

PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

**HELD IN THE SEStran OFFICES, MCDONALD ROAD, EDINBURGH
ON 30TH MARCH, 2007
10.00 a.m. – 10.25 a.m.**

PRESENT:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisational Title</u>
Councillor Russell Imrie(Chair)	Midlothian Council
Charles Anderson	Non Councillor Member
Graham Bell	Non Councillor Member
Councillor Neil Calvert	Scottish Borders Council
Councillor Maureen Child	City of Edinburgh Council
Councillor Gordon Edgar	Scottish Borders Council
Councillor Ricky Henderson	City of Edinburgh Council
Councillor Ewan Kennedy	City of Edinburgh Council
Councillor Lawrence Marshall	City of Edinburgh Council
John Martin	Non Councillor Member
Councillor Antony Martin	Fife Council
Councillor Alice McGarry	Fife Council
Councillor Douglas Muir	Midlothian Council
Councillor Jim Philp	Fife Council
Neil Renilson	Non Councillor Member
Sandy Scotland	Non Councillor Member
Councillor Robert Spears	Falkirk Council
Councillor Phil Wheeler	City of Edinburgh Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisational Title</u>
Gillian Bartlett	SEStran Office Manager
Stuart Crosbie	Fife Council (Legal Adviser)
Jim Dunsmuir	Midlothian Council
Tash Farrell	Scottish Executive
Thomas Garrett	Fife Council (Administrator)
Keith Gowenlock	WSP Consultants
Andrew Dougall	SEStran Communications Officer
Trond Haugen	SEStran
Keith Irving	SEStran
Scott Leitham	MVA Consultancy
Alex Macaulay	SEStran Partnership Director
Graeme Malcolm	West Lothian Council
Ian Mathie	SEStran Programme Manager
Bob McLellan	Fife Council
Alastair Short	SEStran Strategy Manager
Brian Young	Scottish Borders Council

**APOLOGIES
FOR ABSENCE:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisational Title</u>
Councillor Carol Bartholomew	West Lothian Council
Councillor David Bryson	Falkirk Council
Councillor Eddie Carrick	Clackmannanshire Council
Pete Collins	East Lothian Council
John Connarty	City of Edinburgh Council
Jim Dickson	West Lothian Council
Andrew Ferguson	Fife Council (Secretary and Legal Adviser)
Phil Flanders	RHA
Councillor Norman Hampshire	East Lothian Council
Councillor Andrew Holmes	City of Edinburgh Council
Councillor Alan Jackson	City of Edinburgh Council
Councillor George Matchett	Clackmannanshire Council
Jim McFarlane	Scottish Enterprise
Councillor Jim Muirhead	Midlothian Council
Chris Rogers	Scottish Executive
Councillor Bishop Shepherd	East Lothian Council
Mac West	Clackmannanshire Council

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1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed Stuart Crosbie and Thomas Garrett, who were standing in for Andrew Ferguson and Elizabeth Cowan, respectively.

2. REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2008 - 2023

Reference was made to the production of the Regional Transport Strategy, the purpose of which was to set out a clear framework for the future direction of, investment in, and management of, transport in the South East Scotland Transport Partnership area for the next 10-15 years.

In particular, reference was made to paragraph 5.5.2 (bullet point three - uncertainty over the configuration/specification of a new crossing and associated road and public transport infrastructure.) While it was agreed that this reference should be removed, it was stressed that this did not in any way change the position of SEStran, which still welcomed the commitment to a new crossing with the wish that this be progressed as quickly as possible, and be constructed to allow for heavy rail use.

Reference was also made to bullet point five contained within paragraph 5.5.2 relating to the uncertainty over the presence of

tolls/the tolling regime. It was noted that this matter had been discussed by the Chief Officers of SEStran at their meeting the previous week, when it had been agreed that the outcome of the Toll Bridges review be awaited.

It was noted that the Regional Transport Strategy would be presented to the Scottish Minister later that day, in order to comply with the time limit contained within Section 6 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005.

Councillor Dunsmuir, Midlothian Council, advised that said Council, at its meeting on 28th March, had pledged their support for the Strategy, and Councillor Child, City of Edinburgh Council, praised the Strategy as an exemplary piece of work.

It was confirmed that close relationships would be maintained between the Strategy and Local Plans and, while by statute, the Strategy would be reviewed every four years, there was flexibility to carry out more frequent monitoring if it was felt necessary, which would flag up any necessary changes in the Strategy itself. It was felt, that transportation and land use planning must work together.

The Board endorsed the Regional Transport Strategy 2008-2023 document and supporting documents for presentation to the Scottish Minister.

Thanked the work done by all Board Members, officials and consultants and, in reply, John Martin paid tribute to the work carried out by the Chair.