TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS AND POLICY SUB COMMITTEE, HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2015 AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

PRESENT:

Councillor Guy Harkin Bolton (in the Chair)
Councillor Stuart Haslam Bolton
Councillor Andrew Fender Manchester
Councillor David Hibbert Oldham
Councillor Shakil Ahmed Rochdale
Councillor Robin Garrido Salford
Councillor Roger Jones Salford
Councillor Dean Fitzpatrick Stockport
Councillor Iain Roberts Stockport
Councillor Warren Bray* Tameside
Councillor Doreen Dickinson Tameside
Councillor Peter Robinson Tameside
Councillor Michael Cordingley Trafford
Councillor James Grundy Wigan

* indicates substitute Member.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jon Lamonte Chief Executive Officer, TfGM
Peter Cushing Metrolink Director, TfGM
Peter Boulton Head of Programme Management, TfGM
Paul Harris GMIST

CPP15/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Eunice Smethurst (Wigan) and Joan Grimshaw (Bury).
CPP15/13  URGENT BUSINESS AND CHAIR’S ANOUNCEMENTS

There were no items of urgent business reported or any announcements made by the Chair.

CPP15/14  MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 3 July 2015.

Resolved/-

To agree the minutes of the Capital Projects and Policy Sub Committee meeting held on 3 July 2015, as a correct record.

CPP15/15  METROLINK PARK AND RIDE: OVERNIGHT PARKING

A report was presented which reminded Members of the current policy with regard to overnight Metrolink car parking policy and proposed a scope of a potential trial to relax the current enforcement policy preventing customers parking overnight at Metrolink Park and Ride facilities.

Members noted a proposal for the introduction of a three month trial, to commence in December 2015, to permit overnight parking, from the commencement of Metrolink services on Friday to last tram in service on Sunday, at those provisional trial sites set out in the report. It was noted that as part of the proposals, customers will not be permitted to leave their vehicle continuously for the full weekend, instead they will be required to remove their vehicle before 12 noon the following day.

In response to an enquiry from a Member regarding enforcement, officers noted that Care Parking will monitor whether vehicles left overnight were removed from Park and Ride sites by 12 noon the next day. The introduction of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology was being explored.

A Member commented that the 12 noon the following day was restrictive and was not attractive for those customers who may have chosen to stay over in Manchester.

A Member suggested that both Derker and East Didsbury Metrolink stops should be included in to the trial. In response, officers explained that some sites, including Derker and East Didsbury can not be included until current lease conditions and existing arrangements had been resolved.

In welcoming the initiative, it was noted that this scheme would also remove the risk for drink driving.

In welcoming the report, a Member suggested the wider relaxation of park and ride restrictions. A motion was moved requesting for all the restrictions at
Metrolink Park and Ride sites to be to be removed during the period of review. The motion was moved and seconded and declared lost.

A Member commented that the Committee should not be introducing policies that encourage passengers to drink to excess.

A Member requested that a further report be brought back to the Sub committee on completion of the trial in order to refine any proposed arrangements.

Resolved/-

1) To note the contents of the report.
2) To note the proposed trial and the identified emerging issues as set out in the report.
3) To agree that, officers will resolve those emerging issues identified in the report and develop a trial to permit overnight parking in identified park and ride sites, from the commencement of services on a Friday until the last tram in service on a Sunday. This trial was to commence in December 2015.
4) To agree that a further report on the outcome of the trial by considered.

CPP15/16 METROLINK CAPITAL UPDATE

A report was presented which provided an update to Members in relation to the Metrolink Capital Programme, including the work on the extensions and the enhancements to the existing network, particularly those works taking place in relation to the Tram Management System (TMS) the Airport Line Extension, the Second City Crossing (2CC) and the Trafford Park Line.

With regard to the Trafford Park Line and in response to an enquiry by a Member, officers confirmed that the commencing of physical works were restricted until the outcome of the Public Inquiry was known. Design work in relation to landscaping design could be developed.

A Member highlighted an incident where a cyclist was injured on tram lines. In response, officers noted that this matter had been identified in the recent Love Your Bike survey, and an officer working group was to be convened to explore this further.

In relation to Victoria Station, a Member highlighted the need for more seating to be made available on the concourse areas. In response, officers undertook to raise this matter further with Network Rail and Northern Rail.

Resolved/-

To note the update on Metrolink Capital Programme.
CPP15/17 INTERCHANGES UPDATE

A report was presented which provided an update to Members on the recent progress made in respect of the new Interchange and Bus Station at Altrincham, Bolton, Wythenshawe and Radcliffe and the future transport facilities being developed for Stockport, Tameside, Wigan, Farnworth and Pendleton. An overview of the progress made since the last update and the work scheduled to be undertaken over the upcoming months was also presented.

Following an enquiry from a Member, officers noted that discussions continued to take place with officers at Bolton Council in relation to parking provision at Bolton Railway Station.

A Member suggested that TfGM should be invited to comment on the Trafford Council Stretford Public Realm consultation.

In response to an enquiry from a Member, officers noted that the design of Stockport Interchange would include the potential for the future alignment for tram/train and Metrolink. The Interchange would not be relocated closer to the Railway Station, however walking routes were to be improved.

**Resolved/-**

1) To note the report and the achievements made in progressing these schemes since the last interchanges report to this Committee.

2) To note the work scheduled to be undertaken to continue to develop the schemes over the coming months, in conjunction with stakeholders.