

Project:	Tyne and Wear Freight Partnership	Job No/Ref:	60044340/7
Purpose:	Partnership Meeting	Date held:	11th December 2008
Held at:	Gateshead Civic Centre	Made by:	Mike Page
Present:	<p>Martin Murphy NECTAR</p> <p>Martin Gibson GONE</p> <p>Gary MacDonald Newcastle LTP Core Team</p> <p>John Robertson Newcastle City Council</p> <p>Trevor Male South Tyneside Council</p> <p>Malcolm Dodds Road Haulage Association</p> <p>Gordon Carr CILT</p> <p>Stuart Corker Gateshead Council</p> <p>James Firth Freight Transport Association</p> <p>Kyle Maylard Highways Agency</p> <p>Andrew Jameson Sunderland City Council</p> <p>Dick Phillips Northumberland County Council</p> <p>David Arthur Faber Maunsell</p> <p>Mike Page Faber Maunsell</p>	Distribution:	All
Apologies:	<p>Martyn Pellew PD Ports</p> <p>Margaret Robinson Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Paul Middleton Durham County Council</p> <p>Gary Clark Newcastle Journal/Chronicle</p> <p>Susan Darroch North Tyneside Council</p> <p>John Cram North Tyneside Council</p> <p>Nigel Cooke Eddis Transport</p> <p>Udo Jeorges Co-op Logistics</p> <p>Darren Pickering Beamish Transport</p> <p>Colin Gransbury AG Barr</p> <p>John Bourn Tyne and Wear LTP Core Team</p> <p>Jonathan James Faber Maunsell</p>		

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1	Welcome and Minutes of last meeting Gary MacDonald welcomed attendees to the meeting at Gateshead Council and announced the apologies. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed.	
2	Promoting the Partnership <i>Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Award</i> DA explained that the Partnership had been successful in winning the Transport Policy and Planning award. The awards were held on 23 rd October at the Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square, London. Representatives from the Partnership included Mark Wilson, John Bourn, David Arthur and Mike Page. DA thanked everyone for all their contributions in helping the Partnership win the prestigious award.	

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	<p><i>Updated Leaflet</i></p> <p>DA explained that a new leaflet has been produced to include some of the tasks from Year 4. The leaflet has been sent out to the partners for review and comments. Amendments were made to the draft version, in light of suggested changes and resent for final review. A supplier has been appointed to print the 700 leaflets. The delivery date is expected to be Friday 12th December and the distribution will take place once the leaflets have been received. The local authorities are to be allocated 50 copies each.</p> <p><i>Local Government Association (LGV) Video</i></p> <p>The Partnership was contacted by a company who produces videos for the LGA to see if the Partnership would be interested in producing a film to profile the work undertaken. The video would cost £12,500 and would be screened at the LGA Conference for Sustainable Communities (to be held in March). The production company were looking for an early decision, but it was felt that the timescales did not allow further investigation into the practicalities of such a video. Suggestions were offered on how best to use the film for promotional events including, Power Point presentations, handing out to the CILT for their meetings, send to PD Ports and One North East.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed in principle to the video, but it was considered that there was not a sufficiently strong case to source the additional funding required at short notice. It was agreed that the proposal could be considered as a task in the programme for Year 5.</p> <p><i>Website Results</i></p> <p>Since September there have been 7,685 sessions, which includes the Truck Information Point (TIP) and the website. Since the installation in December 2006 there have been 39,369 sessions. The most commonly viewed pages on the website since the last meeting are Traffic Info (335 hits), News (303 hits) and Destination Maps (291 hits).</p> <p><i>Truck Information Point</i></p> <p>Following the replacement of the TIP touch screen monitor, there have been no further problems and the operation is checked on a regular basis. The most commonly viewed pages were Traffic Info and Lorry Parking. The maps are replenished to maintain a plentiful supply of the hard copies. The number taken are monitored and reported at the meetings. The most popular maps were found to be Northumberland Street, MetroCentre, Eldon Square, East Gateshead and the Port of Tyne.</p>	
3	<p>Mapping</p> <p>The task of updating 11 individual destination maps has been completed and they have been posted onto the website. One initiative in the action plan for Year 4 was to produce a trial interactive map, which has been produced for Northumberland Street. The map highlights the location of individual companies when they are selected from a drop-down box. Contact details (including addresses and telephone number) are included along with the delivery point locations.</p> <p>The map was well received by the partners and some suggestions were put forward to improve the map and develop it further. This included making the information for the rising bollards stand out more, and show directions tailored routes for individual companies. These suggestions will be taken into account for</p>	

	<p>Year 5.</p> <p>The distribution of the maps to the individual companies was discussed, especially the logistics of distribution to sites such as Team Valley where there are nearly 700 companies located. MM suggested a 'mail drop' company to deliver the maps around the larger industrial estates. FM to look into the costs.</p>	FM
4	<p>Loading and Unloading Arrangements</p> <p>MP explained that effective arrangements are important for the efficient movement of freight. Parking problems for goods vehicles can be encountered, particularly when there are enforcement issues. The purpose of the study is to review the current loading and unloading arrangements.</p> <p>The local authorities and operators were consulted to find out if there were any locations where there are problems. The trade associations (FTA & RHA) were asked to insert a piece about the subject into their newsletters, which they did.</p> <p>Subsequently three areas have been investigated - Shields Road (Byker), Chillingham Road, (Heaton) and Main Road (Crawcrook), which was suggested by the local authority and an operator. The study recommends the development of schemes for Chillingham Road, Heaton and Main Street, Crawcrook as a priority. It is also recommended that options for Shields Road are explored with Newcastle City Council. The findings of the study are documented in a report, which was circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the next stage should be to consult with the relevant local authority to proceed with designing the schemes. The Partnership suggested the most appropriate officers to contact would be Derek Ord or Samantha Dyke at Newcastle City Council and Tom Hall at Gateshead Council.</p> <p>DA explained that FM are still keen for local authorities to highlight locations for investigation.</p>	
5	<p>Freight on Rail Assessment</p> <p>A report is currently being developed to investigate rail freight, reviewing the national, regional and local investment prospects relevant to Tyne and Wear. The report also reflects on the regional requirements for the Leamside Line from Tursdale to Pelaw and the Blyth and Tyne Line (ABT). A planning application was submitted in November 2008 for the Blyth Power station. Further developments include a new level crossing in Blyth.</p> <p>60% of the coal supply will be transported to the site by rail from the Port of Tyne and Mossend (Scotland). Improved rail infrastructure is therefore required to supply the site. Coal operations at the Port of Blyth are to be moved to Battleship Wharf on the north side of the river. FM to issue the report at the next meeting.</p> <p>MM reported that EWS has started a new service from PD Ports Teesport to Scotland, transporting high cube containers.</p>	FM
6	<p>Lorry Parking</p> <p>MP explained that Van Hee were interested in developing a lorry park at their site off the A184 in Felling, Gateshead. An initial meeting was held with Van Hee in July. Since this time, Development Control (DC) at Gateshead Council have</p>	

	<p>provided agreement in principle to the proposal. The next step is for a DC planning representative, JB and MP to meet with Van Hee to discuss the way forward and planning application.</p> <p>GC highlighted the fact that Priority Freight are developing a new truckstop at Dover.</p>	FM
7	<p>Consolidation Centre</p> <p>GM explained that the project has moved into Phase 2, with Phase 1 investigating goods movement into Eldon Square. An Expression of Interest has been put out to operators who may be interested in running the operation. It was originally envisaged that the centre would just supply Eldon Square, but the current thinking is that it would include the MetroCentre and the centre of Newcastle.</p> <p>GM visited Meadowhall to see how the centre is operated, which is managed by Clipper. The operation runs at a profit, but only serves a small number of a few retailers. It is within 5 min walk to Meadowhall so any benefit to the environment is negligible, however, it does reduced the volume of vehicles travelling into the centre.</p>	
8	<p>Proposed Awareness Event</p> <p>Owing to the success of the CILT Award, an awareness event is to be planned sometime in February. The final date is dependent on the availability of key speakers. Likely speakers include Wyn Jones of Sustaine Group of the Northeast Regional Assembly and James Ramsbotham of the Chamber of Commerce. FM to confirm the date and venue as soon as possible.</p> <p>Other names suggested at the meeting were Richard Penner of Greggs Bakery, who is Chair of the North East Freight Council and some freight forwarders.</p>	FM
9	<p>A.O.B</p> <p><i>New Tyne Crossing</i></p> <p>MP attended the TT2 Strategic Partnering Forum on 20th October. The meeting discussed the Silverlink Roundabout as a major issue to the free movement of traffic through the tunnel. The upgrade has been planned for 2013, but talks are ongoing to bring that date forward to coincide with the official opening of the two tunnels in 2011. KM explained that the HA are planning an interim solution for the roundabout to increase capacity.</p> <p>The Partnership was asked at the TT2 meeting to communicate to freight operators the inappropriate way finding in South Tyneside by some HGV drivers. The communication included advice on the most appropriate route. Following this newsflash North Tyneside asked for a piece to be sent out relating to routing in the area to the north of the tunnel.</p> <p>CG highlighted that the CILT are organising a briefing talk on the New Tyne Tunnel on 21st Jan 2009 at the University of Northumbria Business School.</p> <p><i>CIVITAS Conference</i></p> <p>JB has attended a City-Vitality-Sustainability conference in Gothenburg on the 10th and 11th December. The purpose of the project event is to share best practice with other organisations with the aim of reducing congestion resulting from urban goods transport.</p>	

	<p><i>Tyne Bridge restriction Warning Signing</i> The absence of signing was highlighted by an operator during the operator consultation carried out by the Partnership. Signs have since been designed by Gateshead Council and Newcastle City Council. The signs are being manufactured at present and will be erected early in 2009. The signs will be located before the bridge - they cannot be attached to the bridge as it is a listed structure. The southbound signs will be located on the Central Motorway before the junction of City Road. The northbound signs will be located before the junction on Askew Road (A184).</p> <p><i>Abnormal Loads</i> It was agreed at the Steering Group meeting that the Abnormal Loads Route Map should be included on the website. The electronic version will be reviewed for any additional information. MD stressed the importance of including contact details for the Police.</p> <p>The Highways Restrictions Map is also to be added to the website. This will take place in Year 5 due to the extra work required to reduce the size of the file. It will then be sent for review to the local authorities and be added to the website.</p> <p><i>Fresnel lenses</i> JF explained that Transport for London (TfL) are handing out Fresnel lenses for right hand drive vehicles to reduce issues with cycle accidents as result of lorries turning left. The possibility of issuing the lenses in Tyne and Wear was discussed. It was agreed that the accident data should be analysed to see if there are any similar issues in the first instance. SC agreed to look into this as the accident database is held by Gateshead Council. MD highlighted the fact that new legislation is to be introduced in March 2009, covering all HGV vehicles registered after 2000. This will required vehicles to retrofit upgraded mirrors, which will give the driver a wider view around the vehicle.</p>	<p>FM</p> <p>SC</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Date and Venue of Next Meeting This will be held on 12th March 2009 at Newcastle Civic Centre (10:30am).</p>	