

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, ACTIVE  
TRAVEL SUB COMMITTEE  
HELD ON FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2023**

**PRESENT:**

Manchester	Tracey Rawlins (Chair)
Manchester	Dzidra Noor
Salford	Roger Jones
Trafford	Linda Blackburn
Tameside	Warren Bray
Trafford	Aiden Williams

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

GMCA	Dame Sarah Storey
GMCA	Gwynne Williams
GMCA	Ninoshka Martins
GMCA	Ed Flanagan
TfGM	Peter Boulton
TfGM	Simon Warburton
TfGM	Richard Nickson
TfGM	James Baldwin

**GMAT 09/23      APOLOGIES**

That apologies be received and noted from Councillors Doreen Dickinson, Kevin Peel, Angie Clark and David Mellor.

**GMAT 10/23            CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Chairs announcements or urgent business.

**GMAT 11/23            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**GMAT 12/23            MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2022**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the Active Travel Sub Committee meeting held on 28 October 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**GMAT 13/23            ACTIVE TRAVEL ENGLAND – FUNDING UPDATE**

The Active Travel Programme Director, Richard Nickson gave a verbal update on funding from Active Travel England.

**RESOLVED /-**

That it be noted that confirmation from Active Travel England on the programme and allocation of funds for round 4 were still awaited.

The Committee received a presentation from the Active Travel Commissioner, Dame Sarah Storey. The main points referred to included: -

- The Active Travel Commissioner, appointed in May 2022, shared a refresh of Greater Manchester's Active Travel Mission at the Big Active Travel Conversation event held in Wigan on 1 November 2022.
- Fundamental to the programme would be three foundations, referred to as the ABC at the heart of the programme. They were: -
  - A – Accessibility
  - B – Behaviour Change
  - C – Communications and Engagement
- To provide a more formal process for communications, a dedicated email address had been set up – [AT@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk](mailto:AT@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk) This would enable residents to better engage directly with the Active Travel team.
- Future infrastructure investment would include accessible longer routes and active neighbourhoods which would include high quality continuous crossings across roads.
- Improvements would be made to link active travel with public transport, for example, improved cycle storage at tram and train stations, to enable commuters to cycle from their home to their local public transport hub, safety store there bike there and continue their journey on public transport.
- How children travel to school would be reviewed, were there active travel alternatives to the school bus.

- The Bee Bike cycle hire scheme would be extended and further initiatives encouraged, such as bike libraries, to enable people to cycle without having to own a bicycle.
- A new Road Danger Reduction Action Plan would be introduced with a target of zero deaths or severe injuries on Greater Manchester's roads.

It was reported that ten recommendations had been developed to deliver the Active Travel Mission as follows: -

- Renew the commitment for every part of the Bee Active Network to be universally accessible.
- Deliver a pilot for trialling the carriage of bikes and non-standard cycles on trams.
- Adopt Vision Zero, clearly stating a timeframe and plan for all people in GM to commit to.
- Publish a plan for the expansion of GM's cycle hire scheme to additional areas of Greater Manchester.
- Establish an integrated ticketing system for the Bee Network that incorporates cycle hire, allowing customers to complete end to end, multi-modal journeys with a single fare.
- Explore new offers - including for Our Pass holders - on Cycle Hire and TfGM's Cycle Hubs to improve access and encourage use.
- Publish the comprehensive network review by the end of April 2023.
- Publish a comprehensive update to the future pipeline of active travel infrastructure, acknowledging the previous ten year target and including annual

goals to enable progress to be transparently tracked and reported on year by year. Target date of April 2023 for the initial update.

- Deliver a new plan for travel between home and school that reduces the number of children being driven less than 2km to their school and helps support Greater Manchester ambitions for improved air quality.
- Work with GM's local authorities and the VCSE sector to create an expanding, accessible and diverse range of training offers to suit local needs that reaches all residents of GM by 2025. Collaborate with Bikeability to assist them in achieving the ambition to ensure that every child is able to achieve level 2 Bikeability by 2025.

In the discussion that followed the following points were raised: -

- A request to receive an update on proposals for the Vision Zero project at a future meeting.
- Whilst the Active Transport vision was developed at a Greater Manchester level, delivery of the vision was delegated to Local Authorities, some of whom may struggle to allocate sufficient resources.
- To address resourcing issues relating to supporting school streets. New proposals included installing cameras on school streets enabling monitoring of the street to be undertaken remotely.
- A request was made for data on the success of the Bikeability courses previously run. It was suggested that this could be measured in the number of participants who continued to regularly cycle 2 years after attending a Bikeability course.
- It was noted that the majority of adult cyclists were male and that two thirds of women cited safety as a reason for them not to cycle. It was reported that

raising the standards of cycle infrastructure including using quieter roads with decent crossings would support an increase in women cyclists.

- It was acknowledged that more was needed to be done to support GM residents to use active travel for the first and last mile of their journey on public transport, rather than using park and ride schemes. Additional safe bike storage facilities at tram stops and railway stations would support this.
- It was suggested that having the same rules of carriage across different public transport modes, when practical, would support the ethos of an integrated transport system. An example given was allowing dogs to travel for free on trams but charging for dogs to travel on busses.

#### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the report and its contents be noted.
2. That the Committee receive an update on Vision Zero at a future meeting.
3. That an update on the success of the Bikeability scheme in relation to the number of young people regularly cycling 2 years after they attended their bike ability course be shared with the Committee.

#### **GMAT 15/23            DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

That the next meeting of the Active Travel Sub Committee take place at 1.30pm on Friday 10 March 2023.