



INTEGRATED MOBILITY FORUM
10:00AM THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2020

Present:

Jim Grieve (Chair)

Jim Stewart
Hannah Markley
Andrew Ferguson
Julie Vinders
Anna Herriman
Doreen Steele
Barry Turner
Robina Barton
Ben Ritchie
Cllr Cathy Muldoon
Douglas Robertson
Duncan Hearsom
Kirsty Dunsmore
Greg McDougall
Katherine Soane
Cllr Laura Murtagh
Lorna Cunningham
Mike Harrison
Jenny Milne
Olga Anapryenka
Steve Cassidy

Midlothian Council

SEStran
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NCM
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ZetTrans
Lothian Buses
West Lothian Council
Stagecoach
Dial a Journey
SWestrans
City of Edinburgh Council
Transport for Edinburgh
Falkirk Council
West Lothian Council
Midlothian Disability Access Panel
JLM Consulting
Steer Group
Fusion Mobility

Apologies:

Sara Boyd
Cllr Claire Miller
Iain Reid
Cllr Dave Dempsey
Lindsay Haddow
Graham Meikejohn
Stacey Monteith
Keith Fisker
Nicola Gill
Susan Keenlyside
Matthew Davis

Lothian Buses
City of Edinburgh Council
East Lothian Council
Fife Council
Midlothian Council
First Group
City of Edinburgh Council
SEStran
West Lothian Council
Fife Council
Sustrans

Ref.		Actions
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
a)	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Jim Grieve welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.</p>	
2.	Minutes of IMF 10 October 2019	
a)	The minutes of the last meeting were approved.	
3.	PriiMaas Stakeholder Workshop	
a)	<p><i>Update on project activities, Governance issues around MaaS, Open Data, DRT and the MaaS Investment Fund</i></p> <p>Julie Vinders presented and mentioned additional members have been invited to the meeting to discuss PriMaas.</p> <p>There are 10 different partners across Europe. The objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote integration of transport modes • Prioritising low carbon and equitable mobility services • Increase international collaboration through the exchange of experience with stakeholders. <p>PriMaas aims to avoid inequality, encourage sustainable mobility and avoid higher costs and a digital gap (disconnecting users). Developing a vision for MaaS includes seamless transport, integration with societal goals that align to a national policy context.</p> <p>The second round of the MaaS Investment Fund is approaching. SEStran aims to submit a bid.</p> <p>The current challenges facing public transport are: a decade of falling patronage, increasing fares and longer journey times, and services being suspended and then having to recover as a result of the pandemic. Transport Scotland (TS) are supporting operators.</p> <p>An example of Commercial DRT is TfWales: Multi operator demand services, DRT vs fixed bus routes during Covid-19. MaaS offers a solution/help to address Covid 19 challenges. There are some barriers around Maas (mostly around open data). However through PriMaas we want to develop and work towards an action plan by making the most of our assets.</p> <p>Issue arising in questions included the potential for MaaS to reach hard to reach areas such as rural areas and new residential</p>	

	<p>developments, and governance issues. As regards governance, Julie Vinders confirmed that European models generally had a public sector led platform. Jenny Milne mentioned MaaS is led by the Finnish government through Whim.</p> <p>Andrew Ferguson highlighted that new housing developments are currently being looked at separately by way of engagement between SEStran and the Local Development Plan teams of the constituent planning authorities.</p> <p>He confirmed that SEStran are looking to put in some form of platform that can be accessed by all kinds of bus services in the SEStran area, including community transport. The advantage would be that buses won't be tied into fixed lines.</p> <p>SEstran is currently liaising with Viavan who are involved in commercial DRT projects in Kent and Wales. The Kent project appears to have worked because bus patronage has gone up and there has been more efficient use of vehicles (improved air quality & less miles travelled). The data gathered from DRT operations can also then be used to develop new fixed line routes.</p> <p>Andrew Ferguson also mentioned SEStran are working with 5 constituent local authorities to look at working with commercial DRT partners to create a platform with a view to bidding into the second round of the MaaS Investment Fund.</p>	<p>Julie Vinders</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>SHARE-North & Musselburgh plans</p>	
<p>a)</p>	<p><i>Naming exercise using Mural digital workspace</i></p> <p>Julie Vinders highlighted SEStran have been working with East Lothian Council on Mobility hubs in the region. This piece of work forms part of the SHARE – North project.</p> <p>Julie Vinders asked the group for input through an online workspace called Mural. Mural is an online platform to post comments in different boxes for brain storming. A few questions were prepared, and Julie Vinders asked the group to work collaboratively.</p> <p>Warm up Task- What do you miss the most and the least from your travel habits pre-Covid.</p> <p>Exercise 1 - 3 questions about sustainable travel Exercise 2 – 2 questions about your personal preferences Exercise 3 – Final questions</p> <p>SEStran will analyse and use the information on plans around mobility hubs; more specifically, looking at a hub in Musselburgh.</p>	<p>Julie Vinders</p>

5.	Regional Transport Strategy Update	
a)	<p><i>Main Issues Report (MIR)</i></p> <p>Jim Stewart gave an update on the RTS. SEStran have completed a MIR. The purpose of the MIR is to highlight the Main Issues for the SEStran area to input into the RTS.</p> <p>The rationale for a new RTS includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging policy directions • Emerging technological transport opportunities • Challenges for transport networks • Societal and demographic changes <p>The RTS Main Issues identified a total of 36 issues of which 10 main issues were identified. The full report can be accessed on the SEStran website.</p> <p>https://sestran.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/SEStran-Main-Issues-Report.pdf</p>	
b)	<p><i>The Next steps are listed below;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure consultancy support • Discussion and engagement with key partners • Main Issues Report sets the framework for discussion • SEStran forums will be involved in the process • Develop and produce a draft RTS • Undertake statutory assessment to support draft • Formal consultation on draft RTS • Finalise RTS • Seek Scottish Government approval of final RTS <p>Jim Stewart emphasised that the impact of Covid means there needs to be a more robust and flexible strategy. Currently we are refining the timescales and a draft of the Strategy will be presented to the board in September next year.</p> <p>Jim Stewart also noted Microsoft Teams and Mural will be useful to develop the strategy going forward and will ask consultancy to put forward how they plan to engage with stakeholders. Jim Stewart also mentioned consultancy support will basically include all elements of procurement.</p>	
6.	AOCB	
	<p>Julie Vinders mentioned an update on behalf of TS around the LEZ. Work is slowly picking up again and TS have made a LEZ support fund.</p>	

	https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/low-emission-zone-support-fund	
7.	Next meeting	
a)	<i>Round-up and review of discussions</i> Jim Grieve noted there is work to do on MaaS and on Commercial DRT. There is also a Mobility Hub exercise to try come up with a name that the public will understand. Jim Grieve will mention concerns about Spaces for People to the SCOTS executive meeting.	
b)	<i>Topics/priorities for next meeting</i> Email Julie Vinders with any ideas	
c)	<i>Date of next meeting</i> April 2021 (time and date tbc).	