

Transport Board

Date/time	11:00-13:00, Monday 20 th June	
Location	1D01, City Hall (BS1 5TR)	
Co-chairs	Cllr. Donald Alexander, Melanie Watson	
Meeting Attendees:		
Cllr. Donald Alexander (BCC), Melanie Watson (Transport Focus), Gordon Richardson (Disabilities Equality Commission), David Redgewell, Adam Crowther (BCC), Zoe Banks Gross (Sustrans), Belinda Nicholls (Bristol Community Transport), Chris Hanson (First Bus), Toby Wells (Bristol Cycling Campaign), Christina Stokes (Bristol Older People's Forum - BOPF), Susan Carter (Bristol Walking Alliance), Randall Rickabaugh (Enterprise Holdings), Sean Walsh (Highways England), , Neil Havill (Priority Express), Katy Taylor (Bristol Women's Commission), Carrie Chamberlin (Hartcliffe and Withywood Community Partnership)		
Observers	Tom Swithinbank (Redcliffe and Temple BID), Simon Whitehead (Zedify), Mathew Barnes (Deputising for Mark Hopwood), Magnus Breggren (Sharebike), Bill Davis (WECA), Grace Packard (Voi)	
Invitees	Jacob Pryor (BCC), Octavia Clouston (City Office), Allan Macleod (City Office), Richard Martin (BCC), Martin James (BCC), Hannah Hodge (BCC)	
Apologies	Shevaun hunt (Unite the Union), Malcolm Parsons (Network Rail), Mya Parker (Bristol City Youth Council - BCYC), Stewart Cundy (University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW), Mark Hopwood (Great Western Railway)	
ITEM		ACTIONS
1) Welcome and Introductions - Cllr. Donald Alexander, Melanie Watson		
Welcome Chairs introduced Hannah Hodge (HH), Simon Whitehead (SW), Tom Swithinbank (TS) and Carrie Chamberlin (CC)		
2) Discussion - Tangible actions that Board Members can take away to their own organisations		
 BD discussed progress on accessibility in local rail stations and flagged the need to restart stakeholder engagement on that as well as the need to improve bus trail interchanges for bus and rail passages DR flagged that he has taken this conversation to the Mayor and Metro Mayor who are both keen to make progress on this issue and expressed his enthusiasm for this workstream. Group 2 TS's group spoke about how groups can work together and suggested that the 		
Council could have contracts with cargo bikes companies and share that message and lead by example SW suggested that enterprise and zedify could work together to provide mobility hubs so that they can increase efficiency		
 SW encouraged board members to get out there and do it - trial things and take a leap of faith through short term actions that drive change 		
Group 3		

- SCarter flagged that Bristol is introducing low emission vehicles and highlighted the connection between GP and MB through ebikes and VOI.
- GR flagged that he has succeeded in getting wheelchair spaces on metrobuses and flagged the need for toilets for sustainable transport

Group 4

- AC stated that there are unforeseen issues with LED lighting, cargo bikes, electric
 vans e.g van drivers like to be able to drive home in their vehicles and can't do this
 if they don't have home-charging points that create added complexity.
- AC flagged that, in Community Transport, all the staff get bus passes (this should be given out by employers rather than or in addition to free parking/ free access to Ebikes etc or bike sharing schemes etc)
- AC flagged that another need around the reduction of the grey fleet is making sure women feel safe on public transport to deter them from driving due to feelings of insecurity

Group 5

- Group 5 discussed the Youth council away day trip which brought up the issue of electric people carriers and the fact that the BCC contract with the taxi company doesn't stipulate electric vehicles Group 5 asked if this could be addressed?
- Group 5 asked What's the best format for decarbonised access for older people?

3) Update on Live Consultations – Jacob Pryor (BCC)

- JP flagged the open consultations that board members can engage with from the transport department (see paper 1)
- Free workplace travel audits, travel grants, match funded grants, electric pool bikes, sustainable travel roadshow
- MW asked if members were aware of these offers and asked that, if not, can members distribute these among their networks to create greater awareness about access
- GR flagged the issue of the interface between long and short distance travel options
- MB stated that, in Norway the ebikes are totally integrated with the buses through an app and the technology is there, it's about engaging with private companies because they have the solutions
- MW asked if MB has been connected with the bus operators MB confirmed
- TS asked if BCC have any plans for bike hire schemes? Or is it just VOI and big issue bike - DA answered that we are working with WECA but there hasn't been a conclusion
- TS asked if they were profitable schemes or if they are all publicly subsidised? MB
 answered that the schemed are generally not profitable, though sharebike is
- AC and JP flagged the past failed bike hire schemes

4) Task and Finish Group Update – Jacob Pryor (BCC)

Bus Promotion strategy Task and Finish Update – JP (see paper 2)

- JP recounted that Driver recruitment became a focus area as a shared challenge that's impacting members' ability to deliver ideal bus service
 - WECA comms colleagues were supportive and went away to find some budget to progress that work. The group will be looking at informing that campaign
 - UHBT connected with operators about linking up with NHS sites
 - DR flagged that there is the potential for a summer marketing campaign for bus promotion

• The next meeting is this Wednesday (22nd June)

Transport Hubs Task and Finish Updates:

- JP recounted that the Transport Hubs group met this morning and Oliver Coltman from WECA gave a presentation on mobility hubs – the group was trying to find out where they could add value and there will be another meeting scheduled shortly.
- The group made recommendations about in shore grounding how different groups can interact with mobility hubs

Step Free Access Task and Finish Group

- JP flagged that the step free access group did not get enough buy in to meet
- DR flagged that he is not giving up on the equalities focus and is keen for this workstream to go ahead

5) Freight Presentation – Simon Whitehead (Zedify)

- Simon whitehead (SW) gave a presentation on freight consolidation (see paper 3)
- SW stated that the solution is to set up hyperlocal delivery centres gateway and consolidation centre – there is one that has been set up in Bristol at the edge of the CAZ zone.
 - Non-compliant vehicles deliver to this hub
 - The idea is that zedify distribute around the city in compliant or low emission vehicles
 - This is efficient as bikes and trikes are really capable quicker around streets that cars, they can use bus and cycle lanes and don't have to waste time looking for places to park or for loading bays
- NH flagged that the challenge is that deliverers are reluctant to hand parcels to a third party for the final part of delivery and raised the question of how to properly incentivise parcel companies to switch to electric.
- NH suggested that the important factor to the shippers of parcels is the price they
 pay for shipping it's the big shippers that will be making this decision (apple, john
 lewis etc) It's not just about going electric its about how to best make use of
 cargo bikes etc
- SW suggested that, as a groups of consumers, we all need to look at what we're ordering and decide whether we need it tomorrow and suggested incentives like a slower checkout for reduced cost?
- MW suggested that its about hearts and minds in showing the public that it's the greener option
- MW flagged that this is clearly a priority for task and finish but what is the ask?
- ZBG asked about the barriers presented by the CAZ and asked if zedify has done any modelling on how much business has been lost due to the CAZ delay
- AC stated that 70% of vehicles will be compliant by the time the CAZ is implemented
- MW asked for volunteers to take this offline to explore
- Freight Task and Finish Group Volunteers:
- Simon Whitehead, Neil Havil, Tom Swithinbank, Sean Walsh (or representative)
- DR asked SW if zedify is doing any work with freight liner and the port about breaking down the loads when they arrive in Bristol
- GR asked what size of business zedify can cope with SW answered all sizes

6) Fleet Decarbonisation Update – Richard Martin (BCC)

- RM explained that this idea emerged out of a conversation with the environment board about how the organisations can work together to:
 - address Range anxiety and infrastructure anxiety
 - Sharing data and sharing infrastructure
 - create options around joint procurement long lead time for electric vehicles in the city
- Next steps: there was enthusiasm for another meeting to be hosted by avon and somerset police in 3-6 months
- There was an acknowledgement that this was public sector focused and that private sector inclusion would need to be addressed
- BGCP stepped up to convene that conversation but someone else needs to step up for the next/for the future

Discussion:

• SCarter asked whether it would be possible to engage more with the environment board and the health and wellbeing board – RM confirmed?

7) AOB

- DA flagged that there is enthusiasm to raise the subject of road safety and an opportunity to work with the health and wellbeing board through a joint workshop on this workstream - DA encouraged board members to email in
- KT asked how this group will work jointly with the transport safety and equalities group which she and CH sit on? Is there a regular feed in?
- MW suggested that this could feed into the policy newsletter update the Jacob will be circulating ahead of the next board meeting
- TW flagged that Bristol cycling already does a lot of work in that space
- ZBG welcomed the joint workshop idea
- DR flagged that all the bus contracts have been achieved without cuts and there
 will now be a review of the whole network