

Project:	Tyne & Wear Freight Action Plan		Job No/Ref:	48725TALT
Purpose:	Freight Partnership Meeting		Date held:	05.09.06
Held at:	South Shields Town Hall, Committee Room D		Made by:	Michael Page
Present:	Kyle Maylard Rachael Elliott John Cram Colin Engleby Martin Murphy John Robertson Mark Wilson Gary Clark Mike Page David Arthur Jonathan James Andy Jameson Stuart Clarke Chris Trotter Dave West James Firth	Highways Agency Highways Agency North Tyneside Co-op Retail Logistics NECTAR Newcastle City Council Tyne and Wear LTP Team Newcastle/Journal Transport Faber Maunsell Faber Maunsell Faber Maunsell Sunderland City Council South Tyneside Port of Tyne Logistics Port of Tyne Distribution FTA	Distribution:	All
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1	<p>Introduction</p> <p>MW welcomed all attendees to the meeting and provided an overview of the agenda.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were approved without any amendments.</p>	MW
3	<p>Freight Map Distribution and Launch</p> <p>MP explained that 2,000 copies of the map have been reprinted. Copies have been distributed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birtley truck stop • Fjord line • Port of Tyne (South Shields) • Port of Sunderland • Scottish and Newcastle (Washington Depot) • RLS Employment. <p>Updates to the map will be carried out on the production of the next version, which will incorporate key destinations identified post publication of the 1st Freight Map. These will include industrial estates in North Tyneside and Newcastle.</p>	

4 Website

DA presented an updated version of the Tyne and Wear Freight Partnership website, which has been updated following comments and feedback from the first presentation of the site at the meeting in May.

The site www.tyneandwearfreight.info now includes a number of new pages and more material has been added to the site.

A number of comments were made in relation to the revised version, which included:

- Need to check with local authorities whether Traffic Managers are the most appropriate contacts. Also include equivalent HA contact.
- Lorry parking - include Washington Services and location map.
- Include a search function.
- Font size of the text should be increased
- Provide direct links to relevant sections of various websites.
- South Tyneside Council are developing a traffic information section of their website – important to provide a direct link to this.
- It was suggested that key tabs (eg Traffic Information) should be more 'upfront' to enable quick access for operators.
- Provide link to Traffic Scotland website.
- Typo on the first line of the lorry parking page.

DA explained that some further work is required to integrate the Tyne and Wear Freight map into the site. The site will be launched before the next Partnership meeting when all the amendments have been made.

FM

5 Signage to the Port of Tyne (South Shields)

DA outlined the signage specification undertaken for the Port of Tyne. South Tyneside Council have reviewed the plans and asked for a number of minor amendments, which have now been made. Comments are awaited from the Highways Agency in relation to the recommendations for the A19.

KM/RE

The next stage is consultation with the Port of Tyne regarding the proposals. DW explained that the Port of Tyne supported the principal of signing the Port and would consult with their Directors regarding the detail of the proposals.

DW

South Tyneside are looking to appoint a contractor to implement their signs before the end of the year. The Highways Agency have included a bid of £20,000 for the project, which (if successful) would be released in the new financial year.

6 North Tyneside Signage Recommendations

The name of the A19 junction with the A1058 has been the subject of some discussion amongst the Partnership, North Tyneside Council and the Highways Agency. The HA has reviewed this and have agreed that it can be called Silverlink.

Proposals to sign Silverlink from the A191 (Holystone roundabout) to be progressed with the HA and North Tyneside Council in advance of the next meeting.

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7 Tailored Maps

Draft tailored maps have been produced for 10 destinations that were considered to be large freight generators.

These are:

Site	Location
Asda	Sunderland
Metro centre	Gateshead
NorthTyne Industrial Estate	North Tyneside
Eldon square	Newcastle
Bridges, Sunderland	Sunderland
Gateshead East	Gateshead
Birtley Truck Stop	Gateshead
Port of Tyne (South Shields)	South Tyneside
Port of Sunderland	Sunderland
Salters Road Industrial Estate	Newcastle
Kingston Park	Newcastle

To produce a map, 1:10,000 OS tiles for Tyne and Wear were used as the base. Details were then traced in CAD to reproduce the network of roads and buildings. Preferred routes, road numbers, names and other detail were then added.

Comments received on the maps from the Partnership were positive with minor amendments suggested. These will be completed and sent out to the respective local authorities and companies for agreement. The maps would be posted on the website.

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From the discussions the following additions were agreed:

- Destinations should stand out more on the map (highlight buildings in bold), especially on the Asda map.
- Add junction names/numbers to provide reference points.
- Review direction arrows (possibly include junction names/numbers).
- Check road names on directions.
- Addition of the Scania dealership (Water Fowl Park).
- Add the gate times for the Jarrow Slake Entrance for the Port of Tyne (Mon-Fri 24hr, Sat until 12.00 noon, Sunday closed).

8 No-Car Lanes Assessment

MW outlined progress on the study currently being carried out by JMP. The study is now to be referred to as a 'priority lanes' assessment, rather than 'no-car' lanes.

Work to date has included:

- Data analysis, including ITIS data;
- Micro-simulation modelling;
- Consultation questionnaire (now on local authority websites - 850 responses to date).
- Consultations with freight operators, motor cycle action groups, bus operators and businesses.
- Press releases.

FM to provide MW with the database of all the operators from the Nature of Freight Study. This can be used in the consultation.

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	The final report is scheduled to be complete by mid November, before the next Partnership meeting.
9	AOB MW also explained that the delivery report for Local Transport Plan 1, covering the period 2001-2006 has now been completed.
10	Date of Next meeting The next meeting will be held at Newcastle Civic Centre on Tuesday 5th December 2006 10.30am
