

INTEGRATED MOBILITY FORUM
10:00AM THURSDAY 27TH APRIL 2023

Present:

Cllr Sally Pattle	West Lothian Council
Brian Butler	SEStran
Beth Harley-Jepson	SEStran
Hattie James	SEStran
Keith Fiskin	SEStran
Nikki Both	SEStran
Peter Jackson	SEStran
Tom Flanagan	SEStran
Kevin Collins	Falkirk Council
Ewan Doyle	Scottish Borders Council
Sarah Elliott	Stagecoach Buses
Cllr Russell Imrie	Midlothian Council
Gary Bell	Paths for All
Ben Ritchie	Lothian Buses
Cllr Dianne Alexander	Midlothian Council
Madeleine Bell	Midlothian Council
Rachael Murphy	CoMoUK
Cllr Tom Conn	West Lothian Council
Gordon Brown	West Lothian Council
Cllr Robin Lawson	Fife Council
Tony McRae	Fife Council
Mark Craske	NHS Forth Valley
Mark Speed	Tactran
George Callaghan	Falkirk Council
Ewan Tait	Scotrail
Andrew MacLeod	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Danny Aston	City of Edinburgh Council
Rebecca Taylor	Scottish Government
Ross Prentice	Prentice Coaches
Paul White	CPT UK
Carlos Soto	Sustrans
Doreen Steele	NCM
John Scott	McGill Buses
Cllr Derek Glen	Fife Council
Greg McDougall	City of Edinburgh Council
Ruth White	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Ruaridh Bennett	East Lothian Council

Apologies:

Cllr Jane Cox	Scottish Borders Council
Linda Bamford	NCM
George Lowder	Transport for Edinburgh
Gillian Bathgate	Midlothian Council

Cllr Jule Bandel
 Cllr Jenny Linehan
 Cllr Marie-Clair Munro
 Christopher Cox
 Susan Keenlyside
 Chris Milne
 Cllr Margaret Anslow
 Cllr John McMillan
 Siobhan Eke
 Iain Sneddon
 Katharine Brough
 Cllr Denis Coyne
 Emma Crowther

City of Edinburgh Council
 Scottish Borders Council
 City of Edinburgh Council
 Falkirk Council
 Fife Council
 East Lothian Council
 Falkirk Council
 East Lothian Council
 Mobility Ways
 NHS Lothian
 Cycling Scotland
 Clackmannanshire Council
 Edinburgh University

Ref.		Actions
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	Councillor Pattle welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies were noted as above.	
2.	Minutes of IMF - 6th October 2022	
	The minutes of the last meeting were approved.	
3.	Terms of Reference	
	<p>SP explained that the current Terms of Reference written in 2018 when the Integrated Mobility Forum was formed now require a refresh. SP explained that parts of the current Terms of Reference are no longer relevant and suggested that a short-term working group be set up to update the Terms of Reference. SP will then report back at the next IMF meeting in October with the updated Terms of Reference. Anyone who would like to be part of this working group should contact Brian Butler (brian.butler@sestran.gov.uk) or Nikki Boath (nikki.boath@sestran.gov.uk).</p> <p>Cllr Conn and Ewan Doyle confirmed that they would like to be part of the working group.</p>	TC/ED
4.	RTS – Next Steps	
	<p>BB explained that the RTS was signed off by the Transport Minister in March 2023. BB highlighted that SEStran are now in the process of devising a communications and engagement plan. This plan will enable SEStran to work closely with partners to deliver the RTS. BB explained the keys steps in the process which include 2 statutory obligations. These are a Strategic Environmental Assessment undertaken by the consultants who supported SEStran with the development of the RTS and secondly advertising the RTS in The Scotsman. The RTS will also be widely circulated to stakeholders. BB highlighted that the stakeholder engagement plan was vital and outlined “big ticket” items such as Bus initiatives, Active</p>	

	<p>Travel, MaaS (Mobility as a Service), DRT (Demand Responsive Transport) and Rail Freight.</p> <p>BB explained that SEStran are developing GIS showing all current transport projects within the region. This will enable SEStran to work with stakeholders to identify gaps and prioritise key transport issues.</p> <p>BB also explained that SEStran will work with partners to explore the viability of establishing pooled resources to help resource-poor councils deliver critical projects. BB highlighted that this item will be discussed at the next Chief Officers' Liaison Group in May.</p> <p>BB mentioned that SEStran are planning to create a Centre of Excellence which would involve working with other Regional Transport Partnerships looking at national level strategies.</p> <p>The final step is monitoring and reporting of the RTS and the short term focus will be on establishing the best ways to measure outcomes.</p> <p>BB commented that he will send out the final version of RTS to all Forum members following this meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Conn asked if other partners could let him know about any Community Transport initiatives in their areas, particularly with regard to replacing discontinued bus services. A discussion followed regarding Community Transport issues and Cllr Pattle highlighted the Midlothian Bus Study https://midlothianbpf.consultation.ai/. BB mentioned that the SEStran Partnership Board Meeting in June will be a bus related meeting, and also committed to raising Cllr Conn's question with the other Regional Transport Partnerships.</p> <p>RM suggested including David Kelly of Community Transport Association to Forum list.</p> <p>RM also highlighted that a piece of DRT research is to be published shortly with a follow up event in a couple of weeks. RM will invite HJ to the event and forward the research to both HJ & BB.</p>	<p>BB</p> <p>All</p> <p>BB</p> <p>NB</p> <p>RM</p>
5.	GO SEStran (DRT MaaS) and VoyagAR	
	<p>HJ explained that there are approx 1200 people using the GO SESEtran app and that 85% of those journeys have been classed as sustainable. HJ also mentioned that there is an app evaluation being done and encouraged anyone who had used the app to provide feedback. The link is https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GoSEStran2023</p>	All

	<p>HJ explained that funding has been secured via Smarter Choices for Smarter Places until March 2024 for SEStran and Tactran who share the same platform for their apps. The further development of the app is currently in early stages. HJ mentioned that this may include eticketing and links to Thistle Assistance Card and VoyagAR.</p> <p>HJ informed the group that Tactran and SEStran have created a collaborative group called Integrated Mobility Partnership Scotland (IMPS). This group is open to other RTPs, local authorities or third parties who are looking to develop MaaS apps within their region.</p> <p>HJ mentioned that a new DRT service called Pingo in partnership with Prentice Coaches and The Routing Company has been launched, and runs between Haddington Community Hospital and Humbie, Tranent and villages on these routes. HJ highlighted that this service has been integrated into the GO-SEStran app. HJ also highlighted that Pingo is also the service run within Scottish Borders Council area.</p> <p>VoyagAR update – SEStran are looking to launch an app which would enable door to door journey planning for people with mobility challenges. The aim is to make travelling by public transport more accessible to all. HJ explained that although testing is still in the early stages, it is hoped that the VoyagAR app will be included within the GO-SEStran app.</p>	
6.	GO E-Bike – Next Steps	
	<p>BHJ provided an update on GO E-Bike scheme which has been running in East Lothian and Midlothian. BHJ explained that Bewegen are no longer willing to operate the scheme which will impact the various schemes in Scotland. BHJ explained that SEStran have been in discussions with Bewegen to try and resolve the issues however this has not been possible. BHJ mentioned that SEStran are meeting with East Lothian and Midlothian to discuss the scheme and identifying ways to close the sites down.</p> <p>BHJ explained that the allocated spend for this scheme has been redistributed to other existing community-based GO E-bike projects across the region.</p> <p>A discussion followed regarding Bewegen’s reasons for no longer operating the scheme. BB explained that there is a combination of factors which include lack of income from ridership, bike vandalism and loss of bikes.</p>	

	<p>There was a further discussion regarding alternative bike schemes including dockless bikes. RM provided a link to a bike share report: https://www.como.org.uk/shared-bikes/overview-and-benefits</p> <p>BB highlighted that SEStran will now need to review their e-bike strategy.</p> <p>SP requested an e-bike update be brought to the IMF meeting in October.</p>	BHJ
7.	Bus Partnership and RTPi	
	<p>RTPi has been running for a number of years. The data provision and tracking buses in real time is improving. SEStran are continuing to invest with local authority partners to install updated screens across the region. CEC are also in the process of replacing their old bus tracker screens. There are 4 screens being installed in strategic sites within Midlothian over the coming months. KF highlighted that the big part of the work is data management. This means working with operators to ensure the right data is provided. KF explained the need to work with local authority partners using the software system which SEStran helped fund, to update local authority services and input them into the system. KF mentioned that if anyone would like to provide suggestions for new sites to contact him (keith.fisken@sestran.gov.uk).</p> <p>RI asked if all operators information will be included on the system. KF confirmed smaller operators are being integrated into the system.</p> <p>DA enquired if any screens were going to be located in supermarkets and mentioned Tesco Midlothian site. DA also asked if older screens could be reused in outlying areas. KF said that site surveys are being undertaken in Penicuik, Bonnyrigg and Dalkeith. KF will include the Tesco site as an option too. KF confirmed that the old screens will cease to work and will be removed and recycled and the poles can be reused.</p> <p>TC enquired about the possibility of installing a screen in public house. KF asked TC to provide him with the landlord details.</p>	KF TC
8.	AOCB	
	<p>RT asked if there was any data available about the number of people travelling from Shawfair to work at the Royal Infirmary. RT also asked if there are other connectivity improvements that could be made for those working at Royal Infirmary. RI explained both Edinburgh and Midlothian have an Active Travel Programme. RI explained that developer contributions will go towards providing infrastructure and highlighted that</p>	

	this is programmed in and will enable people to cycle from Shawfair to RI.	
9.	Next Meeting	
a)	<p>Topics/priorities for next meeting –</p> <p>TM asked if Integrated Ticketing on Public Transport services could be included as a topic at the next meeting.</p>	
b)	Date of Next Meeting – 5 th October 2023	