

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, 15th May, 2019

Present:- Councillor Lelliott (in the Chair); Councillors Beaumont, Fenwick-Green, Jarvis, Jepson, McNeely, Reeder, Simpson, Walsh, Whysall, Williams and Parish Councillor Swann.

Also in attendance:-

Mr. N. Broadhead (SYPT) and Mr. S. Robinson (Stagecoach Rawmarsh).

Officers:- Mr. I. Ashmore, Mr. A. Butler and Mr. M. Reynolds.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cowles, Cusworth, D. Cutts, Hoddinott, Mallinder and Sheppard, Matt Cramwell (Stagecoach) and Alan Rignall (First Group).

32. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2019

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board held on 6th February, 2019.

Agreed:- That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a true record.

33. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

34. QUESTIONS ON TRANSPORT ISSUES

The Transportation Advisory Board noted the details of questions on transport matters and answers that had been provided.

35. SOUTH YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE - UPDATE AND BUS SERVICE CHANGES

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive provided an update on:-

- Rotherham Interchange – the Interchange was now up and running for the vast majority of services; the 2 main platforms were operational with only the coach stand not open to members of the public. The work on the car park was still ongoing as expected.

Feedback from members of the public so far had been good.

- Network – The summer timetables would be implemented from May-July across the County.

The only service that would change would be Service 20. Discussions were ongoing with Ward Councillors on re-routing the route slightly to improve access

From September a large proportion of SYPTE's tenders for Doncaster and Sheffield were end so they were out to tender at the moment with discussions taking place.

They contained a large number of school services in the County. Those services would be protected from September. Operators were also being asked for any proposals they had for any changes in the network. Stagecoach had minor changes mainly around the Service 22X and engagement had commenced with customers.

36. BUS OPERATORS - UPDATE

Stagecoach Rawmarsh – The X6 service was progressing really well with good passenger feedback.

Stagecoach East Midlands– No-one present.

First Group – No-one present.

Agreed:- (1) That the update be noted.

(2) That officers discussion with Community Transport the possibility of future attendance at the Board.

37. RAILWAY OPERATORS - UPDATE

Representatives were not in attendance. Board Members expressed their disappointment that there was again no representation.

38. DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT - UPDATE

The Chair and relevant officer had attended the recent launch of the masterplan for the airport which had revealed existing opportunities for its future.

39. TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Transportation Advisory Board received details of the schemes included within the Highways Capital Programme 2019/20, with funding approved by the Sheffield City Region from the Integrated Transport Block Programme. The individual schemes for investigation were included within various categories:-

Bus Priority Schemes;
Accessibility – Walking and Cycling;
Local Safety Schemes (including new crossings);

Traffic Management (to ease congestion);
Miscellaneous (e.g.: air quality monitoring);
Major Schemes (e.g.: A630 Parkway widening).

Members discussed the following salient issues:-

- Pedestrian crossing at South Anston crossroads
- Possible contribution from Academies for the introduction of 20 mph zones outside their premises
- Grid box system at the junction of Whitehill Lane/Bawtry Road, Brinsworth
- Community Safety Fund set up to look at community concern sites

It was noted that a seminar was to be arranged on the Community Safety Fund.

Agreed:- That the details of schemes included within the Highways Capital Programme 2019/20, as now reported, be noted.

40. CLEAN AIR ZONE

Matt Reynolds, Transportation Manager, gave a powerpoint presentation on improving air quality in Rotherham. The headlines of the presentation included-

- Government mandate - Rotherham and Sheffield to jointly produce a feasibility study to reduce nitrogen dioxide and demonstrate improved measures of air quality
- Rotherham had a number of operational and environmental issues which contributed towards an increased level of impact related to vehicle emission e.g. topography and land form, constrained strategic transport corridors
- Government mandate included specific submission dates
Strategic outline case submitted on time in March 2019
Outline business case submitted on time in December 2018
Full business case to be submitted by 2nd September 2019
- Evidence supporting the feasibility study indicated 4 locations where compliance in the “do nothing” scenario was unlikely to be achieved – A629 Wortley Road, A630 Fitzwilliam Road, A630 Sheffield Parkway and A633 Rawmarsh Hill
- Rotherham would not introduce a charging regime; Sheffield would have a Clean Air Zone Charge (CAZ ‘C’). This would be applicable to non-compliant taxis, buses, HFVs and LGVs

- IPSC had requested sight of the public consultation plan on the measures to support the FBC submission
- The consultation would focus on the why, what and how. This would specifically refer to the improvements proposed to achieve compliance and direct people to the Sheffield consultant where comments regarding charging could be logged
- The consultation approach would use a mixture of measures including online and paper. There would be targeted communications with specific geographical areas to increase participation
- Next steps
Public consultation on the proposals to begin the week commencing 27th May, 2019
- Early Measures Fund
The Council had been invited to bid into the EMF for funding to support behavioural change. A programme of work to introduce electric vehicle charging point installations across the Borough had been identified. There were now 25 points in the Town Centre and 24 elsewhere in the Borough all located on Council-owned car parks

Discussion ensued with the following issues raised:-

- Clarification of CAZ C – “C” is classification letters of support. Bus operators would need to write a letter stating that they would only support it if they were provided with retro fit money for the vehicles
- Initial problems experienced with the new electric points installed in the town centre which had been resolved. However, there had been an issue with vandalism
- The tariff charged on EV parking and usage
- Inclusion in large housing developments of electric charging points
- 5 charging points would be available in the Wellgate Multi-Storey car park. There would be Traffic Regulation Orders in place for anyone parking a car in one of the spaces that was not an electric car and/or not charging
- The refurbished Interchange provided disabled bays with electric charging points
- The Council had very limited influence over car dealerships

- The electric charging points without restrictions would be available 24/7. It was felt that for those situated within the Wellgate Multi-Storey car park would only be available during normal operational hours
- Transport for the North, which sat above the Sheffield City Region, had drawn up a Freight Strategy looking at different modes of transport including the role of water-based freight
- Zap-map showed all the electric charging points available. The New Motion-app was linked to the payment system
- Sheffield had enforced Anti-Idling Legislation but Rotherham had not as yet

Agreed:- That the presentation be noted.

41. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

42. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- That the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board take place on Wednesday, 7th August, 2019 at 2.00 p.m.