



Logistics & Freight Forum
Wednesday 19th May 2021, 2pm
Microsoft Office Teams

Present:

Cllr Colin Davidson (Chair)

Andrew Beveridge
 Ken Gourlay
 Jane Findlay
 Stuart Fargie
 Matthew Roberts
 John Mitchell
 Ian McCrory
 Marianne Bull
 Michel Drever
 Dorothy Smith
 Jim Grieve
 Keith Fisker
 Jim Stewart
 Anna Herriman
 Peter Jackson
 Hannah Markley
 Greg McDougall
 Jonathan Cowie
 Douglas Norris
 Simon Hindshaw
 Doreen Steele
 Johannes Betz
 Eilis Garvey
 Kevin Collins
 Laura McIntyre
 Mags Simpson
 Greg March
 Karl Watts
 Ronnie McCrone
 Chris Paterson
 Rose Tweedale
 Michael McDonnell
 Justin Huthersall
 Jim May
 Gavin Roser

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 WHM
 Stantec
 Transport Scotland
 Road Safety Scotland
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 Transport Scotland
 European Freight Leaders

Lesley Deans
 Darren McEwan
 David Prescott
 Ella Tallyn

Clackmannanshire Council
 PepsiCo
 Victa Rail Freight
 University of Edinburgh

Apologies:

Andrew Malcolm
 Chris Clarke

Malcolm Group
 Transport Scotland

Ref.		Actions
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.	
2.	Review of Last Meeting	
	Cllr Davidson highlighted the Forth Freight study is now complete and the Levenmouth project is now looking at a potential mobility hub.	
3.	Forth Freight Study Update	
	<p>Keith Fiskien advised that the freight study was progressed in 2020 and the case for change report was submitted to Transport Scotland.</p> <p>Chris Paterson from Stantec gave a brief overview of the new SEStran RTS development because there is a freight element involved in the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS). Chris will provide members with slides.</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 have handed in their Case for Change first draft to SEStran. Preliminary Options Appraisal will be completed next in the summer.</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 (around 1000 responses). There has been a good level of engagement across all stakeholders.</p> <p>SEStran published a Main Issue report in June 2020. Stantec have used the outcomes of the main issues report to help build the Case for Change report. The document also considers the RTS main issues against NTS2 themes (reducing inequalities, taking climate action etc).</p> <p>What Stantec tried to find out from each stakeholder;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cross boundary delivery problems •Specific problems those using active travel 	Jim Stewart

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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 	
4.	Road Safety Scotland (RSS) presentation	
	<p>Michael McDonnell, Director of Road Safety Scotland gave a brief presentation regarding the ‘Only an Excuse’ RSS Speeding Campaign for 30-55 year olds.</p> <p>RSS have produced resources online for children up to 18 years old.</p> <p>Road safety have tackled ‘The Fatal Four’:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seatbelts (16%) • Speeding (excessive/inappropriate) • Distraction (mobiles/satnav/infotainment) • Drink/Drug-Driving (limits/licit/illicit) <p>The campaign was launched to align with Scotland’s road safety framework to 2030. The framework focuses on the Safe System (made up of 5 pillars) which aims to aid Scotland to have the best road safety performance in the world.</p> <p>Safe Road Use is one of the pillars and is the latest campaign. RSS have liaised with Police Scotland to ask what are the common excuses of speeding. Michael McDonnell also noted it takes 6 months before an air date for the campaign because data needs to be gathered first before the campaign goes live.</p> <p>A creative brief is then introduced, for example radio or video adverts. The ‘A Little Bit’ video is below: https://vimeo.com/516156371/6b4766909f</p> <p>Michael McDonnell is happy to respond to further questions by email: michael.mcdonnell@transport.gov.scot</p>	
5.	Evolution of Rail Freight	
	<p>Gregory March, Head of Policy Rail Operations (UK) Ltd gave a brief presentation of the Evolution of Rail Freight.</p> <p>The pandemic has seen record volumes for e-commerce. Royal Mail and private carries have reported record parcel volumes and unprecedented demand. Gregory March also mentioned E-commerce will continue to grow.</p>	

	<p>Gregory March described the Orion trains will allow on demand logistics by using next generation high speed logistic trains to support optimised end-to-end delivery. The aim is to simplify logistics.</p> <p>Cllr Colin Davidson noted it would be interesting to revisit Gregory March next year.</p>	
6.	Drones & Logistics	
	<p>Stuart Fargie from Fife Council gave a presentation on Drones & Logistics.</p> <p>Stuart Fargie highlighted the balanced business case approach;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic Case - Operation Case - Financial Case - Commercial Case - Legal Case <p>Stuart Fargie also noted pilot drones will be used for industrial buildings. Furthermore, drones will allow for future commercial trading opportunities, establish a service officering for external customers and introduce opportunities to develop income.</p> <p>The drone strategy plan is below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Year 1: Operational - Year 2: Income Generation - Year 3- Future Next Steps <p>Stuart Fargie highlighted the councils still to make several decisions.</p>	
7.	GeoPact - Technology & Logistics	
	<p>Ella Tallyn, University of Edinburgh, presented the GeoPact project to the group.</p> <p>Keith Fiskien highlighted the GeoPact project is part of SEStrans Block Chain European project. https://northsearegion.eu/bling/</p> <p>Smart Contracts in Action can use location data to make programmatic agreements about what happens when something is in a particular location. Ella Tallyn mentioned Geopact is a smart objective with technological systems.</p> <p>Ella Tallyn also noted GeoPact has worked with Zedify and University receptionists by using the lockbox and phone app. The next steps include considering future transport planning within government and build on the Geoblockly workshop.</p>	

8.	AOB	
	<p>Greg McDougall from City of Edinburgh Council advised that the City of Edinburgh Council are hosting a city freight forum in early June to begin the process of formally addressing freight and servicing in the city, particularly as the City Mobility Plan contains a policy on freight management. If anyone is interested, then members are to contact greg.mcdougall@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>	
9.	Date of next meeting	
	November 2021 (TBC)	