

Strategic Transport Forum

Update on Actions from Previous Meetings (*updated September 2018*)

Action	Update	Status
From 16th March		
The meeting endorsed the draft framework for the discussion document on Vision and Objectives and requested that the EEH Business Unit work with the Officer Group to develop a final version	Final draft to be agreed by Forum members in December 2018	Work on the Vision and Objectives for was discussed at the Transport Officers Group (11 September) – further work required to ensure alignment of transport strategy vision activity with wider cross-corridor work.
Network Rail System Operator – presentation	Agenda Item	
From 22nd June		
The meeting AGREED to support the need to develop a proposal that delivers improved north-south connectivity on the Northampton – Milton Keynes – Aylesbury – High Wycombe – Old Oak Common corridor.	Complete	Identified as a strategic ask in the submission to Government ahead of Budget. To be picked up in detail as part of the work on the transport strategy.
The meeting AGREED to support the recommendations in the paper – including: a) Endorse the progress being made with Oxfordshire Rail Connectivity Study b) Agree to make a contribution of £25,000 as 'match funding' required for the study c) Agree that the train service planning associated with the Western Section of East West Rail must consider relocating existing capacity between Oxford and Didcot to support improved connectivity in the Heartland area d) Agree that the train service planning associated with West Coast Main Line (subsequent to the opening of HS2) must give equal consideration to the potential to achieve improved north-south connectivity.	Complete	Forum to be kept updated on progress with Oxfordshire Rail Connectivity Study
The meeting AGREED to support the consultation response to Western Rail Access to Heathrow	Complete	Response submitted
The meeting AGREED to support the 4 strategic areas of focus, but a request that the inclusion of rail station provision was	Complete	Forum's priorities conveyed to all bidders for the new East Midlands franchise

added.		
The meeting AGREED that EEH would work with the Transport Officer Support Group to develop a response to the Cross Country Franchise consultation, before sharing the response with forum members and agreeing sign off.	On-going	Detailed consideration of requirements for the new franchise being prepared – engagement with DfT on-going.
The meeting acknowledged the Secretary of State's response (on the Expressway) and AGREED to wait to hear developments as they are brought forward in the coming months.	Agenda Item	
The meeting AGREED that EEH would support the proposed package of improvements included in Hertfordshire's proposal. It would consider the bids submitted by Buckinghamshire virtually before a decision is made to submit these to the Department for Transport.	Complete	Proposals submitted to DfT
The meeting AGREED that EEH would circulate the presentation and business case before a decision is made on whether this is something the forum may look to champion through the emerging Transport Strategy and wider infrastructure	Complete	Business Case circulated to Forum members
The meeting AGREED that EEH would support the establishment of a Sub-national transport body in the midlands and its proposed functions.	Complete	Response submitted