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Transport Forum Minutes

Thursday 29th March 2019 – 9.30am – 11.30am

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Minutes

Present

Ian Appleby – Vice Chair of Transport Forum/PWC
Tom Sutton – Sheffield Chamber of Commerce
Richard Wright – Sheffield Chamber of Commerce
Tim Hale - Champion Hire Limited
Shaun Hessey - Peterman Fork Lifts
John Bowes – Mott MacDonald
Alex Bray – Cross Country Trains
Melissa Farmer – SYPTE
Nigel Wragg – Supertram
John Young – Stagecoach
Greg Challis – Sheffield City Council
Carl Jessop – SYB ICS (NHS)
Arnie Singh – City Taxis
Matt Spivey – Vodafone
Graham Bradley – Citi Logik
Ellen Lishman – JNP Group Consulting Engineers
Faye Davies – Ecus Ltd
Alex Forrest – Sheffield City Region

Apologies

Peter Kennan – Chair of Transport Forum
Graham Micklejohn – Transpennine Express
Emma Marshall – 3Squared

Presentation – Melissa Farmer, Rail Development Manager at South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTE)

- SYPTE vision to provide more focus on rail
- Role at SYPTE to lead and manage the Rail Team responsible for maximising the benefits of the regions rail network



- Hope Valley Line connects Manchester and Sheffield
- Route has capacity challenges as restricted by a single line and capacity at both Sheffield and Manchester train stations
- Demand at Dore & Topley has over doubled in a 10-year period – 2017/2018 – 178,580 passengers
- What will the improvement scheme deliver? – Reliability and another fast train per hour
- Timescales for delivery – Approval in February 2018 but now have to revisit the plans and complete the design by October 2019 for approval to pass and for funding. Work is planned to start in 2020 with a full delivery by 2022
- Key consideration is the disruption caused of the improvement works as lines will need to be closed as result. Plan is to minimise disruption as far as possible
- Next steps – Key stakeholders and parties to collaborate to determine the best operations
- In the interim the focus is on increasing patronage and working to ensure the railway is open to all
- Dore & Topley station have been lobbying for a canopy to provide cover at the station. SYPTe assisted with funding for the initiative
- Concerns were raised by the Forum in relation to parking at Dore & Topley station. The parking situation at present is at a capacity and this is prior to increased service plans
- Heritage Doncaster – Women in Rail Project – Help groups with local travel plans, ticketing and accessibility

Presentation – Matt Spivey, Client Sales Manager at Vodafone and Graham Bradley, Chief Commercial Officer at Citi Logik

- Vodafone vision of what the future may look like with current technologies and emerging technologies
- Citi Logik – Big data company partnering with Vodafone in the UK
- Big data capability for transport analytics
- Ability to provide a true end to end journey analytics
- Citi Logik have participated in the development of Catapult report
- Assisted Liverpool City Council understand travel partners from and to Liverpool City Centre
- Undertaken activities with major airports – Gatwick, Manchester and Heathrow
- Rail analytics – Predicting train occupancy in real time – requires no sensor installation and it is 90%+ accurate
- The ability to plan around capacity demand in relation to rail services
- The analytics don't require any hardware on trains the data is all captured from mobile phone devices
- The Forum posed questions in relation to the data collection – Data anonymity and the ability to opt out etc. if the user wanted to.

Sheffield Transport Strategy Update – Greg Challis, Sheffield City Council

- On 13th December Sheffield Chamber hosted an event in partnership with Sheffield City Council to focus on the economic aspects of the plan
- Resolution passed by council to focus on de-carbonising, which has impacted the Transport Strategy. Timescales will be affected and there is a need to understand transports share of the requirement to de-carbonise
- Clean Air Zone – A separate piece of work. Council proposal is currently with DfT to ensure it meets threshold limits prior to consultation

AOB

- Stagecoach introducing a new link between Sheffield and DSA. April 6th and the service will be the X6. Journey time prediction is 65 minutes end to end
- HS2 and Transport for the North – Both projects need to be delivered together. Hybrid bill for Phase 2A is in government at present. Unable to have 2 hybrid bills running through government at once. Richard Wright taken the lead with all northern Chambers to collaborate and retain the focus. Starting a marketing and communications plan to assist with the projects – Comms will be led via the Chambers
- Rail replacement works coming up on Supertram – Communications will follow to provide a full update. Buses replace trams
- Consultation work in relation to the NHS long term plan – More details to follow via the Chamber and Forum members encouraged to contact Carl

