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## Transport Forum Minutes

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 9.30am – 11.30am

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### Minutes

#### Present

Peter Kennan - Chair of Transport Forum (PK)  
Ian Appleby - Vice Chair of Transport Forum/PWC (IA)  
Tom Sutton - Sheffield Chamber of Commerce (TS)  
Richard Wright - Sheffield Chamber of Commerce (RW)  
Andy Wright – SYPTE (AW)  
Greg Challis - Sheffield City Council (GC)  
Alex Bray - Cross Country Trains (AB)  
Graham Micklejohn - Transpennine Express (GM)  
Alison Bell - Northern (AB)  
Tim Hale - Champion Hire (TH)  
John Bowes - Mott MacDonald (JB)  
Chris Finch - The Burley Group (CF)

#### Apologies

Sam Chapman - The Floom  
Nigel Wrag - Supertram  
John Young - Stagecoach Yorkshire

#### East Midlands Trains

May 2018 timetable announced in September has caused issues in Bedford and Wellingborough. Draft timetables will be released in February 2018. An article has been produced in response to the changes. TS to circulate link to the group so they can like and comment to keep the pressure one as per RW's comments. PK objected to Luton Airport Parkway request for East Midlands Trains to serve their station in latest edition of Rail Magazine.



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## Cross Country Trains

Limited changes between now and December 2019. Cross Country provide services from Sheffield to Leeds, York & Scotland, as well as Birmingham, Oxford and Southampton. Franchise up for renewal in December 2019. Transport Forum wasn't included in recent meeting with DfT to start consultation process on the franchise. RW to contact Edward Highfield so Transport Forum can submit robust response in a succinct format.

## Northern

AB offered a full presentation from Northern to bring the Transport Forum up to date on train station improvement plans and timetable changes. May 2018 present big changes. New trains will be introduced next year.

## Trans-Pennine Express

New winter timetable announced in December. Changes between Sheffield and Cleethorpes introducing new services. New trains are now all on track. Strengthened services should be introduced in 9 months time approx. PK suggested that a press release should be circulated to let people know which services will be improved with more carriages to provide increased capacity. Transport Forum can then support the services that have been improved from a business perspective. PK suggested that train formation information is displayed on platforms to allow passengers to board the right carriage for reserved seats to allow an easier boarding process.

## HS2, HS3 & Sheffield to Manchester Rail Line

RW met Grayling and Higgins over the last month. Grayling recognised that Midland Station would require some improvements for HS2. This would not mean the whole station would be improved. TfN has suggested that Sheffield and Manchester line improvements are lower down the agenda. This is due to current politics in the region and the disagreements over devolution. RW stated a strong business case and cohesive politics is needed to gain support for infrastructure improvement projects.

## Sheffield to Manchester Road

Suggested to build a bypass around Tintwistle and also add crawler lanes to the Woodhead route. PK confirmed public support for the planned upgrades. A summit tunnel on the Woodhead is still on the agenda. The wider Sheffield to Manchester Trans-Pennine Tunnel plans are not proceeding any further. The improvement projects that have been approved to go ahead are aimed at also increasing public safety. The number of accidents and deaths on Woodhead are high. RW's objective is to get the money released ASAP to start the upgrades.

## Sheffield Transport Vision

New plan advocates for better use of existing space and also provides a greater emphasis on sustainable modes of transport. Both air plan strategy and transport strategy plans were taken to cabinet on 13th December and were approved. Public consultation work will start in New Year with date TBC. After consultation process has been completed the transport strategy can be adopted. PK suggested a Transport Forum event would be useful to let members know about the transport strategy and the consultation process.



## Amey - Streets Ahead Project

Presented to Chamber Council recently. New improvements to LED lamp posts have been well received. LED lighting has reduced light pollution at night. 5 Year road improvement strategy followed by 20 year maintenance scheme. Trees were a subject of conversation in the presentation.

## Junction 33 Motorway Services

A planning application has been submitted for Junction 33 Motorway Services. The Chamber has submitted an objection against the scheme. RW to circulate letter to the group as objections have been put forward for a number reasons.

## Tram Train

Back end of Autumn 2018 Services should be running. Testing, needs to be completed and training completed. Initial consultation from user groups has been extremely positive. An event has been suggested to let businesses know once the Tram Trains are operational.

## Dates for 2018 Meetings

Dates for 2018 Meetings are included below. All will be held at Sheffield Chamber of Commerce:

- Thursday 22nd March
- Thursday 21st June
- Thursday 20th September
- Thursday 6th December

