


MEETING NOTES

| ADEPT National Traffic Managers Forum | | | |
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| Meeting Date and Time: | 22 September 2022, 10:00 – 11:30 am | Online via Microsoft Teams: | |
| Attendees | Mark Corbin (Chair) Claire Melvin (Secretariat) Hannah Bartram Paul Garrod Brian Foxton Neil Edwards James Kelly Helena Kakouratos | Guests | Nick Owen Mark Jackson Nicola Wass (So-Mo) Darren Divall (TfWM) Wayne Carey (National Highways) Sally Kendall (DfT) |
| Apologies | Anthony Ferguson Mick Phoenix Sonia Hansen | | Superintendent Jon Arrowsuch Rob James Kevin Hargreaves |

| Item | Details: | Lead: |
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| 1 | <u>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MC welcomed all to the meeting, and apologies were noted. | MC |
| 2 | <u>Minute Notes and Actions from last meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM confirmed there weren't any actions from the previous meeting. | CM |
| 3 | <u>Adept Round Up, National Traffic Managers' Conference</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB took the group through Live Labs2; the deadline to apply was midday Tuesday 4 October and the theme was decarbonisation. Following the closing date, there would be a technical assessment and then 'Dragons Den' event in London on 4 November, after which there would be a recommendation to the minister for sign off. HB confirmed the new ministers: the Secretary of State Anne-Marie Trevelyan, with Baroness Vere, Kevin Foster, Lucy Frazer and Katherine Fletcher. HB confirmed that Live Labs1 reports that have been written to capture learnings were being put on the website. Adept were running a survey with DfT on inflation on delivery and this would be repeated. There would be an update on the website on the winter treatment of cycle routes later this week. Guidance had been produced with National rail and IPRO on section 118a and 119a, which was also on the website and there would be a webinar on 6th October. Conference: HB said that despite the great looking programme, numbers were low and asked all to promote. | HB |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a discussion around the decarbonisation of highways assets and HK asked whether there was a central place to see what innovation projects were taking place, so as to avoid duplication. HB to ask DfT if they held such a database. | |
| 4 | <p>Road Safety – SoMo Behaviour Change Approach Adopted by Birmingham City Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicola Wass took the group through a presentation on how she worked with BCC on road safety; identifying the cause of the issue and coming up with a campaign based on anticipated regret. • The campaign was successful, with TfWM looking to roll it out across the West Midlands and scale it up. | |
| 5 | <p>DfT Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SK provided an update on behalf of DfT. • SK was working on a project starting in the next couple of weeks, on network management • Between now and Christmas a discovery piece would take place, using consultants; asking users what their needs/wants were and would involve speaking to Traffic Managers and Network Managers. • Guidance would be updated next year, which would be consulted on as it was statutory. • Workshops and 1-2-1 interviews would be held. • MC suggested inviting the consultants to a dedicated National Traffic Managers session. • Manual for Streets was not published in August, though it was likely to be published before Christmas. • Transport Bill won't fall any time soon • BF asked about the TRO consultation; SK said there would be a response, but she was not sure when it would be published. | SK |
| 6 | <p>Moving Traffic Contraventions: West Midlands approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DD shared a presentation with the group. • In 2017, TfWM lobbied the government to enact Part 6 of the Traffic Act in 2020, the government pledged to enact it. • The submission by the LAs and TfWM would include research into yellow box junctions and traffic levels post-Covid. • We were conscious of a high-carbon recovery, with 1400 deaths in the West Midlands annually attributed to air quality. • The submission would be focussed on improving road safety, air quality and efficiency. • TfWM have employed a consultancy to support the LAs to produce compliant criteria and to ensure that TROs are accurate and fit for purpose, as well as a consistent approach across the region. • There is an opportunity to learn from the first tranche. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO said that TfL focussed on marginal gains on the bus network, which multiplied quickly to improvements in the service and increased passenger numbers.  <p>ADEPT Traffic Managers Forum 21.0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | |
| 7 | <p><u>Regional Roundup – All Regions and National Highways (by exception)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC said that he had received correspondence on electric charging and cables. • NE said this was an issue in Kent and the SE England; there were difficulties with on-street infrastructure and private EV charging companies were providing inaccurate information to customers. • BF said this was a real issue in Hackney, who were on their 500th EV charging point. The laying of cables is within Highways Act 1980; cables shouldn't be trailing without permission, and he was hoping for some steer from the DfT. • MJ said that this was an issue in Durham. • One of the key issues around trailing cables was accessibility. • SK said she would ask colleagues for guidance. • MC said that LAs would be accused of not supporting EV charging, but they were aware of trip hazards etc and needed guidance. • HK said that people also plug cables into their own homes, so it wasn't just about on-street infrastructure. This was problematic, as if there were to be an accident, who would be liable; the householder or the highway owner? • NO provided an update on the state funeral. Planning had been underway for a number of years; 400 sets of streetworks had to be assessed, with 60 removed from the network. • The closure of the network had a similar footprint to that of the Olympics. • There were 500 road closures on Monday • HK said that the Commissioner of TfL had just resigned and that he had agreed a settlement to 2024. | All |
| 8 | <p><u>National Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>National Issues</u> • MC said that he had invited WC from National Highways to talk about a surety requirement, recently imposed by NH on local authorities. • HB said that she had a meeting with NH today and it was on the agenda as it was causing concern for local authorities. • WC said that he hoped it would be dealt with internally and the policy revoked. • HB to send those LAs who had contacted her to WC. • <u>Industrial action and impacts</u> • MC said that we had fallen into a rhythm in how we were responding to these. | All |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HK said that the issue for TfL was the underground staff. • <u>New Government</u> • This was only likely to be in place for a couple of years; the new transport ministers were mentioned earlier in the meeting and we had to wait and see. • <u>Winter Service Delivery (Network Resilience Plans)</u> • MC said that following the Commonwealth Games, we were undergoing a resetting of partner relationships and this included planning for winter service delivery. • We were starting to realise a full plan for rain, snow, flood, and heat and asked whether others were looking at their plans. • MJ said that they were looking at their whole year plan; recent storms hit the NE really hard for the first time and not all plans as fit for purpose as they could be. | |
| 9 | <p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no further business. | All |
| | <p>Date of Next Meeting: 15 December, 10am; MC requested a stand-in Chair as he would be in the Caribbean.</p> | To Note |