

Minutes/Notes

ADEPT National Traffic Managers Forum			
Meeting Date and Time:	16 September 2021, 10:00 – 11:30 am	Online via Microsoft Teams:	
Attendees	Mark Corbin (Chair) Claire Melvin (Secretariat) Anthony Ferguson Hannah Bartram Kevin Hargreaves Paul Garrod		Mick Phoenix Peter Goode Brian Foxton Liz Burr Neil Edwards Rob James
Apologies	Douglas Cairns Justin Ward Edward Chesters		Keith Davenport James Kelly Helena Kakouratos

Item	Details:	Lead:
1	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MC welcomed everyone to the meeting. 	
2	Minute Notes and Actions from last meeting	Mark Corbin
3	KRN Consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KH said that this was a challenging period, including the bus service plan and CRSTS bid. There were lots of sensitivities around local authorities and a collaborative response would be submitted. MC said that WMCA had tried to craft a collaborative response with the local authorities and for this response to strengthen this collaboration. The Mayor would not respond. PG said that the West of England did not have an adopted KRN yet, but the authority would respond. 	Mark Corbin
4	DfT Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AF updated the group on the traffic signal competition the DfT recently ran; those successful had been notified that they would receive funding and it was key that these authorities started spending. Spending review: this had only been announced last Monday, but work had been ongoing for weeks, with bids to be submitted this week ahead of negotiation with the Treasury and the Chancellor's announcement on 27 October. A cabinet reshuffle was underway. Moving traffic offences: Still on target for having powers at the end of the year, although it was difficult getting legislation through parliament. 	Anthony Ferguson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavement parking: there were different moods within government as any decisions had long-term consequences. • EScooters: the trial was going well, with incidents generally being managed. The controlled trials were organised and produced evidence, though had led to the growth of private use. • The consultation on street works had finished, with secondary legislation proposed next year. • The Transport decarbonisation plan had been published. • PG said that they were treating MTOs as a last resort, with trying other measures to get compliance. They were putting off measures around school streets until enforcement was in place. • MC said that there was a requirement for the Chief Constable to sign-off and there would be some issues ahead of this. 	
5	<p>Adept Round Up and National Traffic Manager's Conference (13th October 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB said that as of yesterday 79 delegates had signed up. • The agenda included Anne Shaw talking about Violence against Women and Girls; HB asked if AF could help securing someone from Defra to speak; there would be an update on the establishment of a CAZ in Bath; there would be an item on the Commonwealth Games. • HB said that Staffordshire had ended its eScooter trial, which had been part of the Live Lab project. • MC said that he had recently heard a podcast with Garrett Emmerson on the London Ambulance service and its response to the pandemic and asked whether it would be possible to invite him to speak. • Transport and Connectivity Board – this had taken place the previous week. • HB said that there would be a meeting with Emma Ward and Stephen Fidler (DfT) and if anyone wanted anything raising, to let her know. • Adept were pushing the second Live Labs on Innovation and there would be an expo on 1 December. Live Labs 2 would be around net zero highways; the prospectus had been drafted and were waiting to hear from the DfT. 	Hannah Bartram
6	<p>Regional Roundup - All Regions and National Highways (by exception)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PG: nothing of exception. • NE: nothing of exception, although MTOs were on the radar. • LB: eScooter trials: the majority of journeys were for leisure rather than work/commute. There were different views from local authorities on the return to offices and recruitment was a major issue. 	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC: recruitment was a real issue in the West Midlands as well. MC to share the briefing on the Transport Skills Academy, which had been created to assist with the skills academy. • Most modes had yet to reach their pre-pandemic levels, though roads had. • KH said there was a similar picture in the North West, with resourcing the key issue. Most of the region was keen to take on the MTOs and there were challenges with the KRN. • MP said that staff shortages were felt in the authority as well as in contractors. The big issue was around EV charging points for domestic properties and the liability for cable laying. • BF echoed the previous comments, especially around the dirth of skills. London was concerned with the LTNs. • MC said that HB had raised the issue of HGV drivers and this could become an issue for construction. • RJ said that passenger figures were tipping over 30% of pre-pandemic levels which was creating significant issues. In addition, they were going through a consultation and voluntary redundancies. 	
7	<p>Plan for 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC said that this would be coming out in the next week or so. 	Mark Corbin / All
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB said that she was doing some work with Network Rail and IPRO (Institute of Public Rights of way Officers). • HM said that we should look to put something on the agenda to encourage police representation. 	All
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