

## Western Gateway Sub-national Transport Body

### Board Meeting

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Date **28<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Title of report: **2023/24 Work Programme and Financial update**

Purpose of report: **To provide an update on work programme and budget position of Western Gateway Sub-National Transport Body.**

#### Recommendations:

The members of the Board are recommended to:

- I. To note the contents of the programme update report.
- II. To approve the annual member contribution of £20,000 per authority.

#### Introduction

1.1 This report contains an update on project progress by the Western Gateway Sub-national Transport Body's (STB) and its finances.

#### Work Programme

1.2 To date the STB Programme Management Team have delivered.

Delivered by	Project	Status
2019/20	Story of Place - Regional Evidence Base	Completed
	Economic Connectivity Study	Completed
	Major Road Network and Large Local Major scheme submission	Completed
	Sub-National Rail Strategy – Phase 1	Completed
2020/21	Port Access Study	Completed
	Sub-national Rail Strategy – Phase 2	Completed
	Strategic Transport Plan (2020-2025)	Completed
	Strategic Modelling Review Study	Completed
2021/22	Strategic Model	Completed
	Freight Strategy	Completed
	Rural Mobility Strategy	Completed

Delivered by	Project	Status
2022/23	Strategic Transport Plan Phase 1 Baseline Report	Amber – revised version being produced. Final version expected July 2023.
	Strategic Rail Phase 1	Completed
	Carbon Audit	Completed
	Coach Strategy	Amber – Final draft report to go to board June 23 for approval.
	Strategic Cycle Routes	Amber. First final report complete, additional work expected, to report by September 2023 Board
	Strategic Transport Plan Phase 2 Technical Assessment	Green. Completed March 2023.
	Alternative Fuels for Freight Phase 1	Green, additional work expected June 23.
	Alternative Fuels for Freight Phase 2	Green, expected to start March 2023. Led by Midlands Connect STB
	Strategic Transport Plan Phase 3 Strategic Report	Amber – project progressing to revised agreed timescale.
	Strategic Rail Phase 2	Green. Work on Cheltenham Spa and Heart of Wessex line is underway.
	Rural Making the case for investment	Green, final version published.
	Rural Phase 2	Green, ongoing work with Peninsula Transport STB for Rural Mobility pilots
	Freight Phase 2	Green, ongoing work by sub-groups
	Electric Vehicles	Green, joint regional demand assessment with Peninsula Transport STB has started.

### 1.3 Schemes - progress update:

Ref	Project	RAG	Reason for RAG if not Green	Progress to date	Next Period
1.6	STP Phase 2 Technical Assessment	A	Completion now expected July 23	Western Gateway Strategic Transport Model has been updated following DfT concerns about using the most up to date data and will be used to test the Business as Usual and Do Something scenarios. Revised strategic corridor reports expected July 2023.	Baseline report and four strategic corridor reports to be published on the Western Gateway website
1.7	STP Phase 3 Strategy	A	Revised programme for producing, engaging on and adopting the long term Strategic Plan is going to the Board on 28 June 2023. Revised adoption February 2023.	I&O paper has been produced, responses received and summarised	Publish I&O response summary on website. Use the insights and priorities gained from the engagement to inform the drafting of the Strategic Transport Plan. A full public consultation on the draft Strategic Transport Plan begins in October/ November 2023 Response/position statement for National Highways RIS3 consultation to be produced.
3.1	Freight Strategy Implementation and Freight Forums	G	Green, phase 2 work by sub-groups ongoing. Resourced currently via supplier and BCP.	Work and meetings with the sub-groups (Aviation & Maritime, Rail, Roads) are ongoing. Good attendance to the meetings. Completion of 1st year & monitoring report Progress has been reported on: - Potential locations for inter-modal rail freight terminals. - Pilot backloading schemes for operators in the SW	Ongoing work on the South West Freight Strategy's interventions. Agree on year 2 priorities with Peninsula Transport STB
4.3	Strategic Rail Phase 2	G	Green	Heart of Wessex and Cheltenham Spa work are ongoing. - Cheltenham Spa Capacity Analysis completed - GWR completed timetable capacity for Heart of Wessex Line	Heart of Wessex work due to report September 23. Cheltenham Spa will report in June 23.
5.2	Rural Phase 2	G	Green	Positive responses from the constituent authorities on interest in hosting pilots. Finalised project brief and will be a joint commission with Peninsula to facilitate rural mobility work.	Procurement process. Long List of Pilot locations
6	Coach Strategy	G	Green	Draft report was completed. Report has been sent to Board to be approved in June board (28/6)	Incorporate any comments to the draft report and submit final report. Confirmed programme of interventions
7	Strategic Cycle Routes	A	Amber - draft final report complete. Comments received from the board. Additional work taking place to address comments.	Proposal for additional work was shared with the board. Ongoing work with consultants to complete the additional work. Further work on the draft strategy around the prioritisation of cycle routes is required and agreement on the extension work.	Work still ongoing final report September 2023

Ref	Project	RAG	Reason for RAG if not Green	Progress to date	Next Period
8	Alternative Fuels for Freight Phase 1	G	Green - final report approved subject to additional work being undertaken.	Revised report going to the board 28/6/2023	
8.1	Alternative Fuels for Freight Phase 2	G	Midlands Connect are lined up to undertake the Phase 2 shortlisting of potential hydrogen refuelling and EV charging stations on behalf of the STBs.	Midlands Connect have received capacity and capability funding from the DfT to undertake Phase 2. Atkins and Cennex have been appointed.	Work to start on Phase 2 and report by September 2023
9	Electric Vehicles	G	Green	Work has now commenced on a first phase of evidence gathering and baselining led by Dorset Council with support from WECA to review existing LA strategies. Joint work with Peninsula agreed on the regional demand assessment. The inception meeting with Peninsula and the consultants was held. Draft reports completed for Opportunity to Shift Modes and Baselining & EV: Ready Inputs	Bi-weekly progress meetings has been set up. Ongoing work alongside peninsula and consultants. Draft report expected in September. Creating EV Forum with the local authorities
10	Carbon Tool	G	Green	Soft Launch of the Carbon baseline and forecasting tool (Workshop for TOG). Good level of engagement and feedback	Amending the tool and more workshops.

## 2023/24 Financial Year

1.4 To note funds were drawn down on a project-by-project basis. The underspend in the Department for Transport (DfT) funding has not been drawn down and the allocation has been therefore released. DfT grant figures for 23/24 to be approved by the DfT.

1.5 Seconded staff costs and comms support not recorded yet for 23/24 as collection takes place on a quarterly basis.

1.6 The Board is asked to approve the annual member contribution of £20,000 per authority.

Table A 2023/24

INCOME	Budget	Committed	Received	Forecast 23/24	Total Outturn	Variance Budget - Outturn
DfT Grant 20/21	£425,000	£425,000	£425,000	£0	£425,000	£0
DfT Grant 21/22	£346,980	£346,980	£346,980	£0	£346,980	£0
DfT Grant 22/23	£605,000	£302,500	£300,000	£0	£300,000	£-305,000
DfT Grant 23/24						
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>£1,376,980</b>	<b>£1,074,480</b>	<b>£771,980</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£1,071,980</b>	<b>£-305,000</b>
Local Authority carry over 21/22	£22,574	£22,574	£22,574	£0	£22,574	£0
Local Authority income 22/23	£180,000	£180,000	£180,000	£0	£180,000	£0
Local Authority income 23/24	£180,000	£180,000	£0	£180,000	£180,000	£0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>£382,574</b>	<b>£382,574</b>	<b>£202,574</b>	<b>£180,000</b>	<b>£382,574</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,759,554</b>	<b>£1,457,054</b>	<b>£974,554</b>	<b>£480,000</b>	<b>£1,454,554</b>	<b>£-305,000</b>

EXPENDITURE	Budget	Committed Spend	Spend	Remaining Forecast 22/23	Total Outturn	Variance Budget - Outturn
<b>Projects FY 23/24</b>	<b>£763,000</b>	<b>£204,000</b>	<b>£9,101</b>	<b>£549,899</b>	<b>£763,000</b>	<b>£0</b>
Strategic Transport Plan*	£47,500	£0	£1876	£45,624	£47,500	£0
Rural Mobility – pilot projects*	£117,500	£42,500	£1737	£115,763	£117,500	£0
Rail Strategy – incl. Heart of Wessex Line*	£147,500	£109,000	£2655	£144,845	£147,500	£0
Freight*	£72,500	£35,000	£1532	£70,968	£72,500	£0
Alternative Fuels for Freight*	£47,500	£0	£919	£46,581	£47,500	£0
Electric Vehicle Charging and Local Transport Plan support*	£47,500	£10,000	£0	£47,500	£47,500	£0
Centre of Excellence**	£47,500	£0	£191	£47,309	£47,500	£0
Quantifiable Carbon Reduction and Local Transport Plan support*	£47,500	£7,500	£191	£47,309	£47,500	£0
Business Case and Local Transport Plan support	£47,500	£0	£0	£47,500	£47,500	£0
Coach Strategy**	£47,500	£0	£0	£47,500	£47,500	£0
Strategic Cycling Network**	£47,500	£0	£0	£47,500	£47,500	£0
Ongoing costs	£45,500	£0	£0	£45,500	£45,500	£0
<b>STB General Costs</b>	<b>£233,000</b>	<b>£30,000</b>	<b>£14,538</b>	<b>£218,462</b>	<b>£233,000</b>	<b>£0</b>
Programme Management Team costs	£153,000	£0	£13,045	£139,955	£153,000	£0
Communication Support	£30,000	£30,000	£0	£30,000	£30,000	£0
Other and contingency	£50,000	£0	£1493	£48,507	£50,000	£0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£996,000</b>	<b>£234,000</b>	<b>£23,639</b>	<b>£738,361</b>	<b>£996,000</b>	<b>£0</b>

\* Funding allocated but awaiting confirmation

\*\* Establishing requirements ongoing

## **Consultation, communication and engagement**

- 2.1 This update has been discussed by the Programme Management Team and approved by the Senior Officer Group.

## **Equalities Implications**

- 3.1 No adverse impact on any protected groups.

## **Legal considerations**

- 4.1 The Western Gateway STB remains an informal non-statutory partnership.

## **Financial considerations**

- 5.1 The budget considerations are set out in this report.

## **Conclusion**

- 6.1 The Board is recommended to note the current 23/24 position and project progress.
- 6.2 The Board is asked to approve the annual member contribution of £20,000 per authority.

## **Contact Officer**

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