

**MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, ACTIVE
TRAVEL SUB COMMITTEE
HELD ON FRIDAY 10 MARCH 2023**

PRESENT:

Manchester CC	Tracey Rawlins (Chair)
Manchester CC	Dzidra Noor
Salford	Roger Jones
Stockport	Angie Clark
Stockport	David Meller
Tameside	Warren Bray
Tameside	Doreen Dickinson
Trafford	Linda Blackburn
Trafford	Aiden Williams

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

GMCA	Dame Sarah Storey
GMCA	Gwynne Williams
GMCA	Ed Flanagan
GMCA	Kerry Bond
TfGM	Richard Nickson
TfGM	Peter Boulton
TfGM	Jonathan Marsh
TfGM	Lily Feasby

GMAT 16/23 APOLOGIES

That apologies be received and noted from Councillors Cllr Eamonn O'Brien (GMCA Portfolio Lead) and Simon Warburton TfGM.

GMAT 17/23 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED /-

There was no Chairs announcements or urgent business.

GMAT 18/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED /-

There were no declarations of interest received.

GMAT 19/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2023

RESOLVED /-

That the minutes of the Active Travel Sub Committee meeting held on 27 January 2023 be approved as a correct record.

GMAT 20/23 ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME UPDATE

Members received an update report from Richard Nickson, Active Travel Programme Director, TfGM on the Greater Manchester (GM) Active Travel Programme and its key activities, as of February 2023, forthcoming workstreams and progress across GM were highlighted, particularly in terms of capital delivery. A presentation was given, updates included:

- Active Travel Fund 4 indicative settlement and delivery
- Active Travel Programme progress and workstreams
- Cycle Hire total overall and monthly figures and the Our Pass free access offer
- Active Travel complementary measures
- Streets for All Design Guide
- Integration with Wigan and Bolton Tranche 1

Officers confirmed that currently approved schemes will go ahead without a price increase, those schemes not yet approved will see an average 20-30% cost increase, in line with inflation, the programme will continue to be reprioritised and managed dependant on funding available.

Officers confirmed that Bike Buddy is an inclusive cycling activity that TfGM are supporting with the Wheels for All Charity where carers/supporters of service users can also be trained on the use of cycling.

Members were informed that anti-social behaviour on hire cycles has reduced significantly since the new operator, Beryl, was contracted to GM, this is due to the attention to detail and the service relationship of the operator.

Officers confirmed that the maintenance of highway gutters and cycle lanes is the responsibility of local authorities to maintain including having the most appropriate vehicle to carry out these works.

Members were advised that Cycle Hire and Cycle Training update reports and a Communications Package update report be brought to a future meeting.

RESOLVED /-

1. To note the status of the Mayor's Challenge Fund and Active Travel Fund capital programmes as at the end of February 2023, set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.5 and Appendices A, B and C of the report.
2. To note the progress being made in the wider Active Travel Programme (under each pillar):
 - a. that the GM Levelling Up Fund 2 (LUF2) bid was unsuccessful.
 - b. that a separate paper on Streets for All Design Guide will be presented to this committee on 10 March 2023.

- c. the bid submitted to ATF4 at Appendix D.
- d. the outcome of Capability and Ambition Fund (1 and 2) at para 3.17.
- e. that a feasibility study into Cycle Hire expansion is being developed.
- f. that a separate paper on Road Danger Reduction is on this agenda and its relation to Active Travel is set out at paragraph 5.3.

3. To agree that a Cycle Training report be brought to a future meeting.

4. To agree that a Cycle Hire report be brought to a future meeting.

GMAT 21/23 ROAD DANGER REDUCTION

Peter Bouton, Head of Highways, TfGM presented a report updating the Committee on Road Danger Reduction and Vision Zero.

The update included the actions carried out over the last 12 months and an overview of actions being proposed for the 2023/24 Road Danger Reduction Plan, together with the approach to deliver the ambition of Vision Zero for Greater Manchester (GM) with a recommendation from the Active Travel Commissioner to develop a strategy with partners to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.

Officers confirmed that those with special exemptions, including blue badge holders do have access to school streets.

Members were advised that air quality monitoring is currently being carried out at two School Street Schemes in Trafford and Manchester.

Members were advised that GMP follow strict national guidelines for the use of speed cameras which would be implemented as a last measure once other measures have been used by local authorities to try to eliminate the issue, a review of National Guidelines to the use of speed cameras is forthcoming.

Officers confirmed that local authorities would apply to the Secretary of State for the funding for the Average Speed Safety Cameras Scheme for their districts.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the report noted.
2. To agree that an Enforcement Update report be brought to a future meeting.

GMAT 22/23 STREETS FOR ALL DESIGN GUIDE UPDATE

Lily Feasby, Transport Strategy Officer presented a report and presentation on the Greater Manchester Streets for All Design Guide, including the contents of the guide; progress on developing the guide from Summer 2022 to Feb 2023; and key activities planned over the next six months, the presentation included:

- Streets for All Design Guide
- Our Streets for all vision
- Focus on a people centred design – inclusivity and accessibility
- Street Typologies
- Streets for All Essentials key themes
- Active Travel Technical Note
- Engagement with stakeholders
- Timescales
 - Final Draft by June 2023
 - Design Guide to Transport Committee June 2023, GMCA summer 2023
- Ambition to use the Streets for All Design Guide as a Supplementary Planning Document

Officers confirmed that some streets may be a combination of typologies which will adhere to the consistent standards as required for funding.

Members were advised that streets will be designed to achieve maximum benefit and functionality for its users looking at the whole space between buildings, this could include different ways to incorporate parking, reducing, or widening kerb space or carriageways and being flexible to where signs, bins, seating and car charging points are placed to achieve a minimum usable space for accessibility.

Members raised concerns on available space for streets where residents rely on on-street parking. Officers are working with districts to identify where low traffic active neighbourhoods can be built into lower people's reliance on motor vehicles, the success of the Bee Network would give residents an alternate way to travel, with car clubs and protected parking zones also being options to consider.

Officers advised Members that the Deputy Mayor is consulting with local authorities to use their powers to enforce traffic offences, an update will be available following the elections and will include a framework on how to bring this forward to utilise these powers to its full effect.

Officers were thanked for their work on the Streets for All Design Guide.

RESOLVED /-

1. To note the content, proposed status and timescales for development and adoption of the Greater Manchester Streets for All Design Guide.

GMAT 22/23 WORK PROGRAMME

Members received the work programme for the GM Transport and its Sub Committee meetings.

RESOLVED /-

1. That the Work Programme be received and noted.