



TSDB (10)1st Conclusions

TRANSPORT SCOTLAND DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING 8W02 Buchanan House 01 February 2010 14:00-16:30

Present:	David Middleton (Chair)	Chief Executive
	Bill Reeve	Director of Rail Delivery
	Jim Barton	Director of TRNMD & CFITU
	Richard Scott	Director of Business Improvement
	Sharon Fairweather	Director of Finance
	Ainslie McLaughlin	Director of MTRIPS
	Frances Duffy	Director of Strategy and Investment
	Jacqueline Redmond	Non- Executive Director
	Iain Docherty	Non- Executive Director
	Gavin Boyd	PS/Transport Scotland

Agenda Item 1- Declarations of Interest

1. No declarations of interest were made.

Agenda Item 2 - Minutes of previous meeting, action point tracker and matters arising

2. The minutes of the meeting on 14 December were agreed.
3. The action point tracker was discussed and the current position noted.

Agenda Item 3 – Summary Progress Report of key issues

RMT INDUSTRIAL ACTION

4. David Middleton updated the board on the potential Industrial action by Scotrail RMT members over dual staffing operations on the new Airdrie to Bathgate line.

BORDERS RAILWAY MARKET INFORMATION DAY

5. Bill Reeve updated the Board on the Borders Railway Market Information Day, held on 20 January 2010. The event let the market see that the project represents an attractive opportunity and will help support a successful procurement. Transport

Scotland has received positive feedback but will have to wait until the 3 March 2010 to see if there is competition.

HIGH SPEED RAIL

6. Frances Duffy updated the Board on the HS2 Ltd High Speed Rail report. HS2 Ltd was set up by DfT in January 2009 to consider the feasibility of, and business case for, a new high speed rail line between London and the West Midlands, reporting directly to UK Ministers. HS2 submitted its report to UK Ministers on 31 December 2009. HS2's remit also required it to advise the UK Government on the potential development of a high speed network beyond the West Midlands, including to Scotland. Scottish Ministers established a Scottish stakeholder group in 2009 to develop a strategic business case for high speed rail to Scotland. This group comprises Regional Transport Partnerships, Edinburgh and Glasgow Councils, Glasgow-Edinburgh Collaboration Initiative, the Scottish Chambers of Commerce and Scottish Enterprise. It is due to meet in February to discuss the UK Government's position on high speed rail, the HS2 report and next steps for Scotland.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

7. The Board discussed a current Freedom of Information request on Transport Scotland's Consultant costs. Sharon Fairweather informed the Board that costs of consultants will be on the Audit Committee Agenda in March 2010.

DIGITAL TRAFFIC RAILWAY SERVICE

8. Scott Lees and Peter Cullen presented paper TSDB(10)01 which informed the Board of the development of digital traffic radio services in the United Kingdom and presented a proposal to introduce a digital traffic radio service in Scotland. The Board were invited to consider the introduction of a Digital Traffic Radio Service based on an initial coverage across the central belt of Scotland, and the possibility of extending the coverage to strategic transport routes in Perth & Dundee and Ayr. The proposal will compliment existing travel information services provided by Transport Scotland and influence drivers both in terms of reducing congestion and supporting modal shift. The Board discussed the proposals and the majority thought it was a good idea to introduce the service. However, there were questions over value for money and the UK Government's commitment to the process of a Digital Upgrade. The Board asked Officials to address these issues and submit a revised paper at a future board meeting.

UK SALT CELL

9. Roy Brannen provided an update on Transport Scotland's involvement in the 'UK Salt Cell' which was established on 6 January 2010 to provide advice to suppliers on the most effective distribution of available salt supplies. The UK Salt Cell is not directing supplies. The UK Salt Cell gives advice to suppliers about the areas in greatest need. The suppliers are private sector organisations – they make their own decisions about which of their customers receive salt. As Scotland experienced its worst winter for more than 30 years, Transport Scotland's effective co-ordination to minimise the risk to public safety during the severe weather was greatly appreciated by Ministers and stakeholders. The Board noted the update and

appreciated the work across the Agency in providing a professional service during the period of adverse weather.

PS/Transport Scotland
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