



INTEGRATED MOBILITY FORUM
10:00AM THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2024

Present:

Cllr Sally Pattle (Chair)(SP)	West Lothian Council
Cllr Russell Imrie (RI)	Midlothian Council
Cllr Colin Cassidy (CC)	Midlothian Council
Cllr Tom Conn (TC)	West Lothian Council
Cllr Jenny Linehan (JL)	Scottish Borders Council
Linda Bamford (LB)	NCM, SEStran
Doreen Steele (DS)	NCM, SEStran
Brian Butler (BB)	SEStran
Cheryl Fergie (CF)	SEStran
Sarah Junik (SJ)	SEStran
Rachael Murphy (RM)	SEStran
Sandra Lavergne (SL)	SEStran
Rebecca Smith (RS)	SEStran
George Hazel (GH)	George Hazel Consultancy
Ben Ritchie (BR)	Lothian Buses
Katharine Brough (KB)	Cycling Scotland
Keith Fiskien (KF)	SEStran
Michael Melton (MM)	SEStran
Aileen Webster (AW)	Forth Valley College
Ewan Doyle (ED)	Scottish Borders Council
Emma Crowther (EC)	Edinburgh University
Mark Speed (MS)	Tactran
Tony McRae (TMCr)	Fife Council
Jamie Robertson (JR)	City of Edinburgh Council
Chris Towers (CT)	Transpennine Express
Desmond Bradley (DB)	Scotrail
Grant Coltart (GC)	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Gareth Williams (GW)	Prosper
Ruth White (RW)	City of Edinburgh Council
Carlos Soto (CS)	Sustrans

Apologies:

Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Kayleigh O'Neill	City of Edinburgh Council
Bruce Kiloh	SPT
Jennifer Watson	Transport Scotland
Susan Keenlyside	Fife Council
George Lowder	Transport for Edinburgh
Sarah Elliott	Stagecoach Buses
David Kelly	Community Transport Association
Rebecca Taylor	Scottish Government

Ref.		Actions
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	<p>Cllr Pattle welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.</p> <p>David Kelly sent his apologies and requested Cllr Pattle to highlight the Community Transport Awareness Week running from 14th to the 18th of October. RM provided the link for this in the chat facility. https://ctauk.org/ctweek24</p>	
2.	Minutes of IMF – 25th April 2024 and matters arising	
	<p><u>Matters arising from the last minutes:</u></p> <p>Cllr Imrie updated on the Edinburgh Bus Station. Discussions are ongoing with the bus station owners, the IMF members will be kept updated.</p> <p>AW confirmed that she has met with SP to discuss funding in Clackmannanshire.</p> <p>ED will pick up the action to share a template of the checklist used by Scottish Borders Council with KF.</p> <p>Access to healthcare will include community transport, the programme that we had laid out hasn't taken place in the form that we initially thought. RM is in talks with Public Health Scotland and NHS boards to establish relationships.</p> <p>The minutes were approved as a correct record.</p>	
3.	People and Place – Delivery and Future Plans Update – Presentation by Rebecca Smith and Michael Melton	
	<p>Rebecca Smith and Michael Melton updated the forum on delivery and plans of the People and Place Project. The updates covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue and capital, programme delivery themes and events • Current projects – there are 100 around the region • Brompton Bike lockers at Queen Margaret University and Sheriffhall Park and Ride • Cabinet Secretary visit at Active Travel sites around Edinburgh • Local Authority Workshop received great feedback 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a 5-year plan to further prioritise funding based on local and regional priorities with the aim to partially mitigate the impact of single year funding • Six intervention areas • Addition of sustainable transport for 25/26 – the budget is still to be confirmed for this <p>SL placed the following link into the chat facility https://usmart.io/org/sestran/</p> <p>RS placed a news article link into the chat facility https://www.midlothianview.com/news/foldaway-bikes-can-now-be-hired-for-5-at-sheriffhall-park-ride</p> <p>RS placed the Brompton Bike link into the chat facility https://bromptonhire.com/ - Use the code Sestrans2024 for your chance to get a three-day Brompton bike hire for free</p> <p>AW and GC requested to see the first draft of the 5-year strategy.</p> <p>LB noted that the £10m announced for active travel this week actually means that the £23m reduction announced a few weeks ago will now be a £13m reduction.</p> <p>SP suggested if people want to get involved in SEStran’s work to get in touch.</p>	MM
4.	Regional Bus Strategy – Rachael Murphy & Keith Fiskén	
	<p>Rachael Murphy presented slides on the Regional Bus Strategy. This included work so far, the Case for Change and next steps. The Case for Change was signed off by SEStran board in June 2024 and will give clearer visions and objectives.</p> <p>RM highlighted the network is complicated and will look differently around the region. There is a mix of rural and urban and everybody should be served. The key to behaviour change is to make the bus network more attractive to everyone.</p> <p>The first draft of policies has been received from Systra and Stantec. SEStran will organise sessions with LAs and operators to consider these. Once this has happened, findings will be shared at forums etc.</p> <p>RM encouraged members to take part in a Regional Bus Strategy workshop, and to get in touch before the end of October. Her email address is rachael.murphy@sestran.gov.uk</p>	

	<p>RI noted the existing network must be corrected before it can be expanded. Congestion is a huge problem. RM agreed and would like to hear from operators and authorities to help with policies. The pause of the Bus Partnership Fund, which is designed to tackle problems like these, is frustrating but work is continuing in the background.</p> <p>TC highlighted problems with bus services in West Lothian. The public need to see sustainable and deliverable bus network and longer-term objectives need to be realistic.</p> <p>GH noted there is a lack of power and control. Discussions need to take place about governance. There is a need to look at appraisal methods as buses bring investment.</p> <p>BB pointed out that the Cab Sec has said buses are a priority and is trying to source additional funding but this may take time. Governance will be picked up in the Case for Change.</p>	
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5.	Rail	
	<p><u>City and Region Challenges and Opportunities – Presentation by Jamie Robertson, City of Edinburgh Council</u></p> <p>JR presented slides to the members on the future challenges and opportunities for transport in Edinburgh. The main opportunities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers/Policy • Heavy Rail • Regional Reform • Funding & Levy's • Park & Ride • Light Rail • Bus <p>The following points were also covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population is rising • Car traffic increasing • One of fastest growing regions in Europe • Bus priorities • Double Lothian bus fleet • Bus v Tram • Regional benefit of North South Tram plan from City Mobility Plan • Rail priorities, need for investment • The need for investment in infrastructure <p>DB noted Scotrail have started a procurement service for new trains, are looking at electrification of services. Autumn and winter should see improvements to services.</p> <p>RI said transport is key, there needs to be integration of trams. Scottish government need to invest in more rolling stock.</p> <p>AW commented you've highlighted nicely how a person's travels often come down to cost. If there is integrated/subsidised ticketing this could alleviate some of this.</p> <p><u>Transpennine Express Update – Presentation by Chris Towers, Stakeholder & Development Manager, TransPennine Express</u></p> <p>Chris Towers presented slides on the Hull Paragon Interchange, this is a transport interchange providing rail, bus</p>	

	<p>and coach services, its one of the largest transport hubs in the UK. The following points were covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Central area with links to the ferry and Manchester Airport • Who customers are • Staff are there for safety, security, advice, support & guidance • Safety hub • Impact and success of the hub • Modes include Walking and Wheeling, cycling, train, bus, taxi and private car • Entrance to the station is secure, bright with clear signage and space to circulate • A railway station is not just a hub to get from A-B, it's a place where transport is easy, joined up and simple, long or short distance <p>CS was happy to see Active Travel considerations.</p> <p>LB commented it was good to see so much thought and planning behind the Safer Paragon Hub and station entrance design.</p> <p>CT encouraged members to put any questions they had into the chat facility of the meeting. He placed the following link to the virtual walkthrough of the station in the chat https://mystationview.com/</p>	
6.	Terms of Reference – Update by Brian Butler	
	<p>Brian Butler provided an update on the Integrated Mobility Forum's Terms of Reference. He ran through the purpose of the forum, the proposed next steps and asked if anyone had any interest in assisting with the update to get in touch.</p> <p>The aim is to present the revised Terms of Reference to the next meeting of the Integrated Mobility Forum for approval then to the following meeting of the Partnership Board for formal adoption.</p>	BB
7.	AOCB	
8.	Next Meeting	
a)	Topics/priorities for next meeting – There were no topics suggested.	
b)	Date of Next Meeting – TBC April 2025	