

Western Gateway Sub-National Transport Body – December 2022 Board Meeting

Agenda Item 4 - Public Participation

- Statements from members of the public in line with the Board's Public Participation Scheme, statements/questions and responses are provided below.
- A question was received from:
 - **David Redgewell, South West Transport Network & Railfuture Severnside**

QUESTION –

Question1 .

What action is the western Gateway Transport Board to work with the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority metro Mayor Dan Norris .

Network rail western and First group Great western railway.

On the following metro west projects

Bristol Temple meads station to Lawrence hill Stapleton road Ashley Down Filton Abbey Filton North station and Henbury for cribbs causeway.

Are planning applications now in for Filton North Station for the Arena Exhibition station, and Henbury for cribbs causeway station.

And charfield.

On the Bristol Temple meads to Gloucester central and Cheltenham spa line with stops at Filton Abbey wood Bristol parkway, Yate, charfield ,cam and Dursey stonehouse Bristol road Gloucester central.

Metro west railway phase 2 .

Including works for platform improvements at Gloucester central.

And remodeling with disabled and accessible passengers lift at Cheltenham spa

Following the success of the seven Beach to Weston super mare train service on metro west. With st Andrew road, Avonmouth Dock shirehampton, Portway parkway sea mills Clifton Down station Redland, Montpellier Stapleton road Lawrence hill Bristol Temple meads Bedminster parson street Nailsea and Backwell yatton for clevedon worle parkway and Weston super mare.

What extension is planned of first group Great western railway half hourly services from Weston super mare Somerset to Highbridge and Burnham on sea Bridgwater and Taunton.

What progress is being now made to start work on the Bristol Temple meads station to Bedminster, Parson street Pill and Portishead.

With Network rail western route

and First group Great western railway.

Will this be fast tracked like The Exeter central/ st David to okehampton service.

As part of Birmingham to Exeter Network rail western route study and the master plan for Bristol Parkway station.

What capacity has been added for Metro west railway Extension of local Railway services to the Henbury loop line .

Extra services to Gloucester central

Extra services to Bath and Westbury wilts

Weston super mare and Taunton.

And carmarthen to London Paddington new service.

Support by Transport for Wales and arriva trains German state railway.

We welcome the Regional railway investment in western Gateway transport Board area .

In study on Dorset Railway capacity.

And Railfreight facilities at Avonmouth Taunton, Exeter, Plymouth and west Cornwall

And new stations at Portway parkway.

Devize parkway , Charfield, Corsham proposed, stonehouse, Ashton Gate .

Access for all bids in BOURNEMOUTH DORCHESTER SOUTH Yeovil junction castle cary station, Trowbridge, Oidfiled park, Lawrence hill, Stapleton road.

Parson street , Nailsea and Backwell and Weston super mare Somerset.

Details in February 2023

ANSWER:

Through its Rail Strategy the Western Gateway Sub-national Transport Body is supportive of the MetroWest proposals in the West of England Combined Authority area. As these projects are approaching implementation, they are for the Combined Authority to take forward.

The Western Gateway has written letters of support for the Access for All bids for Bournemouth, Dorchester South and Yeovil Junction.

Questions 2 .

On bus service what action is the western gateway transport Board taking to get the sectary of state for Transport mark Harper Mp and Forest of Dean MP

To extend bus operators recovery grant beyond the 31 st March 2023 .

As this Grant is keeping alot of Bus services operating across Somerset, Gloucestershire Dorset , Bournemouth and Poole Wiltshire Swindon west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council.

ANSWER:

Bus services are for the individual local transport authorities to pick up.

Questions 3 .

What action is being taken by the western gateway transport Board to co ordinate bus service improvements plan.

In the second round of bids by the Department for transport.

So Dorset , Wiltshire and Swindon, Gloucestershire bus service improvements plan are approved by the secretary of state for Transport mark Harper mp or buses minister Richard Horton mp buses minister.

*When will the Region coach interchanges and main line coach study be published
By Western Gateway transport Board.*

With megabus coaches Falcon coaches services. National Express coaches.

*In view of the Mark Harper mp secretary of state for transport is visiting Transport for the
and the Northern mayors*

The west Midlands combined Authority.

Mayor and the Midlands Engine .

*What plan do the west Gateway transport Board and Peninsula transport Board have to
Regional stakeholders meeting with the secretary of state for Transport mark Harper mp
Buses minister Richard Horton mp
Hue merriman mp Railway minister.*

ANSWER:

**Bus Service Improvement Plans are the responsibility of the Local Transport Authorities.
The Western Gateway's Coach Strategy will be reported to the Board on 28 February
2023.**

**The Western Gateway Sub-national Transport Body will continue to engage with the
Department for Transport, Ministers and MPs.**

Questions 4 .

*What plans do the western gateway transport Board have to help the region bus and coach
operators recruit bus and coach Drivers .*

*With the local Enterprise partnerships and the Education and skills Department at local
councils.*

ANSWER:

**The Western Gateway STB is not involved in helping bus and coach operators to recruit
drivers.**

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