

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

GREATER NOTTINGHAM LIGHT RAPID TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **11 SEPTEMBER 2007** at

County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham from 4.40 pm to 5.11 pm

Nottinghamshire County Council

Councillor C Baron (Chair)
Councillor P Lally
Councillor S Smedley

Nottingham City Council

Councillor C Arnold
Councillor G Davie
Councillor H James
Councillor I Malcolm
Councillor T Sutton

Independent Representatives

Mr S Abbott - Travel Watch East Midlands
Mrs B Morgan - Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Mr C Roy - Nottingham Trent University
Mr A Marshall - Nottinghamshire Transport 2000
Vacancy - Nottingham Transport Partnership
Mr H McClintock - PEDALS

indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

Mr M Campbell)
Miss Y Junaid) Nottingham City Council
Mr S Tough)

10 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject in minute 9 to an amendment to state that the December meeting be held on 10 December 2007, the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 May 2007, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

11 NET LINE ONE - OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE: MAY-JULY 2007

Consideration was given to a report of the Director, NET, copies of which had been circulated, relating to the performance of NET Line One for the period May to July 2007.

(a) Operational Performance

The performance of the tram system had remained high during this period with average reliability exceeding 99% and average punctuality exceeding 98%.

(b) Security at Park and Ride Sites

The total number of incidents of recorded car crime at Park and Ride sites decreased during the period due to the concerted effort by the tram operator, the Police and the City Council to improve security.

(c) Ticket Sales

The impact of the fare increase on 20 May 2007 had not been fully assessed. There had been a significant increase in the use of Kangaroo tickets on the tram, with a rise of over 50% in the first six months of 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. More than 50,000 tickets had been purchased through the new Paypoint ticket system since March 2007.

(d) Noise

Investigations regarding potential noise and vibration benefits associated with alternative track work and noise attenuation measures at the crossover adjacent to the Royal Centre Concert Hall were ongoing.

A decision by the NET concessionaire and the design and build contractor regarding options for modifying the Noel Street crossover had not yet been reached.

(e) Safety on Trams

An articulated lorry at ASDA, Hyson Green, reversed into tram 215 which resulted in the tram being out of action for six weeks, fortunately no one was seriously hurt.

It was reported that trams for phase 2 and 3 would be fitted with 'grab' rails in order to reduce the number of accidents on trams.

RESOLVED

- (1) that it be recorded that there was an expectation that the Director, NET and the NET Project Manager attended all meetings of this Committee;**
- (2) that the Director, NET write letter to ASDA expressing this Committee's concern regarding the accident with the lorry and tram and requesting that measures be implemented to prevent a reoccurrence of such an accident;**
- (3) that the performance of NET Line One during May to July 2007 be noted.**

12 NET PHASE TWO TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT (TWA) ORDER

Consideration was given to a report of the Director, NET, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the NET Promoter's response to the Advisory Committee's representation to the Secretary of State for Transport about the NET Phase Two TWA Order.

RESOLVED that, subject to amending the article dealing with Nottingham Express Transit Users Advisory Committee as follows, the draft TWA Order be submitted to the Secretary of State:-

- **85-(1) The promoter shall establish a body to be known as the Greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transport Advisory Committee;**
- **(4) The term of office of a member of the Committee shall be for four years from the date of his appointment and, on ceasing to hold office, he shall be eligible for reappointment: provided that a member of the Committee may at any time by notice in writing given to the promoter resign his office;**
- **inclusion of an additional point that of the attendance of operators at meetings shall be by invitation only.**

13 LETTER FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Consideration was given to a report of the Director, NET, copies of which had been circulated, regarding a letter received from a member of the public about difficulties experienced in locating their car at the Forest Park and Ride site.

Following on from this item Mr H McClintock requested that cycle park lockers be installed at Phoenix Park and Ride site in order to encourage cyclist to use the tram. He also reported that for a trial period Sheffield's Super Tram would allow cycles to be transported on the tram.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the correspondent be informed that the letter had been discussed by the Advisory Committee;**
- (2) that the Director, NET, convey to the correspondent that the Committee agreed with the suggestion of using signs with letters of the alphabet to denote areas of the Park and Ride car parks and would be informing the owners of the tram system of this Committee's support for the suggestion;**
- (3) that the Director, NET Projects, be requested to investigate the feasibility and cost of installing cycle lockers at Pheonix Park and Ride site and report back to a future meeting;**
- (4) that Mr McClintock be requested to report back to the next meeting of this Committee on the outcome of Sheffield's trial.**