to be allocated 50 copies each.

The leaflet has been re-designed to include some of the style and colours for the partnership in 2010.

## 5 **Freight on Rail**

The completed draft of the rail freight Report entitled 'Why Shift Modes' is currently being reviewed by AECOM. The report has been reviewed by Martin Murphy who has returned the report with some good comments, which has now been updated, his comments are being addressed.

When the report is finalised and ready for distribution it will be sent to the stakeholders prior to being added to the website

The conclusions from the report 'Why Shift Modes' highlighted an expected upturn in the level of coal from Port of Tyne, higher volumes of container traffic from Teesport are expected after the Northern Gateway scheme is completed, gauge enhancement is important to the increased container traffic to help keep the containers off the road.

Planned Biomass plant in the Port of Tyne, north bank of River, with ships

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	<p>berthing at the plant. Wood chip is expected to be stored at the south side of the river which will be transported by train down to Drax Power Station therefore increasing rail paths to and through Tyne and Wear.</p> <p>Looking at the way forward it will be important that any new initiatives should link in with the national DaSTS programmes; The National Freight Modal Shift DaSTS, Region City Strategic Connections, Access to Tyne and Wear and Tees Valley. A consultation workshop is to be organised with stakeholders to progress the initiatives to improve connectivity. To action this a working group will be set up to plan the workshop to identify and involve the main stakeholders</p>	
6	<p><b>The Freight Exchange Programme</b></p> <p>The trial has been successfully implemented with four operators participating in December and a further operator joining in January. In the short period of the trial we have been informed that one operator has reduced empty running by 800 miles with a substantial profit. One operator has reduced empty running by 90 miles each trip by posting 30 loads on the system, another profit making success. Another operator has reduced empty running by 1400 miles by picking up 6 loads and posting 8-9 loads per week. As with all trials it is not beneficial to everyone involved, one operator said that the types of loads available did not suit his type of business.</p> <p>Some of the comments received said that the Transport Exchange was easy to use, attentive and responsive to technical issues. That it is easier to sell loads than pick up although opportunities in the North East are limited for back loading. The scheme is very good for building up relationships with other operators leading to informal loads being arranged.</p>	PH
7	<p><b>Year 6 Business Plan</b></p> <p>PH discussed the year 6 business plan detailing the 21 tasks to action. The tasks are categorised into three sections; Core Maintenance Tasks, Development Tasks and Innovative Tasks. An optional task has been included but would require funding from another source. A copy of the business plan has been included in the attachment. This will give a greater insight to the action plan and the outcomes.</p> <p><b>A.O.B.</b></p> <p><b>Loading and Unloading</b></p> <p>Newcastle City Council has adopted the Loading and Unloading scheme for Chillingham Road, designed by the Partnership in 2008. There have introduced minor changes to the design scheme involving the reduction of loading bays from the recommended four to three. This is a major achievement for the Partnership. MG made the comment to ensure the width of loading bays are, at least 2.7 metres which is the minimum standard width for a loading bay.</p> <p><b>M6 Toll</b></p> <p>The FTA announced in their February 26<sup>th</sup> E-news that the M6 toll charges was to increase. The following is the extract from the communication:</p> <p><i>FTA has been advised that the charges to use the M6 Toll will be increased as from Monday 1 March 2010. HGVs will be charged £0.60 more which will see the</i></p>	ALL
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charge increase from the current £9.40 to £10.00 – a 6.4 per cent rise. FTA has criticised the increase stating that it is bad for business, the environment and all road users in general. FTA fears that even more lorries will avoid the M6 Toll road which will add to congestion on the already over-burdened M6. For a full list of the new toll charges, click [here](#)

#### **CILT**

GC announced that the CILT were hosting an event 'The Malcolm Group use of Rail Freight' at Northumbria University. The speaker is John Howell, Rail Development Officer of the Malcolm Group. If you would like to attend it is free and they would welcome any one to join them for the evening. The flyer can be found at the end of this document.

#### **Time, Date and Venue of next Meeting**

It was decided to nominate dates for the future meeting of Year 6. Agreement was reached to hold the meeting on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of the month, every **3 months**. The planned dates are now as follows: **Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup> 2010, Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup> 2010, Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 and Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2011.**

We would be grateful if you could pencil these into your diary.

In year 5 the meetings were hosted in different locations, this year we hope to do the same and are looking for volunteers to host the future meetings. Please let me know if you are willing to nominate your premises for one of the meetings.

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**CILT(UK) North East Region - Tyne Tees Group**

# the malcolm group use of rail freight

Thursday 25th March  
18.00 for 18.30 hrs  
**Newcastle Business School**  
Northumbria University,  
New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne

**Booking**

EVENT CODE: TTG034

No Booking Required For This Event

Speaker:  
John Holwell, Rail Development Manager,  
Malcolm Group

Malcolm Group is a dynamic family owned haulage business based in Scotland. It runs as many as 60 chartered trains a week from DIRFT at Daventry, Grangemouth, Mossend and Aberdeen. John Holwell will explain the benefits of using rail services as part of co-ordinated transport service.

Regards

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Chairman  
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