

**Minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Forum Meeting**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

<b>Present:</b>	Peter Kennan	Chairman
	Graham Moss	Mossbrew Brewing Systems
	Belinda Naylor	Webster Technology
	Kath Harding	University of Sheffield
	Darren Hardwick	University of Sheffield
	Fred Johnson	Stagecoach Yorkshire
	Duncan Cale	East Midlands Trains
	Graham Meiklejohn	First Trans-Pennine Express

<b>Apologies:</b>	Tim Hale	Champion Hire (Vice Chairman)
	John Huddleston	Doncaster Sheffield Airport
	Greg Challis	Sheffield City Council
	David Clarkson	DBL Logistics
	Penny Marshall	Institute of Civil Engineers
	John Young	Stagecoach Yorkshire

The previous minutes were noted and the following will be published on the website of SCCI.

**Issues discussed and / or decisions made:**

1. Graham Meiklejohn from First Trans-Pennine Express had kindly travelled to Sheffield to address the meeting on topical matters relating to their franchise. Key points were:
  - The new franchise was awarded in April 2016 with £500M to invest in 220 new trains for the north with an 80% increase in capacity equivalent to 13M increased seats per annum. The new trains have 125mph capability.
  - As far as the Cleethorpes-Doncaster-Sheffield-Manchester-Piccadilly-Manchester Airport route is concerned, the existing Siemens class 185 units will be refurbished to the same standard as the new trains. The gradient profile of the Hope Valley Line means that new trains cannot provide the same acceleration.
  - The class 185's will predominantly run in 6 car formation from 2019 (rather than the present 3) and will have Wi-Fi with media servers (like aircraft).
  - The statistics are that in our region 1 in 3 people use rail for long distance journeys compared to 2 in 3 nationally and so there are a lot of potential passengers out there. The mission is to convert people to rail.
  - There will be a new ticketing app for smart phones.
  - On timetables, there is a proposal to fill the gap at 9pm on the evening services, Boxing Day services are being looked at and a review of key journeys with Rail North is occurring.

**The following questions arose in the Q&A:**

- a) Graham Moss explained that the new train fleet would consist of Spanish built trains (CAF multiple units) and AT300 units which will be built in Co. Durham by Hitachi.

- b) When asked about Boxing Day trains and the interaction with engineering works, Graham commented that we would be dealing with a relatively small number of services and they would have to work around engineering possessions.
- c) Graham explained that Rail North manage the franchise and so that produces better and more robust local management. When Transport for the North get statutory powers then Rail North will hand over.

Graham was thanked for his presentation.

2. Kath Harding and Darren Hardwick of the University of Sheffield were welcomed to the meeting to discuss the road changes being implemented around the university.

Peter Kennan introduced the subject by noting that the Chamber had not been consulted on the changes and felt as if there should have been a better attempt during the consultation to engage with business.

The key points mentioned were:

- The project to alter the roads around the university was a joint Sheffield City Council, Amey and University one.
- The idea was to create a safe pedestrian gold route all the way from the railway station to Western Park.
- Safety at pedestrian crossings particularly at Brook Hill roundabout was being improved, together with a bus diversion to free up road space.
- The modelling suggested a minor improvement in journey times at Brook Hill roundabout.
- The University has made efforts to control staff commuting and deliveries have been managed and centralised.
- The next significant piece of work was Amey undertaking bridge strengthening work. Both bridges on Brook Hill were affected and the work will take 22 weeks starting in February 2017.

Kath and Darren were thanked for their presentation.

3. Fred Johnson from Stagecoach Yorkshire reported on bus changes from January 2017. Some extra time has been included in schedules to improve things. There have been issues with the new Western Bank junction caused by a faulty road service but this has been rectified. He also noted that the ongoing Amey road projects have created issues, with Stockbridge a particular problem.

#### 4. **Other Matters**

Graham Moss commented on two matters:

- a) The need for a better bus map along the lines of the London tube map. It was noted that there was an interactive SYPTM map available of North and South Sheffield and that all bus stops were on Google Maps.
- b) The idea of badges or stickers for older or disabled people suggesting that a seat could be given up was noted, although it was also noted that pressure for seats in Sheffield was not as severe as in London and some other cities.

Peter Kennan commented on the recent flooding in Sheffield, caused by seasonal heavy rain. It was suggested that perhaps Amey could give a view about drainage on major routes.

#### 5. **Next Meeting**

The proposed meeting dates for 2017 are:

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December (this date may need to change due to availability of the Chairman)