

## **SCOTFLAG LAST MILE CONNECTIONS SUB-GROUP MEETING**

**Thursday 8 September 2016, Victoria Quay**

### **Note of meeting**

#### **Present:**

Richard Ballantyne, BPA - Chair  
Peter Clark, SWA  
Yvonne Edmond, TS  
Chris MacRae, FTA  
David Spaven, RFG  
Pam Stott, TS

#### **Apologies**

Phil Greening, HWU  
Steven Herriot, SCOTS  
Martin Reid, RHA

### **Welcome and Review of Actions from 7 June 2016 meeting**

1. Richard Ballantyne welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Actions from 7 June 2016 meeting:

**Action 1:** TS to circulate ScotFLAG Planning Sub Group project list and Multi Modal Study - draft list of freight hubs to be agreed at next meeting.

**Status: Partially complete** – ScotFLAG Planning Sub Group project list, Strategic Freight Sites paper (provided by FTA) circulated with Agenda for 8 September meeting. Agreed that these, along with paper submitted by BPA to ICI Committee Freight Inquiry are sufficient and supersede findings of Multi Modal Study.

**Action 2:** TS to establish what data is available on maintenance spend on trunk roads (e.g. £/km over last 5 years) vs spending on local authority roads with assistance from SCOTS.

**Status: Complete** Large amount of detailed data had been received from TS on maintenance spend, but not circulated. Instead, information contained in recent Audit Scotland report thought to be sufficient. This can, however, be reassessed as required as work of subgroup progresses.

[http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/uploads/docs/report/2016/nr\\_160804\\_maintaining\\_roads.pdf](http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/uploads/docs/report/2016/nr_160804_maintaining_roads.pdf)

**Action 3:** TS to draw up initial project plan.

**Status: Complete** Project Plan drawn up (Excel Spread sheet) and circulated with Agenda. Contains 3 pages covering Tasks, Actions, Meeting Dates.

**Action 4:** Meeting to be arranged 'offline' between HWU and TS modellers to explore potential for sharing/using known data.

**Status: Complete** Note of meeting circulated as paper with Agenda. Agreement that this strand of work should progress separately from Subgroup work for the moment.

**Action 5:** Future meeting dates to be agreed.

**Status: Complete** Dates of meetings – 17 January 2017 and 22 March 2017.

### **Discussion**

3. There was a general discussion on the remit of the group and general direction of the work. Points made included:

- Focus has to be on last mile connections to ports/freight hubs, so need to avoid mission drift.
- Therefore likely to focus on Local Authority road links.
- Possibility of taking a 'cluster' approach and identifying generic challenges in the report – so recommendations made can be multi-modal, and avoid commercial sensitivities that may arise through focussing too much on specific links.
- Need to consider resilience of freight network on supply chain basis, not just by mode (e.g. adverse impact on rail freight in winter 2010 when roads blocked).
- Potential for subgroup work to flag up key road links for some sort of reclassification. Not necessarily trunked, but given 'raised status'.
- 'Priority Freight Routes' approach being taken in elsewhere in UK identified as worth exploring.
- Case Study development – could be on a single supply chain basis, a geographical basis, or both. Need to avoid urban/central belt bias. Awareness that some supply chain work had been commissioned by Transport Scotland (from ARUP) and is due to report soon. May be potential to either use, or build on, this work.
- Good support to look into development of an interactive freight map of some sort – possibly along lines of Marine Plan. Starting point for this should be to identify mapping information already available, to ensure any work on this adds value. Awareness that a Rail Freight Map had been developed as part of Rail Freight Strategy work, and of Freight layer available on Traffic Scotland map.

### **Actions agreed**

**Action 6:** Chris MacRae to circulate information about the 'Priority Freight Routes' approach being adopted elsewhere in UK.

**Action 7:** All members to forward links and information about any maps (freight and others) to Pam Stott, to help in development of a key freight site / route map.

**Action 8:** Richard Ballantyne to circulate list of infrastructure improvements BPA provided to ICI Committee Freight Inquiry.

**Action 9:** Pam Stott to collate information gathered on key freight sites into a single list, and circulate in advance of next meeting.

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