

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE OF
THE GREATER MANCHESTER
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY
HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2009**

PRESENT: Councillor Richard Knowles (In the Chair)

Councillors Dylan Butt, Jim Dawson, Andrew Fender, David Jones, Ian Macdonald, David Sandiford*, Eunice Smethurst, Alan Whitehead, David White and Craig Wright

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APOLOGIES: Councillors Peter Scott, Keith Whitmore and Michael Winstanley

CP/10/09 URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair agreed to accept the following items of urgent business under the provisions of Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972:

- Metrolink Second City Crossing
- Metrolink Mosley Street Stop
- Manchester Hub

**CP/11/09 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE
HELD ON 3 JULY 2009**

The Minutes of the Capital Projects Committee held on 3 July 2009 were submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Capital Projects Committee held on 3 July 2009 be approved as a correct record.

CP/12/09 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

Consideration was given to a report advising Members of the status of the Capital Programme and seeking releases from 2009/10 Outline Minor Works capital Programme.

In relation to the procurement of new ticket vending machines a Member referred to representations he had received from members of the RNIB about concerns about their ability to use the machines, particularly at peak times. The GMPTE Metrolink Director undertook to look into the points raised and respond direct to the Member concerned.

Another Member referred to the proposals for rail station improvements, and in particular, Heald Green station. A piece of land had been sold by Network Rail that, in his view, would have been ideal for car parking for rail users. Similarly, there was a piece of land

adjacent to Rose Hill station that had been put on the market. He asked what the general policy was regarding such issues.

In response, the Interim Bus and Rail Director said the GMPTE was usually consulted. In the case of Heald Green, he suggested the land might not be in the ownership of Network Rail but could be part of the British Rail residual arrangements. He said GMPTE could object to land proposals but had no power of veto. If the GMPTE was interested in a piece of land it had to demonstrate a credible plan that could contribute or deliver benefits to transport users as opposed to simply claiming that the land had potential in the longer term. He undertook to produce a note on the generality of the issue and on the specific stations referred to by the Member.

The Chair said it would be helpful if Members could be given notice, wherever possible, of land becoming available that could be beneficial for transport purposes

RESOLVED/-

That the Capital Programme be noted and that the release of £333,000 from the 2009/10 Outline minor Works capital Programme be approved as follows:

	£'000
Rochdale Bus Station	230
Transport Model Development	<u>100</u>
Total	<u>330</u>

CP/13/09 DELIVERING PUBLIC SERVICES THROUGH BETTER CONSTRUCTION MATURITY GRID

A report updating Members on the proposal to continue to measure GMPTE's project and programme management improvements using the National Audit Office (NAO) 'Improving Public Service Through Better Construction maturity Grid', as further work was undertaken whilst GMPTE was in a period of transition was submitted for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the proposal, in the interim, that GMPTE continued to progress and measure itself against the improvements targets identified from the NAO 'Improving Public Service Through Better Construction maturity Grid' be approved.
2. That officers be requested to submit a report to a future meeting of the Capital Projects Committee confirming GMPTE's assessment of its project and programme management capabilities and proposed improvements going forward.

CP/14/09 RAIL STATIONS IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY (RSIS)

A report providing Members with an update on the progress to date of the Rail Station Improvement Strategy was submitted for consideration.

A member asked whether it would be possible to provide details of the tranches being worked on and what was proposed for the various stations in each district. He went on to suggest that a number of footpaths that could be opened up to improve access to Gatley station. In response the Interim Bus and Rail Director undertook to circulate details of progress on the various tranches in the strategy and on the latter point he added that the Executive was working with officers in the districts on the matter of improving access to other modes of transport.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report and progress on the various schemes in recent months be noted.
2. That the GMPTE's proposal to deliver Horwich Parkway enhancements as part of the Rail Station Improvement Work Programme for 2009/10 be noted.
3. That details of tranches 1 and 2 (and 3 if available) of the programme of station improvements be circulated to members in advance of the next meeting of the Capital Projects Committee.

CP/15/09 SALFORD STATIONS UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report updating Members in respect of Salford Central and Salford Crescent stations in the light of recent work which had been undertaken with key stakeholders.

RESOLVED/-

That the report be noted and that officers be requested to submit a further report to the 15 January 2010 meeting of the Capital Projects Committee, at which point further information regarding the potential for taking forward improvements at these stations should be available.

CP/16/09 DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT CONSULTATION ON STRATEGY FOR SMART AND INTEGRATED TICKETING

Consideration was given to a report informing Members of the recent publication by the Department for Transport on Developing a Strategy for Smart and Integrated Ticketing and seeking delegated authority to sign off the final response on behalf of the Authority.

RESOLVED/-

That the Executive Summary be noted and that authority be delegated to the Clerk to the Authority and the Interim Chief Executive, GMPTE, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Authority, the Chairs of the Capital Projects, Bus and PTE Services, and the Rail and Metrolink Networks Committees and the Leader of the Opposition.

CP/17/09 METROLINK SECOND CITY CROSSING ALIGNMENT

Consideration was given to a report providing Members with an update on the alignment for the Metrolink Second City Crossing.

In response to a question about the potential impact upon Albert Square an assurance was given that the encroachment in Albert Square was not significant and works would be kept to a minimum and handled sensitively.

It was suggested that it would be helpful if Members could be shown designs as they were progressed. The Chair referred to the detailed scheme consultation planned for spring 2010 and said he would ensure that this appeared as a future agenda item.

The Interim Chief Executive, GMPTE said that arrangements could be made for a site visit should any Members feel it would be helpful.

RESOLVED/-

That the Cross Street alignment be confirmed as the preferred option and that public consultation documentation be prepared for spring 2010.

CP/18/09 FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED/-

That, as previously agreed, future meetings of the Committee be held as follows:

Friday, 6 November 2009	10.30 am
Friday, 15 January 2009	10.30 am
Friday, 5 March 2010	10.30 am

CP/19/09 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED/-

That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that these involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972.

CP/20/09 GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT FUND – ACCELERATED PACKAGE UPDATE

Consideration was given to report providing Member with an update on the progress to date on the Greater Manchester Transport Fund Accelerated Package.

A Member underlined the need to ensure that adequate, safe and secure cycle storage was made available where appropriate. The Interim Chief Executive, GMPTE said the issue would form part of the consultation process. Another Member made the point that consultation needed to be undertaken on a continuous basis. In response to a question about details of Park and Ride schemes, Members were advised that details were included in the Major Transport Fund. A report would be brought back within the next couple of months on the Fund and the programme for delivery.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report and progress to date be noted.
2. That the schemes in the Accelerated Package, as contained within the report now submitted, be approved.
3. That the updated funding profile for the Accelerated Package be noted.
4. That a similar report be submitted to the AGMA Executive.

CP/21/09 METROLINK MOSLEY STREET STOP

Consideration was given to a report providing Members with an update on the Metrolink Mosley Street stop and its potential closure.

Members were apprised of proposals to establish passenger information points at various locations in the Piccadilly area

In response to questions regarding capacity, Members were advised that a capacity survey had been undertaken to ensure that the implications of a potential closure of the Mosley Street stop were fully understood. A report would be brought to the 15 January 2010 meeting of the Committee explaining the operational aspects of the proposals in detail.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the work being undertaken by officers to consider the results of recent passenger surveys and the analysis of the key impacts be endorsed.
2. That the implications and benefits of the closure or the extension of the stop be noted.
3. That officers be requested to submit an update report, including details of potential locations for passenger information points, to the 15 January 2010 meeting of the Capital Projects Committee.

CP/22/09 MANCHESTER HUB

Reports on the vision for the future for rail in the north were submitted for the information of Members.

RESOLVED/-

That the reports be noted and that Network Rail be requested to give a presentation to the 6 November 2009 meeting of the Committee on further progress.