

Apologies:

Councillor Mike Watson
Susan Keenlyside
Jim Grieve

Clackmannanshire Council
Fife Council
SEStran

Ref.		Actions
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	Councillor Macinnes welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.	
2.	Minutes of IMF 10 October 2020	
	The minutes of the last meeting were approved.	
3.	'Share-North Mobility Hubs' Presentation & Discussion	
	<p>Minze Walvius from Advier (Dutch consultancy) gave a presentation on Mobility Hubs in new housing developments with a main focus on the Netherlands.</p> <p>People who are using shared cars almost tripled during Covid and became members of car clubs. A hub is the starting point or transfer point where mobility services, people logistics and business smart are combined. A hub is a (social) connector/integrator.</p> <p>In response to a question regarding Electric Bike Highways and how these work,. Minze noted the Netherlands have developed new infrastructure or have combined existing bike infrastructure.</p> <p>In response to a question on number and spread how many mobility hubs and how far apart do you think is optimal for a city. Minze confirmed the Netherlands advise 300m from the home.</p> <p>It was agreed that the slides should be circulated following the meeting. The Chair thanked Minze for his interesting and informative presentation.</p>	

4.	Cycling Scotland, Cycling Friendly Programme Presentation & Discussion	
	<p>John Higham (Development Officer – Employers) from Cycling Scotland gave a presentation on cycling friendly programmes.</p> <p>Cycling Friendly programmes include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling Friendly communities • Cycling friendly campus • Cycling friendly schools • Cycling friendly social housing fund. <p>Cycling Friendly Employer supports workplaces across Scotland to take a leading role in increasing cycling to and at work. They set out guiding frameworks for workplaces to encourage and support staff to cycle.</p> <p>The cycling friendly employer development fund provides grants of up to £25,000 per site for improving cycling facilities such as bike racks. The fund is now open for 2021-22 funding Employer - Cycling Friendly - Our Programmes - Cycling Scotland</p> <p>Lesley Deans asked if cycle training should be delivered as part of the curriculum in order to ensure all children have the ability to cycle safely in the future, at the moment Bikeability is not delivered consistently across all LA areas. John Higham noted that it is not something he has done, but can provide contacts within the bikeability scheme. However it would be great to see this in the curriculum.</p> <p>Any further questions on Bikeability Scotland training in schools or adult cycle training please feel free to get in touch with Beth-Harley Jepson bethharleyjepson@cycling.scot</p>	
5.	Regional Transport Strategy Update	
	<p>Chris Paterson from Stantec gave a brief overview of the new SEStran RTS development.</p> <p>The Draft RTS will be produced over the next 6 months and the final RTS will be prepared and published in early 2022. Stantec are currently working on a case for change document and this will be complete for SEStran by early May 2021.</p> <p>Chris Paterson also advised the RTS development is being undertaken in accordance with the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG). The RTS has been developed by using a large engagement programme and by creating a public survey (998 responses for far). There has been a good level of engagement across all stakeholders.</p> <p>What Stantec tried to find out from each stakeholders;</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross boundary delivery problems • Specific problems those using active travel • Specific problems faced by car users, rail users, rail industry, bus users and the bus industry. <p>The next steps include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective setting • Long list options generation • Reporting case for change • Options appraisal and strategy developing <p>Jim Stewart confirmed that the Partnership Board will be continually notified on progress.</p>	
6.	DRT/MaaS Investment Fund	
	<p>Julie Vinders advised SEStran have been working on a project proposal to develop a regional MaaS platform using digital technology. SEStran have proposed to trial a DRT element as part of the project.</p> <p>A MaaS platform vision has been developed to tackle transport poverty especially in rural areas. A journey hub is being developed in Musselburgh and the first demonstrator project will be linked to this hub. The project also proposes to include a DRT trial with a transport operator in East Lothian, to trial DRT technology and flexible services in addition to existing fixed line bus services.</p> <p>A second demonstrator project has also been identified to trial DRT in North East Fife and the Scottish Borders.</p> <p>Julie Vinders highlighted that, depending on the outcome of the MaaS Investment Fund round 2 bid, a number of demonstrator projects will be taken forward. The awards are likely to be made by the end of April. SEStran will be informing key stakeholders with the MaaS investment fund outcome once announcements can be made. Andrew Ferguson noted SEStran are also looking at UK funding opportunities.</p>	
7.	Bus Partnership Fund	
a)	<p><u>Fife Bus Alliance</u> Fife have submitted two separate bids (West Fife and Central/North East Fife).</p>	
b)	<p><u>Forth Valley Bus Alliance</u> – The alliance involves all three LAs and the group have put together a bid with Stagecoach and First Group.</p>	
c)	<p><u>Edinburgh Corridor Group</u> A bid was created based on interventions on key corridors, in and out of Edinburgh city centre.</p>	

d)	<p><u>West Lothian Bus Alliance</u> A bid was not submitted in April, however the alliance is looking to submit in October.</p> <p>Matthew Davis flagged the importance of planning bus priority measures spatially on a strategic basis alongside improvements to walking and cycling.</p> <p>Anna Herriman noted SEStran are trying to maximise full use of the available fund across all parts of the region and will continue to support all alliances/bids.</p>	
8.	Regional Transport Transition Group	
	<p>Julie Vinders gave a brief update on the Regional Transport Transition Group. In response to Covid, SEStran become involved in a working group in the South East of Scotland region with all LA partners to develop a transport transition plan for immediate temporary measures; e.g. public transport to respond to Covid 19.</p> <p>The Scottish Government provided £10 million to support the rapid deployment of bus priority infrastructure by local authorities. LAs in the South East of Scotland were awarded £1.2m for pop up bus priority measures. Led by the City of Edinburgh Council, the South East Scotland Transport Transition Group has worked with bus operators and SEStran to develop the measures.</p>	
9.	AOCB	
	None	
10.	Next Meeting	
	Date of Next Meeting – 7 th October 2021	