



STRATEGIC TRANSPORT FORUM

MARCH 2019: Update on Actions

Action	Update	Status
From 22nd June 2018		
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.	ONGOING	The commencement of the Williams Rail Review has become a priority for the Department for Transport, meaning individual franchise consultation activity has been put on hold temporarily.
From 7th December 2018		
The Forum AGREED to: a) Endorse the proposed approach to the Transport Strategy; b) The vision and three strategic principles and proposed approaches for defining and measuring them for the Economic Heartland strategy; c) Note the proposed content of the transport strategy.	ONGOING	EEU Business Unit is developing the Transport Strategy in line with the Forum's approved approach. Key strands of the transport strategy will be discussed during forthcoming Forum meetings, as set out on the meeting agenda.
From 25th January 2019		
The Forum AGREED to: a) The proposed arrangements for preparing a response to the consultation on the Central Section b) Note the content of the briefing from the East West Railway Company	COMPLETE	The consultation phase for the Central section of East West Rail closed on 11 th March 2019. An update on the wider East West Rail Project is included as an Agenda Item for this meeting.
The Forum AGREED to: a) The emerging conclusions and recommendations of the Freight Topic Paper b) Note the progress made on the Freight Topic Paper and findings of stakeholder engagement	ONGOING	The final report on the Freight Topic Paper is due to be submitted to EEH Business Unit shortly. The ambition is to publish the report in the spring. This will coincide with the conclusion of the National Infrastructure Commission's work on the Future of Freight.



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<p>The Forum AGREED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Proceed with the recommended programme of work to develop the required evidence base for the connectivity studies. b) Endorse the proposal to develop the Forum's understanding of connectivity between Milton Keynes and Cambridge 	ONGOING	<p>Work on the Connectivity Studies is commencing – engaging with partners on their aspirations for the project, and ensuring a robust evidence base is in place.</p>
<p>The Forum agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agree the proposed approach to developing the Forum's submission for investment priorities for the Major Road Network and Large Local Major. b) Welcome the publication of the Government's Major Road Network and Large Local Majors Investment Planning Guidance c) Ask all local partners – local transport authorities, local enterprise partnerships and local planning authorities – to provide an initial indication of prospective proposals for consideration by the 8th February. d) Request urgent clarification on the status of the 'early entry' proposals submitted for consideration in 2018. 	ONGOING	<p>Forum Members will be invited to consider the proposed prioritisation methodology in May 2019.</p> <p>Progress with 'Early Entry' schemes is included in the Business Unit agenda item for this meeting.</p>

