



Bristol One City Transport Board

Date/time	9:30-12:00 19 February 2024	Venue	BSWN 'Incubator Space', The Coach House, 2 Upper York Street, St Pauls, Bristol, BS2 8QN
Co-Chairs	Melanie Watson, Transport Focus Cllr Don Alexander, Cabinet Member for Transport		
Attendees	Melanie Watson, Co-Chair; Cllr Don Alexander, Co-Chair; Amy Roberts, Unite; Andrew Ord, Bristol Port Company; Derek Tanner, BSWN; Francesca Barclay, City Office; Fraser Reid, WSP; Graham Pankhurst, UWE; Jacob Pryor, Board Support Officer; John Boughton, National Express; Karen Llewellyn, Bristol Health Partners; Louise McBride, WECA; Mark Li, Foot Antsey; Neil Havill, Priority Express; Randall Rickabaugh, Enterprise Holdings; Rich Middleton, GWR; Sean Walsh, Highways England; Simon Whitehead, Zedify; Stewart Cundy, UHBW; Tom Swithinbank, Visit Bristol; Zoe Bank Gross, Sustrans; Jon Jenkins, Motability; Imogen Oxley, City Office		
Apologies	Rob Pymm, First Bus; Katy O’Driscoll, Motability; Kathryn Davis, Visit Bristol		
Welcome from the Co-Chairs Melanie Watson, Transport Focus Cllr Don Alexander, Cabinet Member for Transport			
The board thanked Black South West Network (BSWN) for hosting the board, and welcomed new members.			
Round Robin Introductions All			
The board completed a round of introductions, sharing insight into their backgrounds and relevance to the One City Transport Board.			
Review of 2024-25 One City Transport Goals & Transport Working Groups Francesca Barclay, One City Jake Pryor, Board Support Officer			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City Office provided information regarding the Bristol One City Approach, emphasising the role of the One City Board in providing a space for networking and collaboration amongst City stakeholders. Each board is responsible for supporting the delivery of their thematic goals found in the One City Plan. Action: Board Members to send substitutes if they are unable to attend. A workshop is to take place w/c 18 March to scope out our night-time economy goal and to do a review of all goals up to 2030. 			

Action: Board Members to prioritise attendance.

- The City Office and Board Support Officer introduced the four transport task and finish groups: Freight, addressing goal 71; Accessibility, addressing goal 53; Night-time economy, addressing goal 72; and Equality Advisory Group, which will support all transport board activity as required.

Action: Board Members are asked to contact the City Office, to advise of which working groups they would like to join.

Women and Transport

Penny Gane, Bristol Women's Commission

The Chair of Bristol Women's Commission shared information about the key challenges facing women in relation to transport:

- Safety is a key issue that can be a barrier to women using transport which in turn impacts women's ability to take up life and career opportunities outside of the home.
- Concerns around safety at nighttime significantly impacts women working in the nighttime economy.
- A lack of adequate reporting channels can reinforce safety issues for women on transport.

The board discussed and considered possible activity to address these challenges, such as:

- Raising awareness and repositioning women's transport needs at the start of transport designing can help avoid assuming that all transport is inclusive to women.
 - Portions of the funding for transport could be fenced off to ensure that measures are in place that consider women's needs.
 - Hiring and recruitment of women in the transport sector is also key to designing and delivering transport workstreams that are inclusive to women.
- Working with employers, transport providers and police services was highlighted as key to addressing women's safety on transport.
 - Examples of best practice from Sweden and organisations/campaigns in Bristol were discussed.
 - The [Get ME Home Safely Campaign](#) demonstrates how employers can support women's safety on transport.
 - Staff could also be trained to support women's safety on public transport.
- Providers should ensure that there are clear and consistent processes for reporting and addressing harassment on transport.
- Research/ data on women and transport is also key to ensuring that correct actions can be taken to address specific areas of gender inequality in transport.
 - Surveys should directly ask about women's safety to collect accurate data on the challenges faced by women.

Bristol Clean Air Zone Yearly Report

Adam Crowther, BCC

Bristol City Council provided an update on the first year of operation of the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) in Bristol.

- Bristol City Council has a legal and moral duty to reduce pollution in the shortest possible time. The government directed Bristol and other cities, after it was taken to court by Client Earth, to do this through a Clean Air Zone.
- [The CAZ Report](#) was recently published and highlights that on average air pollution (nitrogen dioxide concentrations) fell by 9.7% across the whole of the city.
 - There have also been reductions in car usage and a slight reduction in traffic flow.
 - It is expected that more than £80m income will be generated in the first 3-4 years of the CAZ.
- Upgrading to a vehicle that meets the zones emission standards is a cost-effective alternative to paying the charge over the longer term.

Action: Board Members were invited to explore a range of grants to support them to update non-compliant vehicles. [LINK](#)

Transport to Thrive Project

Zoe Banks Gross, Sustrans

Sustrans shared the findings of the national [Transport to Thrive Project](#), providing data and insights into the transport needs of young people and other disadvantaged groups.

- The Transport to Thrive Project team worked with the University of the West of England (UWE) to address the transport barriers that young people aged 16 to 24 face when accessing key life opportunities.
- The Project has worked with national authorities, local authorities and young people to produce high-quality evidence and insights that support policy action.
- Two reports were produced:
 - [Fair bus fares for young people.](#)
 - [Why we shouldn't ignore the transport needs of young people.](#)
- These reports highlight the need to consider young people and how they use transport, and highlighted the following key things:
 - Fewer young people are getting driving licenses, making them more reliant on public and active modes of transport.
 - Lack of transport choices can reduce young people's opportunities for work and life which can result in negative long term economic and health consequences.
 - Costs of transport also presents a barrier for young people accessing opportunities.
- Provision of alternative, flexible, multi-modal types of transport were suggested as key for young people.
- Accessibility for young people needs to be built in at the start of transport planning.
- These considerations are important for employers who want to attract young people to join their organisations.

South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood Pilot

Sam Kirby, BCC

Bristol City Council presented on the [South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood pilot](#) which will consider the BS3 area, including Southville, Windmill Hill and Bedminster.

This work supports One City Goal 90: Principles of good local services are reducing the need for travel within the city and supporting the delivery of liveable neighbourhoods across Bristol.

- The South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood project aims to work with the local community to design safer and quieter streets to encourage people to walk, cycle and wheel for shorter journeys, improve air quality, enhance the public realm and green spaces, and improve access to local high streets.
- The East Bristol project was the first liveable neighbourhood pilot in Bristol.
 - It's looking at improvements to achieve a better balance between how local streets are used by vehicles and people.
 - The pilot area in is Barton Hill and parts of Redfield and St George, south of Church Road and north of the River Avon.
- Liveable neighbourhoods provide areas that are accessible but not possible to use as traffic cut-throughs.
- There are bus gate exemptions in place for school busses or professional carers.
- Air quality and traffic sensors are used in these areas to track progress and outcomes of liveable neighbourhoods.

Action: Board Members were invited to provide feedback on the South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood pilot.

Any other business

- There are a number of transport projects currently in consultation phase.
Action: Board Members were invited to feed in to current transport projects and consultation via the [Ask Bristol page](#), including the [Active Travel Fund 4 – Walking and Cycling Schemes](#)
- Board Terms of Reference have been refreshed and shared by email.
Action: Board Members are invited to provide comment on the Board Terms of Reference.
- SBG shared the Bristol [Walking and Cycling Index by Sustrans](#) which has been launched this month which shares data about what people think and how they engage with active travel.
- The next meeting: 23rd April 09:00-12:00.
Action: Board Members are invited to put forward requests for items and asked to volunteer a space to host the meeting.

Tabled items

- 1) Bristol City Council Thematic Performance Report
- 2) Bristol Transport Consultations