

Minutes of the Transport Partnership

Tuesday 14th November 2017, Jubilee Library

Attendees:

- Cllr Gill Mitchell (*BHCC, Chair*)
- Cllr Tony Janio (*BHCC*)
- Cllr Pete West (*BHCC*)
- Andrew Renaut (*BHCC, City Transport*)
- Mark Prior (*BHCC – City Transport*)
- Nick Hibberd (*BHCC – Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Culture*)
- Simon Newell (*Brighton & Hove Connected*)
- Stephen Young (*Living Streets*)
- Martin Harris (*Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Co.*)
- Mike Best (*Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Co.*)
- Mark Greening (*Brighton MAG*)
- Mark Buchanan-Smith (*Churchill Square*)
- Kate Walker
- Tony Barnard (*City Car Club*)
- Chris Todd (*Campaign for Better Transport*)
- Dave Brookshaw (*B&H Local Access Forum*)
- Tony Green (*Bricycles & CTC*)
- Chloe Sands (*BHCC*)
- Oliver Spratley (*BHCC – City Transport*)
- Sean Power (*BHCC*)
- Dan Bianco (*BHCC*)
- Tracy Beverley (*BHCC - Senior Project Manager, Valley Gardens*)
- Geoff Waller (*Project Centre – Valley Gardens Designer*)
- Steve Percy (*PPP*)
- Reg Woodhouse
- Andrew Boag (*Brighton Area Buswatch*)
- Mark Strong (*Community Works*)
- Tony Turner (*Taxi Trade Forum*)

Action Table:

<u>Responsible</u>	<u>Action</u>
Tracy Beverley	To confirm with Mark Greening the exact figure for motorcycle parking on the Valley Gardens scheme.
Tracy Beverley	To ensure the angle on the swept path next to the York Place taxi rank is angled correctly.
Tracy Beverley	To circulate a larger scale plan of the crossing at St. Peter's Church.
ALL (if applicable)	To share themes of their response on the DfT Draft Transport Accessibility Action Plan Consultation (if applicable) with Andrew Renaut.
Andrew Renaut	To circulate the link to the infographic from the NHT presentation.
Cllr Mitchell	To ask the road safety team to look at the cycleway and walkway between Palace Pier and the Peace Statue and report back to TP with observations and safety improvements.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- 1.1 Apologies were received from:
- Cllr Lee Wares (*BHCC*)
 - Cllr Leo Littman (*BHCC*)
 - Roger Blake (*Railfuture*)
 - Andrew Cheesman (*City Cabs/Tourism Alliance*)
 - Alistair Hill (*BHCC – Public Health*)
 - Cat Fletcher (*Community Works*)

2. Chair's Communications

- 2.1 Cllr Mitchell announced the good news that Rampion has launched a community fund of £3.1m which is being administered through Sussex Community Foundation. Leaflets were circulated.
- 2.2 Cllr Mitchell referred to an email received from Mark Strong outlining that more joined up planning for events and transport across the city is required. It was confirmed that council officers are looking into this and it can be brought back to the meeting. Cllr Alan Robins will also make reference to this at the Tourism, Development & Culture Committee meeting on Thursday 16th.

3. Minutes & Matters Arising from Meeting on 12th September

- 3.1 Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

4. Valley Gardens Enhanced Briefing

- 4.1 Tracy Beverly, Senior Project Manager for Valley Gardens, introduced the presentation and advised that the final decisions on the scheme are due to be made at the next Environment, Transport & Sustainability (ETS) Committee meeting on 28th November. It is being recommended that the final designs are approved and the procurement phase is started. Geoff Waller, Scheme Designer from Project Centre also presented.
- 4.2 In response to questions the following was discussed and clarified:
- It was confirmed that there are locations along the Western corridor for motorcycle parking but the exact figure would need to be checked.

ACTION: Tracy Beverly to confirm with Mark Greening the exact figure for motorcycle parking on the Valley Gardens scheme.

- The shared footway/cycleway next to the taxi rank on York Place is 3 metres wide at its narrowest point. There was concern about the angle of the swept path being awkward.

ACTION: Tracy Beverly to ensure the angle on the swept path next to the York Place taxi rank is angled correctly.

- There will be dedicated event spaces; planning a solid, permeable space at Richmond Parade for the majority of events and there are spaces where events can be located in the green space where the soil will be improved with grass designed to withstand heavy use for events. There is specification in place to protect tree roots and paths will be built to withstand traffic to a degree.
- There was concern about the blind point on Cheapside junction. This is outside of the scheme but is in the area of the bus network review so there is the potential to look at this within the wider network and London Road review.
- There is a proposed loading bay next to The King and Queen Pub and a vehicle cross-over policy is currently being drafted by BHCC to address vehicles crossing to access private land. Enforcement in this area is also being looked at.
- The crossing at St. Peter's Church has been widened to an excess of 4 metres. There are 2 separate phased light crossings so staggered to prevent direct movement across.

ACTION: Tracy Beverly to circulate a larger scale plan of the crossing at St. Peter's Church.

- A major project on electric vehicle charging points is currently being looked at and there is a lot of work going on in this area.
- There is a complex legal situation surrounding the use of bus lanes by 'out of town' taxis. The transport team are currently looking at legal constraints and the ability to exclude certain classes of vehicle. There are certain conditions through the traffic order that can be prescribed so this is being looked at for the Valley Gardens scheme.
- The use of an additional route north using Viaduct Road was suggested. This is outside of the scheme but is something that could be considered as part of the wider network management.
- Emergency services were consulted and are comfortable with the proposals. They have been spoken to in detail about specific areas.
- Traffic management arrangements for the signage and road markings that already exist will be drawn into the construction contract to ensure their use is maintained.

- 4.3 Martin Harris recognised that there has been consultation with bus operators and that a lot of work has been done to mitigate some aspects of the scheme on the bus network, however there are still some aspects that are not entirely resolved and it is unclear how these will stand with the technical decisions at ETS in November. It was confirmed that it has always been clear that the scheme cannot be looked at in isolation. It is important to look at traffic behaviours, additional signage etc., to see where it impacts on the buses, ensuring ready to take action as required.
- 4.4 There is a need to secure funding to carry out work on the wider network. As a council and a city we have been successful in securing government funding and it is hoped that through the Industrial Strategy White Paper there will be access to funding. A joined up, partnership approach is key to achieving further funding.
- 4.5 In relation to ITS, the following was confirmed:
- In terms of there being the required resource to action changes quickly the in-house expertise does exist but additional resources will also be drawn where possible. Looking at improving the capacity in the transport centre for 24/7 operations.
 - Looking at further opportunities into ITS including using Bluetooth to provide movement information.
 - Cyclists and pedestrians are being considered in the ITS network improvements.

5. DfT Draft Transport Accessibility Action Plan Consultation

- 5.1 Andrew Renaut introduced the item outlining that the consultation was launched at the end of the summer and the closing date is 22nd November so there is still time to submit responses.

ACTION: ALL to share themes of their response on the DfT Draft Transport Accessibility Action Plan Consultation (if applicable) with Andrew Renaut.

- 5.2 It was noted that the consultation has no mention to a link with planning. Certain areas including Preston Barracks' inaccessible platform and poor cycle accessibility through basement cycle storage should be considered here. It was confirmed that this could be an oversight in the consultation but this will be included in the response being drafted from the council.
- 5.3 It was confirmed that communication of the consultation had gone to every directorate in the council to add to the response. It was also circulated to TP members to ensure they are aware and encourage an independent response to the consultation. Martin Harris confirmed they have drafted a response which reflects the views received from bus users over the years.

- 5.4 The issue of pavement parking was raised and Cllr Mitchell confirmed that she has been lobbying to the Department for Transport and via the LGA asking for more power, equivalent to those London has to get a pavement and verge ban in place. Paul Nichols has also spoken at a high level conference where this was brought up.

6. NHT Survey – Summary Results

- 6.1 Andrew Renault presented an overview of the results that were published at the end of October. These results are being used to look at the implications for priorities in the future, some of which may be brought back to the TP. The survey was carried out independently of the council with more financial resource being put in to ensure a more robust sample compared to previous years.

ACTION: Andrew Renault to circulate the link to the infographic from the NHT presentation.

- 6.2 It was confirmed that the data is based on user perception so it is important to look at the question that was asked when analysing the data as peoples' interpretation and perception of the questions can vary. This can be explored in more detail.

7. City Plan CIL Consultation

- 7.1 Andrew Renault introduced the item advising that the consultation is taking place on the council portal and closes on 10th December.
- 7.2 It was outlined that CIL can be spent anywhere in the city based on the thematic area it is allocated to in comparison with s106 payments which have to be spent in a defined geographic area where it is levied from. Being able to spend across the city should be made easier and more effective. Our CIL scheme is not completely defined yet.

8. AOB

- 8.1 Reg Woodhouse expressed concern about the how cyclists are using cycleway from Palace Pier to the Peace Statue. Incidents have been witnessed where there has been confusion over people trying to get out of the road on the crossings and some cyclists travel at very high speed so due to these witnessed near misses there is concern that a more serious incident may occur. It was also outlined that visitors find this area confusing and aren't aware of the cycle lane so something does need to be done for the safety of cyclists and pedestrians.
- 8.2 Cllr Mitchell advised she would ask the council's road safety team to look at this stretch of cycleway and walkway and report back to the TP with

observations and suggestions of any improvements to the safety of all users that could be made.

ACTION: Cllr Mitchell to ask the road safety team to look at the cycleway and walkway between Palace Pier and the Peace Statue and report back to TP with observations and safety improvements.

8.3 Kate Walker advised that TfL have a model where they look at space according to the mode and number of people using it. This could be an informative way to approach this area.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th January 2018, 16:00-18:00, Conference Room 1, Jubilee Library, Jubilee Street, BN1 1GE