

National Transport Strategy (NTS2) Delivery Board
Second Meeting – Tuesday 2 February 2021

Attendees

- Transport Scotland (Chair)
- SOLACE
- MACS (Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland)
- Poverty and Inequality Commission
- University of Leeds
- University of Stirling
- Paths for All
- SCDI (Scottish Council for Development and Industry)
- Public Health Scotland
- ATCO (Association of Transport Co-ordinating Officers)
- Scottish Chambers of Commerce
- RTPs (SPT and Nestans)
- Active Nation Commissioner
- COSLA
- Highlands and Islands Enterprise
- Friends of the Earth Scotland
- SCOTS (Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland)

Apologies

- Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity
- SEPA (Scottish Environment Protection Agency)

Welcome and Introductions

1. Apologies were received from Mr Matheson, who had been called to Parliament. Alison Irvine agreed to Chair today's meeting in Mr Matheson's absence.
2. Alison thanked members for their contributions to the Delivery Plan, which was published on 17 December 2020, and advised that collaboration would continue going forward including for the Working with Partners document.

Climate Change Plan Update (CCPu)

3. Presentation: the CCPu, published in December, is currently being scrutinised by Parliament. Transport Scotland will set our engagement plans for this year as we seek to develop a route map for delivering the 20% reduction.
4. Discussion: the UK Government will publish its decarbonisation plan later this year – indicatively spring – and we are seeking to have more visibility on its possible content. Work on the COP26 event is ongoing. View offered that the 20% target was welcomed and goes further than Committee on Climate Change but needed more clarity on specifics and that there is a risk it could be very challenging without sufficient support.
5. Discussion: members asked about the 20% reduction being solely for all car travel rather than other modes. Members noted that the 20% figure is an

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average, so some areas in Scotland may not be able to achieve that figure meaning other areas will have to go further.

6. Discussion: the tourism sector, which relies in part on car use, could be affected by this target and we should look to practical solutions on public transport.
7. RTPs are keen that the route map for the 20% will be developed with partners.

Monitoring and Evaluation (Paper 2.2)

8. Transport Scotland provided an overview of the Monitoring and Evaluation paper circulated in advance of the meeting. The paper sets out the approach to Monitoring and Evaluation for the NTS2, identifying high level indicators, as well as other measures and data being considered to inform progress.
9. Members were invited to consider the overall approach and offer comment on the specific indicators proposed. Members were generally supportive of the approach though feedback on indicators was provided at the meeting and subsequently via email to Transport Scotland.
10. Members suggested a cohort study of young people and their travel behaviours in light of climate change, to be tracked over a few years.

Action DB2-01 Transport Scotland to consider all feedback received on the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, update and recirculate.

Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2)

11. Presentation: STPR2 was initially to be a one phase approach on road and rail projects, but the scope has been widened to help achieve the NTS2's vision. On 3 February, Transport Scotland published the Phase 1 recommendations and associated impact assessment progress reports:
 - <https://www.transport.gov.scot/publication/update-and-phase-1-recommendations-february-2021-stpr2/>
 - Main page: [Strategic Transport Projects Review 2](#)
 - Press release: [Investment focused on sustainable travel for a green recovery \(transport.gov.scot\)](#)
12. Members are welcome to provide feedback through the feedback form, which will be available until 31 March.
13. Presentation: a targeted stakeholder engagement plan will commence in the coming months. Phase 2, which will conclude the STPR2 process, will be published later this year.

Action DB2-02 Transport Scotland to keep members informed of ongoing work and to provide an update on STPR2 at the third Delivery Board meeting

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14. Discussion: most regions in Scotland have growth deals and will need to link to transport investment where possible. To get transport driving economic growth, the role of greenports and the EU Exit response will need to be linked in. .
15. Discussion: stakeholders involved in the regional work have had sight of Phase 1 and the options sifting before Christmas. Engagement with the Regional Transport Working Groups is ongoing throughout the Review and includes how feedback has been taken on board, or not and why. The Working Groups will meet later this month.

Any Other Business

16. The third NTS2 Delivery Board meeting will likely be held in June 2020, post-election period. Members are welcome to contact the NTS2 team with any questions in the meantime.

Action Table

Reference	Action	Lead	Outcome
DB2-01	Transport Scotland to consider all feedback received on the Monitoring and Evaluation framework, update and recirculate.	Paul Sloan	
DB2-02	Transport Scotland to keep members informed of ongoing work and to provide an update on STPR2 at the third Delivery Board meeting	Fiona Brown	