



Strategic Transport Leadership Board

September 2022: Update on Actions

Action	Update	Status
From 15 July 2022 Strategic Transport Leadership Board		
Public Questions		
<p>The Chair acknowledged the statement presented by Gerry Sansom and agreed to circulate it in writing as part of the Board minutes.</p> <p>EEH Business Unit also agreed to follow up with Network Rail to ensure the strategic statement on East West Rail made reference to opportunities for improved connectivity between Northampton and Aylesbury.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>A copy of the statement was uploaded on the EEH website and is included within the meeting minutes.</p> <p>EEH Business Unit has followed up with Network Rail as part of its ongoing engagement around the East West Rail strategic statement.</p>
Department for Transport Update (DfT)		
<p>EEH agreed to write to the Department for Transport to highlight the Board's concerns regarding the BSIP allocation within the region.</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>A letter was submitted and on the back of that, the Chair and Managing Director met with the Director General Emma Ward in September 2022.</p>

<p>Connectivity Studies Packages</p> <p>The Board agreed that elements of the digital and demand management package in the studies could be challenging for some local communities if not communicated clearly. It was emphasised that the study should be clear that measures should be tailored locally for this package.</p> <p>EEH committed to also review how rail connectivity between Northampton and Wellingborough had been reflected in the connectivity studies.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The connectivity studies in Oxford – Milton Keynes and Oxford-Northampton-Peterborough are now completing.</p> <p>Feedback from the Board is reflected in the next iteration of the studies.</p>
<p>East West Rail</p> <p>The Board provided feedback on the draft strategic narrative – particular concerns were raised around clarity of messaging. The Board did not agree to sign-off on the draft and requested a redrafted version that provided greater clarity over the links between East West Rail, economic growth and the creation of sustainable links with communities.</p>	<p>Agenda Item</p>	<p>The Board will be presented with a draft report for considerations and approval.</p>
<p>Rail Reform Legislation</p> <p>The Board agreed with the recommendation that STBs should be recognised in primary legislation and requested a consultation response be drafted in line with the paper.</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>The consultation response was submitted. We await clarification over the legislative timetable for rail reform.</p>