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Glasgow Bus Partnership (GBP) Steering Group Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Monday 22nd May 2023 – 2pm to 4pm

Attendees:

Independent Chair:	Joan Aitken	(JA)
GCC:	Chris Paterson	(CP)
	Harjinder Gharyal	(HG)
	Lindsay Richardson	(LR)
	Stephen Macleod	(SML)
	Steve Gray	(SGR)
West Dunbartonshire:	Gail MacFarlane	(GMF)
Renfrewshire:	Alastair Scott	(AS)
South Lanarkshire:	Stuart Laird	(SL)
SPT:	Bruce Kiloh	(BK)
	Donald Booth	(DB)
	Gordon Dickson	(GDK)
First Bus:	Duncan Cameron	(DC)
Jacobs:	Andrew Kelly	(AK)
	Calum Robertson	(CR)
	Thomas Bisset	(TB)
Steer:	John Geelan	(JG)
Transport Scotland:	Amy Phillips	(AP)
	Bettina Sizeland	(BS)
	Nicola Blaney	(NB)
	Sharon Wood	(SW)

Apologies:

Andy Waddell, Glasgow City Council
Christine Francis, Glasgow City Council
Craig Cameron, Transport Scotland
Deborah Paton, Glasgow City Council
Fiona Doherty, Stagecoach
Graeme Macfarlan, First Bus
Graham Dunn, Community Transport
Greig Mackay, Bus Users
Matthew Davis, Sustrans
Ralph Roberts, McGill's

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Item	Discussion/Decision	Actions
1.	<p>As a preliminary matter DC made a statement on the bus bridge strike incident of 21 May at Cook Street, Glasgow and took questions.</p> <p>Welcome and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JA welcomed Bettina Sizeland, Director of Bus, Accessibility and Active Travel and colleagues from Transport Scotland to the meeting 	
2.	<p>Minutes of the previous Meeting dated 27th March 2023 and matters arising not otherwise on the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the previous meeting dated 27th March 2023 were approved and are to be uploaded onto the GCC webpage • Item3 - at AW's request JA read out an explanation received by GCC from the Cycling World Championships Communications and PR Manager and which concluded "During the period of the 2023 UCI World Championships, and in keeping with all other major events staged across Scotland there is no compensation scheme available." • CP for GCC noted that GCC are willing to have further dialogue on this. In respect of trunk roads BS indicated similarly for TS. • JA explained to the group that in her opinion, lessons need to be learnt when planning for closures of bus routes (events, road maintenance works etc.) in future. GBP is an opportunity to hold a dialogue on this and minimise disruption on bus network going forward. GBP asked to consider making representations on this point to LA partners. • Item 7 – Recommendations on enforcement set out under GBP Workstream D signed-off and copied to TS. 	<p>SML</p> <p>All</p>

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<p>3.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p>Transport Scotland (TS) update</p> <p>Bettina Sizeland – Director of Bus, Accessibility and Active Travel – will attend and inter alia give an update on the progress in respect of the regulations necessary to implement the 2019 Act and TS thinking on Bus Partnership working</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 provides improved opportunities to pursue partnership working and franchising and replaces under-used powers in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001.• Since June 2022, local authorities were given powers to run their own services which sit alongside their existing ability to subsidise services.• Secondary legislation to allow bus franchising and partnership working will be introduced later this year. This will allow transport authorities to begin developing their preferred options for improving public transport in their local area.• Aim is to provide local authorities with flexibility to respond to their own transport challenges. Also looking at ways to empower Regional Transport Authorities.• The secondary legislation will provide specification on each of the new bus powers. TS will be focusing on regulations to allow local transport authorities to seek information from operators when exploring BSIP and Franchising options; regulations on the definition on measures and facilities for BSIPs; along with guidance for local transport authorities to use when exploring the various bus options. Further regulations will be developed on the transitional process from one model to another, and the independent panel for approving potential franchising frameworks.• While BSIP and franchising regulations go through parliamentary procedures, TS explained that this will not hold back funding in the interim.• GBP advised to continue undertaking more detailed work on BSIP. GCC note political support from elected members to explore this further.• Request for information to share with Elected Members that summarises the regulations clearly• Bus Taskforce due to conclude in June 2023. Recommendations expected to be set out on national bus strategy. <p>To note the Fair Fares Review will consult in Summer 2023 as part of TS draft Visions for Public Transport and as referred to in the First Minister’s “New Leadership, A Fresh Start for Scotland”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noted by attendees <p>Managed Motorways – any update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NB provided an update on the Managed Motorways study• Strategic Business Case (SBC) drafted in June 2021• Data and modelling undertaken was based on pre-covid levels; there has been a change in travel patterns since and changes in policy.• STPR2 reaffirmed the socio-economic case for this work• TS taking the opportunity to consider these changes in the business case work – the process will take longer than anticipated but it’s important that the work undertaken is done correctly• TS to convene with key stakeholders on this study• GBP Members present emphasised the need for action on the Motorways congestion given the material impact on bus services dependent on	<p>Transport Scotland</p>
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	<p>Motorway running or affected by general vehicle queues. Operators and Councils are dependent on TS to lead on this.</p> <p>d) To note the TS research on women and girl's safety on public transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noted by attendees <p>e) To note the TS/CPT "Choose the Bus" campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noted by attendees	<p>NB</p>
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<p>4.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>Bus Partnership Fund work</p> <p>Update on the 5 Corridors work; Glasgow City Centre; Paisley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBC complete; Outline Business Case drafted for the Paisley Road West Strategic Bus Corridor – issued internally to staff at GCC and Renfrewshire Council for comment • Need to address competing priorities for bus and cycling infrastructure to inform future funding • Aim to complete OBC for the five Strategic Bus Corridors by end of June 2023 • Paisley Town Centre: public engagement to take place over the coming weeks. TS will be kept up-to-date on progress. • TS have requested an updated programme and quarterly spend forecast from Renfrewshire Council <p>Moving towards a BSIP with GCC as lead LTA (subject to GCC/other Council governance decisions) and drawing on Steering Group TORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion under Item 3a) 	<p>SG</p> <p>AS</p> <p>AS</p>
<p>5.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>Bus Partnership Fund Strategic Bus Network Plan and Workstream C</p> <p>Presentation from Jacobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CR presented slides on the emerging findings of the Strategic Bus Network Plan (SBNP) • Development of future (2025 and 2030) networks based on service level definition; data analysis and existing BPF work; and accounting for Clyde Metro. • Outputs: mapping showing future levels of service and where changes on the network should be considered in terms of service patterns and infrastructure. • Currently finalising reporting; recommendations will feed into the Business Case and inform infrastructure investment requirements <p>Vehicle standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC – Operators starting to tackle littering on buses – e.g. paper tickets for concessionary fares have been removed on-board; signposting passengers to take their own litter. Ongoing. • Review of bus vehicle standards in other city regions across the UK. Lessons being learnt by operators. Next step is to hold discussions on what improvements can be committed. 	<p>Operators</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Community Transport – to consider Graham Dunn’s report (re-circulated) and the role of Community Transport within the GBP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be discussed at a future GBP Steering Group meeting when Graham Dunn is present. 	

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7.	Update from SPT including work on the Regional Bus Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• With reference to Item 3 of Minutes of Meeting dated 24th October 2022, GCC does not wish to have TRC rescinded. This has been communicated to SPT. Further to this, there will be discussions between SPT, GCC and operators refreshing the understanding of the TRC requirements.• SRBS paper going to committee in June 2023 – looking to get initial outputs (Case for Change) from this by September 2023.• Report to be presented at a future GBP Steering Group meeting.• SPT also looking at quick wins that could be achieved over next 18-24 months.	
8.	GlasGo Bus Alliance update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parking enforcement – operators need to agree on how this can be applied to the bus network (traffic wardens).• Zonecard currently going through a review process operators hoping this will help provide an effective multi modal ticketing solution. Meantime operators looking to raise the profile and accessibility of Tripper Ticket via their own Apps• JA, Andy Waddell and Cllr Angus Millar meeting with the GlasGo Bus Alliance in the near future.	
9.	To note dates of next meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 14th August 2023• Monday 9th October 2023• Monday 4th December 2023	
10.	AOCB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	