

<p style="text-align: center;">Note of Cycle Rail Task Force Meeting held on 2nd September 2008 at ATOC</p>

Present:

David Mapp	ATOC
Alex Veitch	ATOC (Secretary)
Philip Darnton	Cycling England (Chair)
Sally Delgado	DfT
Sharon Goodsell	DfT
Martin Crowther	Network Rail
Anthony Smith	Passenger Focus

Apologies:

Ben Plowden	TfL
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Actions arising from meeting on 02.09.08

- 1 PD will arrange a project inception meeting (or conference call) between SQW, DM, PD and the DfT economist to the project.
- 2 SQW will speak to Passenger Focus about data for the work on the economics of providing cycle facilities at stations
- 3 PD to discuss cycle carriage issues with DM off-line to consider whether and how the CRTF might approach this issue. Some work on reservations might be an appropriate way forward.

02.09.01	<p data-bbox="336 199 952 226">STRATEGY PAPER: COMMENTS AND UPDATES</p> <p data-bbox="336 271 1406 336">[note: ATOC has numbered the tasks in the CRTF strategy paper – the items below correspond to these reference numbers]</p> <p data-bbox="336 376 1406 479">1.1 SD updated the group on the appraisal requirements for cycle investment, noting current information gaps. SD noted that the SQW proposal would be helpful in addressing these gaps (see item 2).</p> <p data-bbox="336 519 1406 584">1.2 AV updated the group on the survey of how many new cycle spaces TOCs have installed during their franchise period.</p> <p data-bbox="336 624 1091 651">1.3 SD updated the group on existing franchise requirements.</p> <p data-bbox="336 692 1406 757">1.4 PD noted that Cycling England has yet to formally appoint a Board, but once it has been appointed he will present the “Challenge Fund” proposal to them.</p> <p data-bbox="336 797 1406 862">1.5 PD noted that the SQW research should provide the evidence based proposals on cycling facilities at stations – see Item 2</p> <p data-bbox="336 902 1406 1084">1.6 DM noted that ATOC had presented the “1 for 1” proposal to the Commercial Board (Commercial Directors from the TOCs). There was some support for a further commitment on cycling provision, however the “1 for 1” proposal itself was felt to be too ambitious at the current time. ATOC has been asked to do some more research and thinking, and come back with a revised proposal.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1124 764 1151">1.7 Completed by Passenger Focus</p> <p data-bbox="336 1191 1406 1373">1.8 MC noted that work was progressing for possible Dutch-style “cycle points”, with feasibility work being carried out at Paddington and Leeds. No commitments have been made to the projects. MC also noted that NR are involved in discussions around the proposed London cycle-hire scheme, and that in both cases space is the major barrier rather than funding.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1413 1066 1440">1.9 TfL were not present – they will update at next meeting</p> <p data-bbox="336 1480 1310 1507">1.10 AV had not progressed the website but will do so in time for next meeting</p> <p data-bbox="336 1547 1406 1612">2.1 AV had not gathered information from Reading bike hire but will do so in time for next meeting</p> <p data-bbox="336 1653 703 1680">2.3, 2.4., 2.5 were completed</p> <p data-bbox="336 1720 1219 1747">2.6 no comments to the cycle carriage paper were received (see item 3)</p> <p data-bbox="336 1787 1406 1852">2.7 [Addition to minute - the 2009 Cycle by Rail leaflet will start production shortly; CRTF members will have an opportunity to comment]</p>
02.09.02	<p data-bbox="336 1897 715 1924">PROPOSED SQW RESEARCH</p> <p data-bbox="336 1964 1406 1991">PD introduced the SQW proposal for research on the economics of providing cycling</p>

	<p>facilities at rail stations, and noted that Cycling England could fund the research.</p> <p>DM proposed three main uses of the research: First, it could be used by the DfT as an economic justification for requiring a particular number of cycle spaces in a franchise specification (DM also noted that additional co-funding could be provided by the DfT for cycle spaces). Second, the research could be used by TOCs to justify spending on cycle facilities during the course of a franchise.</p> <p>SD felt that the proposed SQW research could provide a useful complementary approach to the DfT appraisal on cycling, and committed to finding the relevant DfT economist to assist with the project to ensure its outputs are consistent with DfT's analysis.</p> <p>AS supported the proposal, and offered support from Passenger Focus (PF). Specifically, PF have been looking in detail at cycling facilities as an output of their work on the new South Central franchise, and would be happy to make information available to SQW.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PD will arrange a project inception meeting (or conference call) between SQW, DM, PD and the DfT economist to the project. 2. SQW will speak to Passenger Focus about data for the work on the economics of providing cycle facilities at stations
02.09.03	<p>BIKES ON TRAINS</p> <p>The group discussed this issue to see whether there was any value in the CRTF engaging in some more work on it.</p> <p>MC argued that the current restrictions were not uniform across TOCs and that therefore there is a not a consistent message going out to cyclists</p> <p>DM responded that it was not possible to have uniform carriage conditions due to the wide disparities in rolling stock and passenger numbers across TOCs. Further, communication is currently good, with clear information available on the National Rail Enquiries website and in hard copy form via the "Cycling by Rail" leaflet.</p> <p>SD noted that DfT receive a large volume of correspondence from passengers on this issue, the main problem appearing to be the difficulty in buying rail tickets and cycle reservations together. Therefore if the CRTF could look at this issue specifically then it could add some value to the debate.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. PD to discuss cycle carriage issues with DM off-line to consider whether and how the CRTF might approach this issue. Some work on reservations might be an appropriate way forward.
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	<p>PD noted that the campaign group CTC have offered their services to help survey cycle facilities at stations.</p> <p>AS congratulated ATOC for their work on Station Travel Plans</p> <p>DM updated the group on the joint work being carried out by ATOC and the Confederation for Passenger Transport (CPT) on the “end to end journey”. This is highlighting best practice in integrated transport, and noting some areas for improvement.</p> <p>As part of this work, ATOC and PF are shortly to commission some original research into what passengers need and expect from rail in terms of transport integration. This research should inform the work of the CRTF and will also help the Station Travel Plan project, and should be completed in early 2009.</p>
	<p>UPCOMING MEETINGS</p> <p>24.10.08 – 1400 at ATOC</p> <p>02.12.08 – 1000 at ATOC</p>