

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE, HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

PRESENT

Councillor Guy Harkin	Bolton
Councillor Stuart Haslam	Bolton
Councillor Noel Bayley	Bury
Councillor Joan Grimshaw	Bury
Councillor Andrew Fender	Manchester (in the Chair)
Councillor Naeem Hassan	Manchester
Councillor Dzidra Noor	Manchester
Councillor Chris Paul	Manchester
Councillor Norman Briggs	Oldham
Councillor David Hibbert	Oldham
Councillor Howard Sykes	Oldham
Councillor Shakil Ahmed	Rochdale
Councillor Phil Burke	Rochdale
Councillor Ian Duckworth	Rochdale
Councillor Robin Garrido	Salford
Councillor Roger Jones	Salford
Councillor Barry Warner	Salford
Councillor Geoff Abell	Stockport
Councillor Dean Fitzpatrick	Stockport
Councillor Syd Lloyd	Stockport
Councillor Iain Roberts	Stockport
Councillor Warren Bray	Tameside
Councillor Doreen Dickinson	Tameside
Councillor Peter Robinson	Tameside
Councillor Rob Chilton	Trafford
Councillor Michael Cordingley	Trafford
Councillor Mark Aldred	Wigan
Councillor Eunice Smethurst	Wigan

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jon Lamonte	Chief Executive, TfGM
Steve Warrener	Finance and Corporate Services Director, TfGM
Peter Cushing	Metrolink Director, TfGM

Amanda White
Rodney Lund
Paul Harris

Head of Rail, TfGM
Monitoring Officer
GMIST

TfGMC15/33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Chadwick (Bolton), Grundy (Wigan), Holland (Wigan), Reilly (Trafford), Teubler (Manchester) and Jim McMahon (GMCA).

TFGMC15/34 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Bus Market

The Chair reminded Members that a briefing session on the current bus market and the future of bus services was to be presented at the rise of the meeting.

TFGMC15/35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Phil Burke declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 8, Metrolink Update.

TfGMC15/36 MINUTES

The Minutes of the TfGMC meeting, held on 17 July 2015 were submitted.

Resolved/-

To approve the Minutes of the TfGMC meeting 17 July 2015 as a correct record.

TfGMC15/37 FORWARD LOOK

Members considered a report which presented them with a forward look of key work streams requiring decisions from the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee over the next four months. The report also set out those significant elements of the Committee's work programme, where further updates on progress and activity were anticipated over a longer time period.

A Member suggested that the Forward Look should include information on when Bus Franchising matters and HS2 updates would be considered by the Committee.

In response to an enquiry from a Member it was noted that a report on the Metrolink Park and Ride car parking policy was to be presented to the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee on 2 October 2015.

Resolved/-

1. To note the forward look.
2. To include in future forward Look reports details of Bus Franchising and HS2 Updates.

Section 2

TfGMC Recommendations for Further Approval by GMCA

There were no items requiring further approval by GMCA.

Section 3

Item for Resolution by TfGMC

TfGMC15/38 2015 - 2018 GM CASUALTY REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

A report was presented which provided Members with a budget update on the Casualty Reduction Partnership for 2015-16 and the work themes for 2015-2018. Members also considered a request for the release of £760,000 additional funding for the 2015-2018 Road Safety Action Plan.

In response to an enquiry from a Member, it was noted that district representation at the Casualty Reduction Partnership was made by the relevant highways officers.

Following a request from a Member as to whether the existing, currently unallocated, reserves could be released for the delivery of the Road Safety Action Plan, officers undertook to discuss the arrangements for the pipeline of schemes with the Member concerned away from the meeting.

A Member suggested that future updates should include the savings the work of the Casualty Reduction Partnership has made to Health and Emergency Services.

A Member noted the importance of the provision of clear highway signage to ensure that pedestrians can use pedestrian crossings safely, particularly where the highway layout had been reconfigured or where road works were taking place. A Member highlighted that particular attention was required on the A580 East Lancashire Road, close to Walkden High School.

A Member suggested that motorcyclists and cyclists should be encouraged to wear high visibility clothing.

Resolved/-

1. To note the report.
2. That the request for approval to release £760,000 of additional funding for the 2015-18 Road Safety Action Plan, as set out in the report, be granted.

Item 4
Items for Information

TfGMC15/39 TfGM RAIL UPDATE

Members received a report which provided an update on key rail issues affecting rail in Greater Manchester including the delay to Network Rail's North Transpennine electrification programme, station devolution, the cascade of rolling stock, including the loss Class 323 units from the Greater Manchester network and the status of the Farnworth Tunnel project and contingency measures.

In response to an enquiry from a Member, officers confirmed that as a result of the delay in the North Transpennine electrification works, Network Rail had now programmed accessibility improvement works at Greenfield railway station, to take place as part of the bridge works in Control Period 5.

A Member noted that with regard to the cascade to rail rolling stock, Oldham Council had passed a resolution opposing the decision to remove Class 323 from the North to benefit the South East. Officers noted that Rail North was continuing to lobby the Department for Transport for services to be returned as quickly as possible. In addition, it was also noted that TfGM would work with the successful franchisee with regard to rolling stock arrangements for Greater Manchester.

In response to an enquiry by a Member, officers explained that the type and amount rolling stock could not be stipulated in franchise documents. Members noted the franchise bidding process and the arrangements for the Train Operating Companies to lease rolling stock.

A Member expressed disappointment that the Farnworth Tunnel works had encountered delay, particularly in light of the pending rail timetable changes. A Member suggested that Network Rail be encouraged to provide better communication around this matter.

Resolved/-

To note the update on key rail issues.

TfGMC15/40 METROLINK UPDATE

A report was presented which provided Members with an update in relation to the Metrolink Second City Crossing (2CC) and presented them with the new Greater Manchester tram network map.

The Chair welcomed that the 2CC works were progressing and were on schedule to be delivered on time. It was noted that the section that will link

Shaw and Crompton to Exchange Square Exchange Square is forecast to be completed by December 2015 and TfGM officers were thanked for their efforts.

In response to an enquiry by a Member, officers confirmed that the new lift at Deansgate Castlefield Metrolink Stop would be completed on time.

Following a comment from a Member, officers confirmed that discussions were taking place with officers at Oldham Council regarding future Metrolink service patterns.

Resolved/-

To note the report and to welcome the new Greater Manchester tram network map.

TfGMC15/41 SMART TICKETING UPDATE

Members considered a report which provided an update on the Smart Ticketing Programme in Greater Manchester, including a summary of the Atos and the Transitional Service arrangements, following the mutual termination of the contract with Atos.

Members noted that the details of the Settlement Agreement remain confidential between the parties. It was also noted that the Settlement Agreement provides substantial compensation to TfGM in respect of the costs incurred which will enable TfGM to develop a smart ticketing system with alternative providers and establish alternative arrangements for the existing English National Concessionary Travel scheme smart ticketing on Metrolink.

The Chair explained that the introduction of multi modal smart ticketing across Greater Manchester remained a key policy priority and the way in which this was to be undertaken was being explored.

A Member highlighted changes to the technological landscape, including the increasing use of contactless bank cards.

A Member suggested that a report should be presented to a future meeting of the Committee, in Part B, to provide Members with details of the Settlement Agreement with Atos. A Member also asked which elected politician has reviewed the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

In response, officers noted the confidentiality terms within the Settlement Agreement and explained that these terms were approved by the TfGM Board, which has delegated authority to take decisions of this nature in accordance with the GMCA constitution. The decision to terminate the contract was made following receipt of specialist legal and IT advice and followed established process and governance within TfGM and GMCA.

With regard to a recent press article which highlighted the comments of a Councillor asserting that Smart Ticketing in Greater Manchester would be possible by Christmas 2015, a motion was moved and seconded that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Member concerned to explain in detail how this assertion would be possible.

Resolved/-

1. To note the report and the current position of the Smart Ticketing Programme.
2. To note that a commercial Settlement had been agreed with Atos.
3. To agree that consideration be given to a Part B report in relation to the settlement with Atos, subject to the confidentiality terms of the agreements, being presented to an upcoming meeting of the Committee.
4. To note the progress made in the next steps including, in particular, in relation to the Metrolink Transition Plan and the shorter term roll out plan, as set out in the report.
5. To note the status of the multi-operator "Smart on Bus" solution.
6. To note the inclusion of smart ticketing within the requirements for the new rail franchises.
7. To note the intention of a refresh of the smart ticketing strategy and a plan for Greater Manchester in the context of devolved transport powers and Transport for the North.
8. To note that Smart Ticketing updates will be presented to TfGMC on a regular basis.
9. To agree that the Clerk be instructed to write to a Member to seek a detailed explanation of his recent assertion that a London style Oyster card with multi modal and multi operator coverage could be implemented in Greater Manchester by Christmas 2015.