

SEStran Partnership Board Minutes

2.00pm, Friday 29 October 2021 (Special Meeting)

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Present

Name

Organisation Title

Cllr Gordon Edgar (Chair)	Scottish Borders Council
Laura Alexander	Non-Councillor Member
Cllr Donald Balsillie	Clackmannanshire Council
Cllr Colin Davidson	Fife Council
Cllr Dave Dempsey	Fife Council
Cllr Jim Fullarton	Scottish Borders Council
Vivienne Gray	Non-Councillor Member
Cllr Paul Garner (substituting for Cllr Collie)	Falkirk Council
Cllr Norman Hampshire	East Lothian Council
Simon Hindshaw	Non-Councillor Member
Cllr Chris Horne	West Lothian Council
Cllr Russell Imrie	Midlothian Council
Richard Llewellyn	Non-Councillor Member
Cllr Claire Miller	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Cathy Muldoon	West Lothian Council
Cllr Laura Murtagh	Falkirk Council
Cllr Cameron Rose	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Peter Smail	Midlothian Council
Doreen Steele	Non-Councillor Member
Barry Turner	Non-Councillor Member
Paul White	Non-Councillor Member

In Attendance

Kevin Collins	Falkirk Council
Angela Chambers	SEStran

Cheryl Fergie	SEStran
Peter Forsyth	East Lothian Council
Ken Gourlay	Fife Council
Jim Grieve	SEStran
Anna Herriman	SEStran
Scott Leitham	Stantec
Graeme Malcolm	West Lothian Council
Daisy Narayanan	City of Edinburgh Council
Jim Stewart	SEStran
Sarah Stirling	City of Edinburgh Council
Julie Vinders	SEStran

**Apologies for
Absence**

Cllr Fiona Collie	Falkirk Council
Cllr Craig Hoy	East Lothian Council
Cllr Lesley Macinnes	City of Edinburgh Council
Catherine Thomson	Non-Councillor Member

A1. Regional Transport Strategy 2035: Update Report

An update was provided on the completion of the draft Regional Transport Strategy (RTS), in advance of wide consultation. The draft RTS concluded a period of preparatory consultations, statutory assessments and engagement. Approval by the Board was sought to allow the full consultation period to commence on the draft RTS Appendix 1.

A short update was also provided on the Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 (STPR2) process, which contained priorities for regional mobility that would shape the content of the RTS. The next steps were outlined in the process. In addition, the relationship of the emerging RTS to the ongoing development of the STPR2 was considered.

Scott Leitham of Stantec provided a presentation to the Board on the RTS, focusing on the spatial strategy.

Jim Stewart advised that the proposed 12 week consultation period would be extended by two weeks as it would run over the Christmas period and that a glossary of terms would be included in the draft RTS.

Decision

- 1) To note the terms of the new draft RTS 2035.

- 2) To approve the draft RTS for further consultation and engagement, as set out in the report, all in terms of section 6 of the Transport (Scotland) Act, 2005.
- 3) To approve the SEA and EqIA for publication alongside the draft RTS.
- 4) To delegate to the Partnership Director any minor or non-substantive amendments necessary prior to its publication.
- 5) To request inclusion of the following points in the draft RTS:
 - i) Reference to and consideration to be given to themes of value for money, efficiency and reduction of congestion.
 - ii) Further embedding and emphasis of overall journey reduction as part of modal shift.
 - iii) Provision and maintenance of electric car chargers within Park and Ride facilities.
 - iv) Maintenance funding for infrastructure.
- 6) To note that, following full consultation and engagement, the RTS would be brought back to the Board with recommendations for any changes arising from the consultation and engagement process, prior to onward transmission to the Scottish Ministers.

(References – SEStran Partnership Board, 24 September 2021 (item A5); report by the Strategy and Projects Officer, submitted)

A2. Dates of Next Meetings

Decision

To note that the next meeting of the Partnership Board would be held on Friday 3 December 2021 at 10am.