

**West of England Combined Authority - Extraordinary Committee meeting on  
Friday, 29 July 2022**

**Statements received from the public**

1. Christina Biggs
2. David Redgewell

## **1. Christina Biggs, Friends of Suburban Bristol Railways**

Statement in support of Portishead Line funding.

West of England Combined Authority

Extraordinary Meeting Friday 29 July, 1pm Ashton Gate Stadium

1. FoSBR welcome the injection of funding from DfT, North Somerset and the proposed contribution from WECA, to ensure this much needed and delayed project goes ahead.
2. FoSBR regret the necessity to reduce the scope but appreciate the dilemma posed by inflation.
3. FoSBR express hope that future funding can be found for a station building and longer platform at Portishead.
4. FoSBR anticipate a healthy ridership and welcome the reduction in carbon emissions and improvement in air quality this mean
5. FoSBR are concerned at the transfer of client status to DfT and call on DfT to honour the proposed hourly daytime and 45 minute morning frequency.

Christina Biggs

Friends of Suburban Bristol Railways

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## **2. David Redgewell**

We very much welcome this report

And progress on metro west phase 1 .

but we are concerned about the cut backs in passenger facilities.

Portishead station has it station platform cut back from 5 cars to 3 cars.

With No station building.

Has North Somerset council and the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority Dan Norris.

Look at bringing in private sector partner to run a small shop / cafe to provide station facilities the lack of Public toilets including disabled access toilets is very regrettable

As the saving on the building are very small in Department for Transport Railway budget terms .

are the bus interchanges facilities still include as it's not mention in the report.

For services x5 to Portishead estate Portbury Avonmouth and Clevedon.

X4 bus route.

The Portishead line station requires a fully wheelchair accessible stations.

Pill station is also a short platform.

With basic facilities.

again provision needs to be made for

Future platform extension and good waiting shelters.

There is also a need for bus services improvements for bus service x4 on the main A369.

The shorter platform needs a diversity impact assessments.

We also need to cover the revenue of 6.7 million of revenues support for the seven Beach to Westbury services.

And over revenue cost of the 11.24 million of subsidies for the Bristol pill to Portishead line and seven Beach to

Westbury services via Bristol Temple meads and Bath spa.

For train crew subsidies and train sets

In the long term we need to make Bedminster and Parson street fully accessible and to open the station at Ashton Gate.

Both Bedminster and Parson street are important bus railway interchanges.

South west transport Network and Railfuture Severnside.

Whilst .

We support the reopening of the Portishead ,Pill,Bristol Temple meads station.

But we do want to see fully accessible stations with diversity impact assessments at Portishead station

and pill station.

We are very concerned about the cut back in passenger waiting facilities.

and only waiting shelters at Pill and Portishead .

The lack of a building at Portishead is of great concern to disabled passengers.

Especially in with buffet,cafe and shop

and lack public toilets, including disabled facilities.

We hope tactile platform will be included and accessible bridge at pill station and ramp access.

We bus interchange which is full accessible for disabled people at Portishead and Accessible route to bus stops at pill.

We also need disabled accessible car parking at pill and Portishead stations

and Taxis drop off points .

We need provision for bus services interchanges facilities with a future Ashton Gate station with metro bus.

We need Bedminster and parson station fully accessible with lifts .

And bus interchange..

David Redgewell/ Gordon Richardson

Bristol disability equities forum.

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