

West of England Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee meeting on 23 January 2023

Statements received from the public

1. David Redgewell, South West Transport Network and Railfuture Severnside
2. Robby Bentley, Bristol Disabled Equalities Forum

1. David Redgewell, South West Transport Network and Railfuture Severnside

We are concerned about the delays in Metro west phase 2 project.

We welcome the capital investment in Ashley Down station and construction plans in 2023.

It also with Great concern that all bus services have been withdrawn from Ashley Down station to Gloucester Road in this years west of England mayoral combined transport Authority bus service cuts due to freezing of Transport levy by Bristol city council and south Gloucestershire council and Banes resulting in the withdraw of bus service:

17 keynsham kingswood staple hill Fishponds, Eastville park ,Horfield Southmead hospital bus station.

505 Bristol city centre to Easton Eastville,Horfield, Southmead hospital bus station

Both services would have concerned the Hospital

Leaving just the 24 service from Ashton Gate Southville Bedminster Redcliffe City centre, Lawrence hill, Stapleton road Eastville ,lockleaze Horfield Southmead hospital bus station

But are very concerned about the delays in design work at Filton North station, Brabazan Arena and Exhibition centre Station. Is this station being delayed by safety issue for passenger for Arena by the British transport police and Transect.

The station will have with metro bus interchange for cribs causeway bus and coach stations and Henbury for cribs causeway.

Their appear to be flooding delays in design of the station with 2 platforms and passive provision for extending the service to Avonmouth Dock.

Bus interchanges for cribs causeway and park and ride.

We still have no planning permission granted for Filton North station and Henbury station both station are Transport hubs with bus interchanges.

With the £ 54 million pound and metro west railway.

YTL Arena will need a mass transit system with metro west railway to get visitors to the area we need the hourly service to Bristol Temple meads station with stop at the following stations

Filton Abbey wood, Ashley Down Stapleton road, Lawrence hill

The will also be special service to Bristol Parkway South wales and to Severn Beach line at Avonmouth when big concerts or Event take place.

The bus Network on it's own will not deal with taking large numbers of people visiting concerts and Events but a new bus Network is welcomed

We want to see urgent progress on the Henbury loop line metro west railway Service from Bristol Temple meads station to Henbury.

Also with the half hourly service between Bristol Temple meads, Filton Abbey wood, Bristol parkway station yate New station at charfield cam and Dursey possible new station at stonehouse and Gloucester central.

What is the progress on the planning application for charfield station and design work including bus interchange.

Again at present the bus Network is being withdrawn from charfield station.

With the loss of the 84 85 from Wotton under edge to yate bus station and railway station.

Service 60 from Thornbury to charfield station wotton under edge cam and Dursey may lane.

The bus railway intergration will need to be addressed.

On the city region transport corridor their is major concern about both the delivery of the construction of bus lanes and prority measures bus stops and shelters and maintenance of bus stops.

Cycleways and Footways .

And having the staff in Bristol city council , North Somerset council , South Gloucestershire council and North Somerset council to construct these projects

On the A367 Bath spa bus and coach station to peasdown st john Radstock Westfield midsomer Norton paulton Farrington Gurney wells bus and coach station.

A37 Bristol bus and coach station Bristol Temple meads station knowle Hengrove whitchurch pensford Clutton Farrington Gurney Wells Bus station Glastonbury and street.

Stockwood Hengrove knowle Bristol Temple meads city centre Park street Clifton Down station Henleaze Southmead Brenty Henbury cribbs causeway bus station.

Bristol city centre to Bradley stoke and Thornbury. A38

Bristol to yate bus and coach station.

A432 .Y1 bus route

Bristol to East Bristol/ kingswood.

A420.

42 43 44 45 bus roads

Bristol to Weston super mare.x1 bus route

Bristol to clevedon. X6 x7 bus route

Bristol to Nalisea. X8 bus route

Bristol to Portishead. X4 bus route.

We of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council need a delivery team and bus shelter and maintenance staff .

Need to under the control of the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

Passenger information quality bus shelters interchanges facilities

E Scoter and cycling hubs need addressing.

we need teams to address the transport hubs

We welcome Bristol city council transferring the public transport infrastructure and Transport team to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

And we believe key staff should be transferred to transferred from South Gloucestershire council and Banes and join unit set up for delivery unit .

We are worried about delivery.

With regards to the main bus corridor investment it must be noted that the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority due to lack of increase in the transport levy.

The Evening bus service on the A367 bus corridor Bath bus and coach station to peasdown st john Radstock midsomer Norton paulton and wells bus station is withdrawn. 172 bus route

Bristol bus and coach station to Thornbury bus corridor.

The service 10 Avonmouth Dock to Southmead hospital UWE Bristol bus station Bristol Parkway,Bradley stoke Aztec west Hortham Alverston Thornbury.

Service 10 is withdrawn.

The a lot of planning at the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

But we now need to see delivery.

Bus service improvement.

With regards to the bus service improvement plans their need a look at proposed new routes not yet let to Bus operators.

Service 517 chew magna wells link

Service 517 midsomer Norton Radstock

Paulton link .

Services 519 keynsham Town service.

520 Southmead hospital to longwell green with extension to keynsham.

521 Hengrove to Brislington.

522 Bristlington park and ride to Odd park and ride

Long Ashton park and ride to Hartcliffe.

523 Bristlington Town service.

525 Emerson green to yate

Chew valley link

Chew valley to Anchor road.

These are new service designed to

Be fund by the Bus service improve plan money.

It perfectly accepted by the Department for transport to provide new bus services using bus service improvement plan money or Enhanced existing one as is the case in North Devon and Somerset.

Not all of these new routes can be funded .

To voters and Taxpayers the passenger so the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and the metro mayor Dan Norris.

Delivering public transport Network services.

We need to start to delivery improvement in public transport improvements.

No other combined transport Authority is cutting bus and rail services.

But the difference is the 3 unity councils should Stop micro managing the Transport Authority.

The Transport Authority and mayor Dan Norris need precepting powers and North Somerset council as fully member of the combined transport Authority.

We are also concerned about the fact that Transforming Town fund money is a risk of being returned to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

We need to make more progress on disabled access to public transport Network.

With lack of disabled access to the following railway stations.

Lifts of Weston super mare. Nalisea and Backwell,Parson street, Bedminster,Lawrence hill , Stapleton road,st Andrews road .

Keynsham oidfiled park Freshford Avoncliff Trowbridge. Lifts at Cheltenham spa.

With budgets for metro west.

City region transport plan.

Bus service improve plan.

Mobility hubs transport interchanges.

Walking and cycling.

Regeration of Bristol Temple meads station.

We need to see delivery on the ground

For the Travelling public and sustainable transport user .

We note that project funded by the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and mayor Dan Norris.

Are only being badged as deliver by the Bristol city council Banes or South Gloucestershire council when in fact their funded by the West of England mayoral combined transport Authority and Dan Norris.

We need the clear delivery at the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority joint with North Somerset council.

Progress on delivery of metro west railway Network is essential for the Greater Bristol and Bath city region.

Westlink Demand responsive bus services.

Need to be design to carry enough passengers 9 seater buses 16 seats will be ok in Deep rural areas

But in west Wales Wiltshire council and Hemel Hempstead use 30 seater buses.

Wiltshire council Demand responsive bus services has been very successful.

The Bus service improvement plan money runs out in 2 years time

so all these bus service's will need subsidies from Bristol city council Banes and South Gloucestershire council and North Somerset council.

In 18 months time budgets discussion need to take place with Education and Health providers about the demand responsive bus services.

and Wiltshire Gloucestershire and Somerset councils on cross border services.

We would also like to see progress on Bus service improvement plan.

Enhanced quality partnership.

The bus service improvement plan.

Governance need to be set up with the Bus service Advisory Board.

And the passenger forum .

With open Transport Board meeting with West of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council. Chaired by Mayor Dan Norris and councillor Steve Hogg.

2. Robby Bentley, Bristol Disabled Equalities Forum

Metro west railway Network/ Filton North YTI station. Mass transit system.

We would like to Support the views of local councillor in Westbury on Trym Southmead and Henbury.

Patchway and Cribbs causeway in South Gloucestershire county council area.

We are very concerned that we need to make progress as Darren Jones mp Councillor Mark Weston and mayor Malvin Rees councillor Don Alexander Toby Savage leader of South Gloucestershire and Regional Transport mayor Dan Norris have said

On Metro west railway line to Henbury for Cribbs causeway and Filton North station for the YTL Arena Bristol

With 17 000 people travelling to concerts and event from across the South west of England

The railway station is the most important piece of infrastructure.

We understand the design have been changed for passenger safety and of course after the Event at Manchester Victoria station/ Arena the British transport police and Transect the Department for transport Network Rail western and First group plc Great western railway and the Arena operators

Will need a safe station and entrance to and from the Y TL Arena Filton.

Diversity impact assessments for disability railway passengers.

But the problem we have is the Arena is due to open in 2025 and the Railway in 2026 Both Metro Rees Mayor Dan Norris and council leader want the station

Open on the area opening day .

Leaving only a Bristol Parkway metro bus service to the Arena and cribs causeway/ Patchway new neighbourhood and local buses Bristol city centre Southmead 75 to Filton and Patchway cribs causeway.

Bristol city centre Clifton Down station Henbury and cribs causeway

With the special buses from Portway park and ride cribs causeway park and ride site uwe and long Ashton.

Special coach services.

Of course Portway parkway station needs a special train services to Filton North station YTL Arena .

Taxis and improvements in walking and cycling to be welcomed

The most important public transport

Network is the metro west railway mass transit system from Bristol Temple meads station, Lawrence hill, Stapleton road Ashley Down Filton Abbey And Filton North station YTL Arena and Henbury for cribs causeway station.

With local train services and special train services via Bristol parkway or Bristol Temple meads via the Henbury line or loop for special passengers trains

The Railway like the Stadium at Cardiff or Birmingham International will be able to Bring lots of concert tickets holders to the arena/ Exhibition halls .

As mayor malvin Rees keep pointing out Greater Bristol and Bath city region need a mass transit system and of course metro west railway services Network is very much the first stages of it .

We would welcome very very urgent discussions with the Secretary of state for Transport Mark HARPER mp and Railway minister Hue merriman Mp the new rail minister and Richard Holden mp the buses and local Transport minister. Michael Gove leveling up secretary.

Sir Peter Hendy Network rail chairman

Mark Hopwood First group Great western railway.

Steve Montgomery Director uk Railways First group plc.

Doug claringbold md First group west and wales .

Jannet Bell First group.

Kevin Gale National Express coaches Rachel Geliamasstage.coachbus.co.uk

To sorted the public transport Network plan urgently.

Metro west railway project is such an important public transport intervention in Greater Bristol and Bath city region public transport Network with the train service From Bristol Temple meads Gloucester and Cheltenham.

BRISTOL TEMPLE MEADS TO Bath spa and Westbury./ Frome/ warminster.

Bristol Temple meads station to Weston super mare and Taunton

Bristol Temple meads to Avonmouth and seven Beach.

Bristol Temple meads station to pill and Portishead.

Bristol Temple meads station/ Lawrence hill Stapleton road,Ashley Down, Filton Abbey ,Filton North Brabazon YTL Arena

Henbury for cribbs causeway.

With the new Brabazon station train can operator from across South west England Midlands and South wales .

The arena also need a good Network of Bus services provided by Flrst group plc stagecoach west and National Express.

West of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council 2023 Bus service improvements plan bus Tenders .

On the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council bus service improvements plan area .

Whilst we have put out a very good support bus Network for Tender with mayor Dan Norris working with mayor Malvin Rees, Councillor leaders Kevin guy Banes Toby savage South Gloucestershire council and North Somerset council Steve Bridger.

With an enhanced bus Network iam still very concerned as we know the metro mayor Dan Norris and councillor Don Alexander transport executive along with Steve reade , Steve Hogg and sarha Warren Banes are about the Need for 2000 drivers for First group, plc and stagecoach group west.

The area that still need attention is for a Tender for a replacement services 5 now 47 From yate bus station westerleight puckchurch ,Emerson green ,Downend oidbury court,Fishponds ,Broomhill Stapleto St werburgess st Paul's Bristol city centre

And need to operators via Broomhill to Stapleton.

The 47 or 5 needs to run Half hourly and run in the Evening and Sundays.

The Y 3 /y 4 Bristol bus and coach station st paul st werburgess Eastville park Stapleton ,Frenchay ,winterbourne iron Acton, Frampton cotterell,Coalpit heath Yate bus and coach station

Both these services need to be tendered by metro mayor Dan Norris and west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

The Bristol Hotwells road Ashton Gate Long Ashton Backwell yatton.

Whitchurch Hengrove Dundry Bristol Airport Yatton clevedon.

Needs adding to the Tender list in North Somerset.

Along with the 126 Wells bus and coach station cheddar Axbridge winscombe Banwell locking Weston bus and coach station.

In North Somerset council Somerset council area

We should be able to operate a good bus service from April 2023 if we can get enough Drivers and money to fund the services.

We welcome Demand responsive bus services in Yate , Thornbury, Midsomer Norton Radstock Paulton.

Keynsham Somerset.