

MINUTES OF MEETING

MEETING SUBJECT	ADEPT Transport & Connectivity Board	MEETING DATE	10 September 2021
RECORDED BY	Anushia Vettivelu	TIME	10:00 -13:00
		VENUE	TEAMs

ATTENDEES PRESENT	<p>Mark Kemp (MK) (CHAIR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allan Creedy (AC) • Ann Carruthers (ACA) • Anushia Vettivelu (AV) • Ceren Clulow (CC) • Chris Henning (CH) • Clive Thompson (CT) • David Boyer (DB) • David Davies (DD) • Ed Plowden (EP) • Edward Shortridge (ES) • Gary Bartlett (GB) • Graham Bygrave (GB) • Ian Achurch (IA) • John Lamb (JL) • Paul Copeland (PC) • Paul Fermer (PF) • Paul Rusted (PR) • Pam Turton (PT) • Peter Molyneux (PM) • Peter Walker (PW) • Rob Wainwright (RW) • Shona Butter (SB) • Simon Jeffrey (SJ) • Stuart Proffitt (SP) • Stephen Fidler (SF) • Suzanne Winkels (SW)
APOLOGIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Smith • Hannah Bartram • John Kelly • Kamal Panchal • Kevin Hargreaves • Mark Cobin

ITEM		BY WHO	ACTION WHEN
1 & 2	Welcome and apologies, minutes of last meeting & matters arising	MK	Agreed

<p>3</p>	<p><u>Updates from National Organisations</u></p> <p>Department for Transport – Stephen Fiddler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spending Review (SR21) will be a multi-year review, it will set resource and capital budgets for 2022-23 to 2024-25 it will conclude alongside the Autumn Budget 2021. Returns for the Spending Review need to be submitted by 13th September this will then allow a short period for discussion. • Note of thanks to all for responding to the Notice of Intent • Authorities/Bus Operators have been requested to complete a table providing financial information for bus services. A series of webinar will be held to help the process and ensure information is provided to reflect individual authorities. • The Bus Recovery Grant is trying to reintroduce commerciality back into the market. • DfT have requested Operators confirm their baseline data for services within the next fortnight. They are required to have this signed off with the local authority they operate within. <p>(CH) – The software market has changed, it is now being bought as a service and this provides limitation as the majority of funding allocated is Capital focused this does not allow authorities the opportunity to invest in products that could have a benefit to the highway network.</p> <p>Local Government Association – Simon Jeffery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that are being considered for the next few months; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The challenges of freight – understanding what the issues are across England. - E -Scooters – For places that are not holding trials and private e-scooters - What does local government think about the requirement for road user charging options - Early 2022 – potentially a small project on drones <p>Association of Transport Co-ordinating Officers (Jason Salter)</p> <p>No Update</p>		
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Updates from Working Groups</u></p> <p>The National Traffic Managers Forum – Kevin Hargreaves</p> <p>No Update</p> <p>The Rights of Way Working Group – Shona Butter</p> <p>*Please refer to update paper</p> <p>The Road Safety Working Group - Paul Copeland</p> <p>*Please refer to update paper</p> <p>(DD) - Presentations from the New Road Safety Strategy stakeholder conference is available on the PACTS website.</p> <p>If there are questions and queries around safety cameras/policy send them to (PC), an informal internal Q & A will be compiled to support Adept Members</p>	<p>ALL & PC</p>	

	<p>Questions</p> <p>(PF) Has there been discussions on speed limits and the dynamic between road safety and place? Lower speed limits need to be done in a manner that makes them work and changes the environment, so speed limits are realistic.</p> <p>(GB) – When will the DfT Speed Camera review be completed? Indications are towards the end of 2021.</p> <p>The Traffic Systems Working Group – Adrian Gray</p> <p>*Please refer to update paper</p> <p>(AG) and (PC) have completed a guidance note on SID/SLRs - to be circulated with minutes.</p> <p>The Digital Connectivity Group - Ceren Clulow</p> <p>*Please refer to update paper</p>	AV	
5.	<p>Transport Decarbonisation Plan - Ed Shortridge</p> <p>A workshop was held in August where comments/feedback were provided on the draft paper. This has been captured in the position paper which is split into the following key areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key messages from the Transport Decarbonisation Plan; What it does it mean for Local Transport Plans? How does it support local authorities? What will be the impact be on strategic transport bodies? What are the implications on modes of travel e.g., walking, cycling, buses, & HGVs, rail & freight, electrical charging and transport infrastructure? • Where there are gaps and weaknesses in the Plan? The plan places to much reliance on innovation & technology, it does not address behavioural change, does not include targets for mileage reduction, there is no extra funding for active travel and transport, it should not focus on residential EV charging points and explore other charging models and it underestimates the challenge to switch to electric vehicles. • Areas where ADEPT has further questions; What is the government’s long-term strategy to address high bus and train fares? What are the government’s plans for monitoring the success and producing future revisions of the Plan? How does the government intend to deal with residual emissions left on the network in 2050? How will the plan be monitored and reviewed to ensure it aligns with the new post-COVID-19 ‘normal’? • Where Adept requires more clarification More detail is needed on how the government will encourage a switch to EVs, further detail on the government’s plan to roll out electric vehicle charging infrastructure and Local highway authorities will require further guidance to develop future LTPs. 		

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ITEM	<u>Session 2:</u>
6.	<p>Network Rail – Level Crossing Strategy Group (LCSG) / Leading Health and Safety on Britain's Railways (LHSBR)- Rob Wainwright</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Presentation attached</i>
7.	<p>Update from Sustrans - Ed Plowden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Presentation attached</i>
8.	<p>Canals and River Trust - Peter Walker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Presentation attached</i>
9.	AOB
	Date of Next Meeting – 10th December 2021 (VIA TEAMS)