

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

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REVIEW OF RTS DELIVERY PLAN

REPORT BY SENIOR PARTNERSHIP MANAGER

This report seeks approval of the finalised RTS Delivery Plan 2016-21 and a process for progress monitoring and reporting on an annual basis.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Partnership:-

- (i) approves the finalised RTS Delivery Plan 2016-2021 as set out in Appendix A;
- (ii) agrees to receive a report on updating of the RTS Monitoring Framework at its next meeting; and
- (iii) agrees to receive an annual Regional Transport Strategy Monitoring and Delivery report at the June quarterly meeting.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 11 March 2014, the Partnership approved arrangements for undertaking a refresh and updating of the Regional Transport Strategy (Report RTP/14/04 refers). At the same meeting the Partnership noted that a review of the RTS Delivery Plan would be progressed in parallel with the RTS refresh.
- 2.2 Subsequently updates on progress in reviewing the RTS Delivery Plan have been received at Partnership meetings on 16 June 2015 and 15 September 2015. At its meeting on 15 September 2015 the Partnership also welcomed the Minister for Transport and the Islands approval of the Regional Transport Strategy 2015-36 Refresh and agreed to receive a further report on the revised RTS Delivery Plan at its meeting on 8 December 2015 (Reports RTP/15/20 and RTP/15/29 refer).
- 2.3 At its meeting on 8 December 2015 the Partnership noted progress made in reviewing the RTS Delivery Plan, agreed to stakeholder consultation on a draft RTS Delivery Plan and to receive a further report on a revised Delivery Plan at its meeting on 8 March 2016 (Report RTP/15/36 refers).
- 2.4 At its meeting on 8 March 2016 the Partnership noted and commented on a draft RTS Delivery Plan 2016-21 for Consultation, taking cognisance of an oral update on consultation responses received. The Partnership also agreed to receive a report on a finalised RTS Delivery Plan at its next meeting (Report RTP/16/07 refers).

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The aim of the RTS Delivery Plan 2016-21 is to capture all interventions which will be priorities for development and delivery by Tactran, our partner Councils and other key stakeholders over the next five years, supporting progress on fulfilment of the RTS Vision and Objectives. It identifies a range of transportation infrastructure, systems and service enhancements which support the delivery of the RTS Refresh, Single Outcome Agreements, the National Transport Strategy and other relevant local, regional and national strategies, including emerging City Plans/Deals.
- 3.2 Following Ministerial approval of the RTS Refresh in July 2015, a review of contributing actions and projects being delivered by Tactran and all our partners and stakeholders within the region has been undertaken. The result of this work is the RTS Delivery Plan 2016-21 which has been developed through a comprehensive review of all relevant partner and stakeholder contributing national, regional and local delivery and action plans and programmes, and through a broad range of stakeholder consultations.
- 3.3 To ensure all contributory actions and projects are appropriately captured the review included a 4 week period of consultation with all partners and stakeholders between 2 February 2016 and 1 March 2016 and an oral update on responses received was provided at the meeting on 8 March 2016.
- 3.4 Over 180 stakeholders were consulted during the consultation period, with 19 responses received from 17 organisations providing a total of 106 comments including members' comments from 8 March 2016 Partnership meeting, resulting in 39 amendments to the draft RTS Delivery Plan 2016-15 for Consultation. Of these amendments, 16 updated the partners involved with the projects, 4 provided further information, 17 provided project clarification and 1 project was removed and 1 project added. In addition, a further 13 projects were amended to update progress to date.
- 3.5 The significant amendments are:

Project removed

- Great Trossachs Path: Callander to Inversnaid – removed as project has been completed.

Project added

- Develop Rail Station Travel Plans within Tactran area – project added at TP1.1

Project clarification

- SC1.4: Rail Service Enhancements between Aberdeen and Central Belt – progress updated taking cognisance of Scottish Government funding announced in January 2016.
- SC6.2: A9 upgrading from Dunblane to Perth – project description and progress updated to clarify upgrading A9 at Perth is not necessarily grade separation of junctions.
- HT1.2: Promote Active Travel – progress updated to include Loch Lomond and The Trossachs Countryside Trust's "Walk in the Park" project.
- AT9.9: Continue the promotion and development of cycle projects – project description expanded to clarify that a range of cycling projects are promoted.
- TP4.1: Increase implementation of School Travel Plans – updated to include progress on delivering school walking programmes.

- R2.1: Rail enhancement between Edinburgh and Perth – progress updated to note that line speed enhancements are not yet committed for delivery.
 - R5.2: Improvements to Perth’s rail and bus stations – description updated to improve integration between rail and bus station and links to city centre, to clarify that co-locating the two stations is only one of the integration options for consideration.
 - R6.1: Close Cornton Level Crossings and replace with bridge – project title and description altered to clarify that two level crossings (one pedestrian & vehicular crossing and one pedestrian crossing) are programmed to be replaced with a bridge.
 - R5.3: Stirling Rail Station Enhancements – progress on Stirling Station Gateway project added.
- 3.6 The Partnership is asked to approve the finalised RTS Delivery Plan 2016-21, taking cognisance of the consultation responses received and amendments, as outlined above and detailed at Appendix A. The RTS Delivery Plan 2016-21 is intended to be a living document and will be regularly monitored for changes in the status and progress of existing projects and also to identify any new projects that contribute towards achieving the RTS vision and objectives.
- 3.7 Following earlier approval of the RTS 2015 – 2036 Refresh and approval of the revised RTS Delivery Plan, a comprehensive review and updating of the RTS Monitoring Framework will be undertaken. A report on this will be submitted to the Partnership’s next meeting on 13 September 2016.
- 3.8 Moving forward it is proposed that monitoring and progress on delivery of the RTS will be reported annually to the Partnership at its June meeting. It is intended that the timing of reporting will also coincide with the Partnership finalising agreement of the annual RTS Revenue Programme for the year ahead. The Partnership is asked to agree to receive an annual RTS Monitoring and Delivery update report at its June quarterly meetings.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The finalised RTS Delivery Plan 2016-21 for Consultation has been informed and developed through a broad range of stakeholder consultations. This report has been prepared in consultation with the Transportation Officers Liaison Group, Public Transport Officers Liaison Group and Chief Officers Liaison Group.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A budget of £8,000 for Development of RTS and Delivery Plan is included in the approved 2016/17 Revenue Budget and Programme.

6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Equality Impact Assessment and no major issues have been identified.

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NOTE

Background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report :-

Report to Partnership RTP/14/04, Refresh of Regional Transport Strategy, 11 March 2014

Report to Partnership RTP/15/20, RTS Delivery Plan Update, 16 June 2015

Report to Partnership RTP/15/29, Finalised Regional Transport Strategy 2015-36 Refresh, 15 September 2015

Report to Partnership RTP/15/36, RTS Delivery Plan: Progress Update, 8 December 2015

Report to Partnership RTP/16/07, RTS Delivery Plan: Progress Update, 8 March 2016