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Glasgow Bus Partnership (GBP) Steering Group Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

Monday 23rd January 2023 – 2pm to 4pm (MS Teams)

Attendees:	Independent Chair:	Joan Aitken	(JA)
	GCC:	Andy Waddell	(AW)
		Chris Paterson	(CP)
		Christine Francis	(CF)
		Deborah Paton	(DP)
		Harjinder Gharyal	(HG)
		Kevin Argue	(KA)
		Lindsay Richardson	(LR)
		Stephen Macleod	(SML)
		Steve Gray	(SGR)
	East Dunbartonshire:	Chris McGeough	(CMG)
	East Renfrewshire:	Dermot McGonigle	(DMG)
	Renfrewshire:	Alastair Scott	(AS)
		Gerard Hannah	(GH)
	West Dunbartonshire:	Liam Greene	(LG)
	SPT:	Donald Booth	(DB)
		Gordon Dickson	(GDK)
	McGills:	Ralph Roberts	(RR)
	Stagecoach:	Fiona Doherty	(FD)
		Fraser Smith	(FS)
	West Coast Motors:	Sharon Morrison	(SM)
	Jacobs:	Andrew Kelly	(AK)
		Calum Robertson	(CR)
	Steer:	John Geelan	(JG)
	First Bus:	Duncan Cameron	(DC)
		Linda Shields	(LS)
	Transport Scotland:	Craig Cameron	(CC)
	Sustrans:	Matt Davis	(MD)
	Apologies:	Bruce Kiloh, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	
		Colin Craig, West Coast Motors	
		Colin Napier, McGills	
		Colin Park, South Lanarkshire Council	
		Gail MacFarlane, Inverclyde/West Dunbartonshire Councils	
		Gary Wood, North Lanarkshire Council	
		Graeme Macfarlan, First Bus	
		Graham Dunn, Community Transport (GD)	
		Greig Mackay, Bus Users	
		Jane Corrie, East Renfrewshire Council	
		John Shelton, East Renfrewshire Council	
		Lesley Ann Biggam, North Lanarkshire Council	
		Murray Rogers, West Coast Motors	
		Paul White, CPT	
		Sharon Wood, Transport Scotland	
		Stephen Herron, Renfrewshire Council	
		Steven Walker, Inverclyde Council	
		Stuart Laird, South Lanarkshire Council	
		Thomas McMenamin, East Dunbartonshire Council	

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Item	Discussion/Decision	Actions
1.	<p>Apologies and welcome to new members to the Steering Group including Andy Waddell, GCC Director of City Operations, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; Chris Paterson, GCC Group Manager Transport Strategy; and Calum Robertson from Jacobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JA welcomed new attendees to the GBP Meeting 	
2.	<p>Welcome to 2023 and what the year ahead holds for the GBP – opening remarks from the Chair on what we need to deliver in 2023 to meet our Terms of Reference and to invite any observations from the Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JA reminded members of the overarching aspirational Terms of Reference. • It was agreed to invite Councillor Angus Millar (Glasgow City Council) to a future GBP Steering Group Meeting. • It was also agreed to invite a representative of the World Cycling Championships (WCC) to next GBP Steering Group meeting; SPT to invite WCC representative; item to be added on to the next Agenda 	<p>All JA DB/ JA/SML</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of the previous Meeting dated 24th October 2022 and matters not otherwise on the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated 24th October 2022 were approved. • Item 3 arising – discussions on the TRC are progressing with regard to changes in the City Centre and a meeting will be held with SPT. 	
4.	<p>Bus Partnership Fund work – the 5 Corridors – update from Jacobs and Steer and Steve Gray for Workstream A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid was submitted to Transport Scotland (TS) in November 2022. Review of Strategic Business Case (SBC) ongoing. GCC hoping to learn about the outcome later this week. • Useful discussion with TS held in December 2022. Technical questions about the SBC were answered by the consultants and discussed next steps. • Walkover held at Great Western Road last week. Capturing issues and opportunities raised by Elected Members of the Hillhead ward. • Estimated cost on full investment across each strategic bus corridor ranging from circa £18m to £38m. Consultants to move onto Outline Business Case once they hear back from TS and get the go-ahead to proceed. • Consultants currently estimating the bus benefits (journey times, frequency etc.) of each strategic bus corridor through bus priority measures. • Noting the benefit to passengers to having quicker journey time and enhanced reliability. 	
5.	<p>Bus Partnership Fund work – Glasgow City Centre – Steve Gray (Workstream B) With presentation by Brian Davidson GCC Traffcom on signals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation highlighted bus priority signals in Glasgow City Centre and how the technology works • Sample results of signal requests from buses were provided. New above-ground detection technology has improved efficiency of traffic and bus movement. KA briefing TS on the benefits of these for Hope Street. TS officials invited to GCC Control Centre. • GCC looking to deploy artificial intelligence technology as part of future bus priority works – subject to receiving funding from TS. Scope to extend this to other local authority areas • SPT engaged with funding priority signaling in North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and South Lanarkshire. 	<p>GH SG</p>

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6.	<p>Bus Partnership Fund work – Paisley – Gerard Hannah / Ralph Roberts (Workstream B)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project team meeting held last Friday to review design details of the junction improvement works at Paisley Town Centre. Positive meeting – lot of agreement on design elements. Good progress made so far. 	
7.	<p>Bus Partnership Fund work – the Glasgow and Strathclyde Strategic Bus Network Plan – Jacobs appointed – Project Overview – Calum Robertson to give outline of project development. Workstream C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This BPF funded work looks to set out a Strategic Bus Network Plan for the city and region which will inform decisions and funding in future. Split into different tasks: transport data analysis and gap identification; setting out a vision for the city and region bus network with objectives; develop a spatial plan with approach to service delivery; business case work to set out future funding. JA reminded that the 2019 Act requires an analysis of local services. GBP Workstream C will perform the equivalent role to Workstreams A & B in respect of this BPF work with consideration at Workstream C’s meeting on Tuesday 24th January 2023. 	DP
8.	<p>Glasgow Transport Strategy - free public transport pilot and shuttle bus - procurement update – Deborah Paton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DP advised of scoping work on a free public transport pilot in Glasgow & city centre electric shuttle bus underway. Inception meeting with appointed consultants Stantec held last week. Six-month project timescale anticipated. This GCC work arises from GCC’s Local Transport Strategy. CP will be project manager for this. 	CP
9.	<p>Other bus priority and enhancement work within the GBP area (whether funded by Transport Scotland or not)</p> <p>a) SPT – and including reference to SPT Paper dated 16 November 2022 “Development of the Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy & Delivery Plan” – Bruce Kiloh/Gordon Dickson/Donald Booth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPT in the process of scoping the Regional Bus Strategy and Delivery Plan (RBS). The formulation of the RBS cannot be done solely by SPT; requires collaboration and input from partners. The process of formulating the RBS is estimated to take 18-24 months. Road-side Publicity Update: Phase 2 of this project is imminent. On-going update of bus stops across the city. SPT Zonocard: SPT hope to deliver this later in 2023. SPT currently working with local authorities to improve bus infrastructure across its area – examples given in oral report by DB. A full list of such relative to the GBP area would inform this Steering Group of what is happening across the area. DB agreed to provide this – ideally within 10 days. SPT currently going through requests in relation to their Capital Programme. <p>b) GCC – Christine Francis/Kevin Argue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing with Hope Street and Renfield Street projects. Two-tier approach to Hope Street project. Using Bus Partnership Fund grant money to facilitate the feasibility study looking into bus priority measures to complement SPT funded improvement works. Developing a route corridor appraisal report on A803 road. Working closely with SPT and East Dunbartonshire Council given geographic extent of corridor; taking a holistic approach. Consideration underway in respect of where links to GCC area and the 	DB

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	<p>Sighthill Regeneration work. The BRDF TRO had lapsed but a longer view now being taken of Bishopbriggs, Kirkintilloch to Junction 15 of the M8 and GCC corridor work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City-wide bus stop upgrading projects underway. SPT funding works at Battlefield. Work with Sustrans on active travel and bus priority. • Pollok Roundabout/Silverburn project looking at re-allocating general traffic space to active travel and bus/public transport. Public engagement being arranged to allow stakeholders to view design works. Bus operators will be given opportunity to provide feedback on the proposals at Pollok Roundabout. <p>c) Renfrewshire – Gerrard Hannah/Alastair Scott/Stephen Herron</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renfrewshire Council will soon be tendering for consultants to develop a new Local Transport Strategy and action plan identifying real tangible actions given importance of public transport. <p>d) South Lanarkshire – Colin Park/Stuart Laird</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SL sent apologies. No update <p>e) Inverclyde – Steven Walker/Gail MacFarlane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update <p>f) West Dunbartonshire – Liam Greene/Gail MacFarlane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently working on A814 congestion reduction measures. In process of lowering a section of Kilbowie Road to facilitate double decker buses along that route. • A “Levelling Up” bid for Clydebank was unsuccessful. <p>g) East Renfrewshire – Dermot McGonigle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council are in the process of updating their Local Transport Strategy • Network Rail looking to electrify the East Kilbride line from late Summer 2024 (approx. 20 week period) which will affect bus corridors running through East Renfrewshire <p>h) North Lanarkshire – Lesley Ann Biggam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update <p>i) East Dunbartonshire – Chris McGeough</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installing real time screens on certain bus corridors • Working with GCC on A803 corridor (as part of City Deal) and Bishopbriggs Town Centre regeneration works – work closely together 	
<p>10.</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>What operators are doing</p> <p>Community Transport – Graham Dunn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GD has agreed to produce a written paper for the next meeting. <p>Glasgow Bus Alliance and representatives from First/Stagecoach/West Coast Motors/McGills including in relation to Transport Scotland support; driver recruitment; service standards; and ticketing/fares; passenger numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focussed on service provision towards end of 2022 and entering the new year. Discussions with Scottish Government on exit strategy from emergency funding (for bus services). • Market influencing changes on services; challenge in delivering a consistent level of service with bus driver shortage. Recruitment is improving but remains a challenge. Bus sector dealing with rising costs (inflation) and cost-of-living crisis. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glas-Go Bus Alliance (GBA) holding a meeting later this week to review existing commitments and update targets if necessary. Significant investment in low emission vehicles across the city region.• GBA working closely with SPT to disseminate information to passengers quickly• Over 12,000 bus stops have been updated to date	
11.	Fares – to note information from David Laing of Transport Scotland re the Transport Scotland Fares Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response from Transport Scotland on the Fares Review noted	
12.	Data and evaluation – the issues for Workstream G – Deborah Paton <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noted that this Workstream will engage with monitoring and evaluation of BPF indicators.	
13.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MD (Sustrans) queried how spatial conflict would be resolved between bus and other modes within individual Council areas local transport strategies. He was referred to GCC's processes which appeared to be working well. DP to provide GBP members with update on the output of the Streetspace Allocation Framework.• Managed Motorway - CC (TS) reported he had asked his TS colleagues for an update and understood the strategic business case would be produced by end of financial year. He will keep us advised.• RR reported good news that bus stop real time displays have been upgraded and can now show cancellations- a lot of work had been done on that and was working well though SG and he acknowledged there are still instances of "phantom cancellations". GD asked to be told of these.• RR will table to the GBA giving a bus pass to GCC parking attendants to enhance their mobility in enforcing bus lanes.	DP
14.	Date of next meeting Monday 27 th March 2023, 2pm – 4pm; AGREED – in-person (SPT Headquarters)	