



Report title: Transport Update

To: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date: 27 September 2021

Public report: Yes

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The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

Recommendations: a) Note and comment on the report

Voting arrangements: N/A

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the work being carried out by officers across the transport schemes requested by the committee

2. Background

2.1 The following transport schemes have all been approved at Transport and Infrastructure committee and Combined authority board at some point in line with the assurance framework and governance procedures.

2.2 The committee has requested this update on particular schemes within the transport portfolio and as such there is a brief summary for each below:

- **Active travel** – The Combined Authority are positively progressing active travel as a dedicated activity within the transport portfolio with Public Health a major driver for change. As a practicing Children’s Doctor the Mayor is passionate about creating an Active Travel Forum and Active Travel Tsar, the principles for both currently being developed prior to invitations to the forum being sent and a recruitment process

undertaken for the Tsar, to focus on improvements that will enable and encourage more people to walk and cycle both in their daily educational and working commutes but also as an increasing part of their leisure time.

- **Capability funding:**
 - There was recent concern relating to this funding and Government's request for additional assurance, which was provided by the Mayor in writing to the Minister Chris Heaton-Harris MP and a subsequent meeting of the Mayor and the Minister is planned for 22 September.
 - A recent Tranche 3 funding application was made, and we await the results of this application
 - Expressions of interest were also made for:
 - Mini Hollands we await to hear outcome
 - GP Prescribing pilots we await to hear outcome
- **The Local Transport Plan** – The Local Transport plan (LTP) is undergoing a refresh. A paper was submitted to Transport and Infrastructure Committee on 8 September 2021 and is being presented to Board on 29 September 2021. The proposal is that the LTP be renamed the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) and that a consultation be commenced at the end of October for 6 weeks, followed by a further consultation in January and the final document presented to Board in March 2022.
- **The key route network** – There is currently a government white paper with regards to Key Route Networks and the powers that are held with Key Routes, the combined authorities position at this moment is still to be decided in relation to the Key route Network.
- **Buses – Bus Reform Activity is on going:**
 - **Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)** continues to be produced and is to be submitted to DfT at the end of October 2021.
 - **Enhanced Partnership / Franchising** continues to be developed and an independent auditor is being sought as part of this process.
 - **Demand Responsive Transport (DRT)** is set to launch in early October with a 4 week testing phase with full launch at the End of October.
 - **ZEBRA Phase 2 business case** was submitted in August 2021 with a proposal for the replacement of 30 diesel buses in Cambridge with 30 electric buses and the associated charging network installed at the depot and Babraham park and ride. A paper was presented at Transport and Infrastructure Committee on the 8th September and will be presented at the Combined Authority Board on the 29 September seeking approval of funds should the submission be successful to enable accelerated delivery.
- **Railways** - Officers continue to engage with Network rail on the network across the region and more specifically :
 - **Fenland Regeneration stations:**
 - March station, work is underway on the car park and station building improvements.
 - Manea station carpark development and construction is underway by Fenland District Council.
 - Whittlesea station car park design is currently being revisited.
 - **Soham Station** construction is progressing well and the station is still expected to be open from December.
 - **Cambridge South station** is still progressing by Network Rail on behalf of the DfT, with input from the Combined Authority, Greater Cambridge Partnership

and Astra Zeneca as former funding partners, recent consultation has concluded and we await the outcomes from Network Rail and DfT.

- **E-scooters / E Bikes:** A paper was submitted to the Transport and Infrastructure committee in relation to extending the E Scooter trial to March 2022 and expanding the successful E Bike trial across the region.
- **Key Road Scheme Updates:**
 - **A47 Dualling:** Officers continue to engage with National Highways who are currently funding and leading the review of the study work completed by the combined authority and the potential inclusion of this route in future National Highways Roads programme.
 - **A10 Outline Business Case** funding was received from government with further funding available subject to a gateway review and the options consideration. The scope for the stage has been developed and officers are engaged with Cambridgeshire county council as to how best this stage maybe delivered considering the impacts of the pandemic and the climate change commitments.
 - **A505** the pre strategic Outline Business case work is complete and a paper was submitted to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee on the 8 September proposing the next steps and a collaborative approach to delivery between Combined Authority, Cambridgeshire County Council and Greater Cambridge Partnership.
 - **A141 Strategic Outline Business Case** work is continuing and a report will be forthcoming towards the end of the year.
 - **St Ives Strategic Outline Business Case** work is continuing and a report will be forthcoming towards the end of the year.
- **CAM** – A paper in relation to the CAM is scheduled for the October combined authority board.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 None

4. Legal Implications

4.1 None.

5. Appendices

5.1 None

6. Background Papers

6.1 [A505 T& I Paper 8 Sept](#)

6.2 [E Bike E Scooter trial T& I paper 8 Sept](#)

6.3 [LTCP T&I Paper 8 sept](#)

6.4 [ZEBRA](#) Phase 2 T&I Paper 8 September