

South East Wales Transport Commission

The Riverfront, Newport

11.00 – 15.00 Wednesday 4 December 2019

Attendees:

Lord Burns (Chair)

Lynn Sloman

James Davies

Stephen Gifford

Elaine Seagriff

Jen Heal

Peter Jones

Peter McDonald (Secretariat)

Matt Jones (Secretariat)

Sam Thomas (Secretariat)

Karen Fulford (Secretariat)

James Dowling (Secretariat)

Gareth Potter (Transport for Wales)

Will Wooten (Technical Team)

Geoff Ogden (Transport for Wales)

Andy Holder (Transport for Wales)

Apologies

Beverley Owen

Introductions and update from Secretariat

The secretariat gave an update on their recent activities.

The Progress Update Report

The Commission went through a draft of the Progress Update Report. The Commission confirmed the precise nature of each recommendation. The report was agreed and will be published during the week commencing 16 December.

Plans for 2020

The Commission discussed how best to structure work in 2020. The discussion included the outstanding analysis and context needed to fully understand the issues, the scope of the study area, establishing the baseline, and how to identify and assess potential recommendations.

The Commission were keen to devote as much time as possible to considering and assessing possible solutions.

Rail Potential

Transport for Wales and the Technical Team briefed the Commission on passenger demand and rail capacity in South East Wales.

The discussion included the opportunities and constraints for increasing passengers and capacity on the South East Wales network through increasing capacity of existing services, increasing train frequency, introducing new stations on existing routes, and introducing new lines and stations to serve new regions. The possible impact of the Metro developments on M4 congestion was also examined.

Stakeholder Engagement

The Secretariat updated the Commission on the stakeholder engagement workshops which took place in November and December. A summary of the workshop outputs will be available for the next meeting. The Commission were also updated on plans for further stakeholder and public engagement in early 2020.

Traffic analysis

Further traffic analysis will be ready for discussion at the next meeting. The broad intention is to expand the existing commuter analysis to Friday, Saturday and Sunday flows. In addition, a simplified stock-flow system of traffic flows is being developed that will give the Commission a more detailed view of the origin and destination of traffic.

Looking ahead

The next meeting of the Commissioners will be on Thursday 23 January.