

**MINUTES OF THE MULTI AREA AGREEMENT TRANSPORT THEME GROUP
MEETING HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2009 AT THE OFFICES OF POOLE
HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS**

Present:

Jim Stewart (JS) (Chair)	-	Poole Harbour Commissioners
Julian McLaughlin (JMcL) (Lead Officer)	-	Borough of Poole
Matthew Beaumont (MB) (MAA Manager)	-	Dorset Business
Nigel Hammond (NH)	-	Government Office South West
Councillor Les Burden (LB)	-	Borough of Poole
Mike Holmes (MH)	-	Bournemouth Borough Council
Kate Tunks (KT)	-	Dorset County Council
Dominic McGrath (DMc)	-	Hampshire County Council
Chris Jones (CJ)	-	Highways Agency
Steve Hellier (SH)	-	Highways Agency
Andrew Smith (AS)	-	Yellow Buses
Matt Callow (MC)	-	Wilts & Dorset
John Probert (JP)	-	Wyvern Cargo
Andrew Murray (AM)	-	Manchester Airport

	ACTION
<u>Summary/Key Actions</u>	
MB to circulate Mark Hepworth's research paper once finalised.	MB
MH agreed to attend the forthcoming meeting with PUSH on 11 February also attended by MB and Council leaders. MB to send details of meeting to MH.	MH MB
MB to feedback on commonality and potential linkage between MAAs.	MB
JMcL requested that Theme Group members feed back views for finalisation of the document.	ALL
It was agreed that DCCI be requested to write a letter of support to RDA for progression of A31T improvements. JS agreed to table this matter at a forthcoming Board meeting.	JS
All to consider further PIs for the theme for inclusion in the Delivery Plan.	ALL

JMcL to provide further detail of the strategy development process and associated governance once finalised by the SEDMMTS project management Group. The Theme Group was likely to have a role within the SEDTS Wider Reference Group.	JMcL
JP agreed to discuss representation further with Mike Moore of RHA to ensure appropriate representation at both Freight Quality Partnership and Theme Group meetings.	JP
MB to confirm dates of Programme Group.	MB

1. **Introductions/Apologies**

Please see attached listing.

2. **MAA Board/Programme Role/Co-ordination/Strategy Issues**

2.1 Matthew Beaumont as MAA Manager outlined the MAA governance and structure. The Board is to drive the MAA with the Chair of Theme Groups and their link officers involved in the Programme Group. GOSW and MAA Manager also attend.

2.2 Five themes of the MAA are at varying stages of development but each having a key private sector engagement. Both programme and performance management for the MAA were being developed as was resourcing.

2.3 Matthew identified the need to identify key objectives, who is involved and timescales involved. The MAA itself needs to show long term goals mixed with short term wins. Government shall expect a progress report in early Summer.

2.4 Matthew plays a co-ordinating role with support from Louise Harper as his part-time administrative support. Mark Hepworth from Geo-economics is also involved in providing research and information.

Action: MB to circulate Mark Hepworth's research paper once finalised. MB

2.5 The importance of co-ordinating our progress with Hampshire (PUSH) was discussed and DM also offered to organise a visit of the Hampshire ITS set up, centred on ROMANSE.

Action: MH agreed to attend the forthcoming meeting with PUSH on 11 February also attended by MB and Council leaders. MB to send details of meeting to MH. MH MB

Action: MB to feedback on commonality and potential linkage between MAAs. MB

3. Theme Delivery Plan

3.1 JMcL presented the Delivery Plan (previously circulated) and stressed that it was a draft document being prepared to feed into the Programme Group and Board. An MOU between highway authorities was progressing as were further views on the DfT approvals process.

Action: JMcL requested that Theme Group members feed back views for finalisation of the document. ALL

3.2 Key areas involved the need to identify any missing freedoms and flexibilities as well as any comment on objectives shown.

3.3 MH outlined the progress made in bidding to the SW region for government (RFA2) funding and the emphasis on requesting a 'lighter touch' on DfT progressing with smaller schemes.

3.4 Discussion followed on individual schemes including the importance of Trunk Road (A31T) and A350 connectivity. Mark Hepworth's input on focussing on strategic indicators relating to air, rail and road were discussed.

3.5 CJ outlined that HA were hopeful of trunk road improvements being included in the forward programme for dualling the Ameysford – Merley section with interim shorter term work being progressed for the Canford Bottom junction. The A31T was noted to be one of the top four congested points in the SW region.

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Action: All to consider further PIs for the theme for inclusion in the delivery Plan. ALL

3.6 JMcL outlined progress being made on the SEDMMTS and the importance of the model in providing an evidenced based strategy development. The associated consultation is crucial in forming a preferred strategy for SED (up to 2026) in line with demands of the RSS.

3.7 Discussion of the key strategy development followed. The Theme Group would have a key role to play in providing strategic feedback.

Action: JMcL to provide further detail of the strategy development JMcL

process and associated governance once finalised by the SEDMMTS project management Group. The Theme Group was likely to have a role within the SEDTS Wider Reference Group.

- 3.8 MB noted the importance of the SEDTS for the medium to long term but again stressed that other actions for the short term were also needed.

4. **Freight issues**

- 4.1 It was agreed that the reconvened Freight Quality Partnership would form a sub-group of the MAA Theme Group. JS chaired the Group.

JP agreed to discuss representation further with Mike Moore of RHA to ensure appropriate representation at both meetings.

JP

5. **Connectivity**

- 5.1 AM outlined developments at the BIA and its adjacent hinterland. BIA was bucking the trend in terms of passenger numbers at present and he stressed the importance that Government now puts on 'International Gateways'. Already Ryanair had 35% of passengers at BIA originating from abroad. 3% of surface access was via bus with planned expansion of the service. No plans for developing an air freight service thus far. Ryanair were adding to its BIA fleet.

- 5.2 Other connections were discussed with the importance of telematics and ITS generally agreed to be effective in attaining efficiencies within the existing network. Technology, if used proactively, would be likely to assist in more effective management of congestion for the future. JMcl outlined the early stages reached in formulating a Dorset-wide and SED strategy with more information to be reported to the meeting at a later stage.

- 5.3 AS asked whether congestion charges were to be considered as a means of reducing traffic levels and enhancing public transport reliability. It was general consensus that although too early to consider this would need to be assessed against other options as a part of the SEDTS. JP asked why the A338 (Hants) was not mentioned as a freight route; DMc confirmed that no improvement was planned by HCC. A350 improvements were planned in Wiltshire and CJ confirmed that HA would now be keeping control of the A36.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

JMcL requested clarity on when Programme Group meetings would be held, so as to inform Theme Group members.

Action: MB to confirm dates.

MB

Action: JMcL agreed to provide all Theme Group members with the date of the next meeting for the whole of 2009, each provisionally scheduled for three weeks prior to Board.

JMcL

SECOND MAA TRANSPORT THEME GROUP MEETING – 29 JANUARY 2009
INVITEES

Andy Ackerman	-	Dorset County Council
Andrew Smith	-	Yellow Buses
Andrew Wickham	-	Wilts & Dorset
Andy Shaw	-	Dorset County Council
Chris Francombe	-	Borough of Poole
Cllr Geoff Brierley OBE	-	Dorset County Council
Councillor Bob Lawton	-	Bournemouth Borough Council
Councillor Ron Parker	-	Borough of Poole
Ian Parsons	-	Highways Agency
Jim Stewart	-	Poole Harbour Commissioners
John Probert	-	Wyvern Cargo
Julian McLaughlin	-	Borough of Poole
Matthew Beaumont	-	Dorset Business
Mike Moore	-	Road Haulage Association
Nigel Hammond	-	Government Office South West
Pat Steward	-	South West Regional Assembly
Phil Dominey	-	South West Trains
Ray Bulpit	-	Southwell Business Park Limited
Rob Goldsmith	-	Bournemouth Airport
Stuart Reynolds	-	Hampshire County Council
Tony Williams	-	Bournemouth Borough Council

ATTENDING

Jim Stewart (Chair)	-	Poole Harbour Commissioners
Julian McLaughlin (Lead Officer)	-	Borough of Poole
Matthew Beaumont (MAA Manager)	-	Dorset Business
Andrew Smith	-	Yellow Buses
Mike Holmes	-	on behalf of Cllr Lawton and Tony Williams – BBC
Dominic McGrath	-	on behalf of Stuart Reynolds – HCC
Steve Hellier & Chris Jones	-	on behalf of Ian Parsons – Highways Agency
John Probert	-	Wyvern Cargo
Nigel Hammond	-	Government Office South West
Kate Tunks	-	Dorset County Council
Matt Callow	-	Wilts & Dorset (on behalf of Andrew Wickham)
Cllr Les Burden	-	Borough of Poole (on behalf of Cllr Ron Parker)
Andrew Murray	-	Manchester Airport (on behalf of Rob Goldsmith)

APOLOGIES

Ray Bulpit	-	Southwell Business Park Limited
Councillor Bob Lawton	-	Bournemouth Borough Council James Duncan attending
Tony Williams	-	Bournemouth Borough Council
Councillor Ron Parker	-	Borough of Poole – Cllr Les Burden attending
Ian Parsons	-	Highways Agency – Steve Hellier & Chris Jones attending
Cllr Geoff Brierley OBE	-	Dorset County Council
Andy Ackerman	-	Dorset County Council
Stuart Reynolds	-	Hampshire County Council – Dominic McGrath attending
Mike Moore	-	Road Haulage Association

Andrew Wickham - Wilts & Dorset – Matt Callow attending
Rob Goldsmith - Bournemouth Airport – Andrew Murray attending

NOT RESPONDED

Pat Steward - South West Regional Assembly
Phil Dominey - South West Trains