



Meeting: Transport Working Party

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Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership – Strategic Economic Plan – Transport Schemes

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1. **Purpose**

1.1 This report sets out the schemes that have been put forward for funding to Government by the Local Enterprise Partnership, after negotiation with Torbay Council, in the Strategic Economic Plan.

2. **Proposed Decision**

2.1 No Decision is required; the report is for information only.

3. **Action Needed**

3.1 No actions are necessary.

4. **Summary**

4.1 The Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) was prepared by the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) as a funding document. It is a negotiating document between the Government departments and the LEP on various matters including Transport and a decision on funding is expected in July.

4.2 Torbay Council, working with the Local Transport Board (LTB) for the LEP area, put forward schemes and these were given a priority by the LTB and LEP with other schemes from across the LEP area.

4.3 The Torbay schemes are explained in Section 6 of this report. There were 35 schemes in total, including eight within Torbay. The schemes (and their ranking) are listed in Section 7 of this report.

4.4 It is not known how much funding will be awarded to the region, or how that funding will be distributed between schemes. This will become apparent after July and a further update will be given to members in due course.

4.5 The Government will, within the same funding allocation, be releasing the £27.1m

for major transport schemes that has already been secured. This allocation is to fund major transport schemes across the LEP area including Torbay Western Corridor and a contribution towards Edginswell Rail Station.

Supporting Information

5. Position

- 5.1 The Government requested that each LEP produce a Strategic Economic Plan as a negotiating tool for allocating finance for 2015/16 onwards.
- 5.2 It is not known what funding allocations will be given or how it will be assessed as it is a competitive process; the announcement is expected in July.
- 5.3 In July 2013 the Department for Transport allocated £27.1m to the LTB. This has been allocated to certain schemes as noted in the table in Section 7. This will not cover the entire cost of those schemes and some will also rely on a future allocation as part of the SEP process.
- 5.4 The prioritisation process was based on a number of factors (such as cost, benefit, economic development supported) and the schemes were independently assessed. Recommendations were then put to the LTB who presented a final list to the LEP to aid the negotiation with Government.

6. Torbay Schemes

6.1 Torbay Western Corridor;

This scheme, fully funded by the existing Government allocations, will deliver significant improvements to the route between Windy Corner and Churscombe Cross.

6.2 Edginswell Rail Station;

The station is part of a joint bid with Devon County Council to deliver two new stations with the other being at Marsh Barton. Most of the funding is secured through the existing Government allocations but the remainder is being sought through this process.

6.3 Torquay Gateway;

This proposal seeks to enhance the junctions and therefore the highway capacity of the route from the South Devon Link Road towards Torquay Town Centre.

6.4 Torquay Town Centre Access;

Following on from the highway improvements in the Gateway this scheme will allow traffic to take a more direct route into the Town Centre through Torre.

6.5 Paignton Rail Station;

In a joint bid with First Great Western, this would deliver significant improvements to the appearance and user experience of the station which is a key site in the

centre of Paignton.

6.6 Broadsands to Long Road Cycle Way;

Some of this route has already been completed but the funding would enable a connection from Long Road, and the developments on the Western Corridor, through to the sea front route linking across Torbay.

6.7 Torre Rail Station;

Again a joint bid with First Great Western, this scheme will improve the accessibility and user experience of the station, as well as enhancing the aesthetics.

6.8 Brixham Transport Hub;

Creation of a year round transport hub enabling cars to park and users to take other modes, such as bus or cycle, into the centre of Brixham. It would expand on the existing park and ride facility.

7. Scheme Prioritisation List

Priority	Scheme	Local Authority	Ask (£)
1*	Bridge Road, Exeter	Devon	3.37
2*	Yeovil Western Corridor	Somerset	0
3*	Torbay Western Corridor	Torbay	0
4*	Derriford Transport Scheme	Plymouth	4.78
5*	Marsh Barton and Edginswell Rail Stations	Devon / Torbay	0.6
6*	A382 Widening Newton Abbot	Devon	5.9
7*	Torquay Gateway	Torbay	3.44
8	Huntworth Roundabout	Somerset	1.91
9	A361 Portmore to Landkey Stage 1	Devon	1.5
10	Derriford Hospital Interchange	Plymouth	1.4
11	Torquay Town Centre Access	Torbay	0.4
12	Traffic Signal Improvements, Northern Corridor	Plymouth	2.1
13	Roundswell Phase 2	Devon	2
14	A38 Deep Lane Junction, Sherford	Devon	2
15	A379 Newcourt Junction, Exeter	Devon	1
16	A39 Heywood Road Junction, Bideford	Devon	1
17	Taunton Rail Station Enhancements	Somerset	4.6
18	SCN - Northern Corridor	Plymouth	2.46
19	Exeter East - West Cycle Routes	Devon	1
20	Paignton Rail Station	Torbay	1.5
21	Broadsands - Long Road Cycle Way	Torbay	1.4
22	Exmouth Rail Station Interchange	Devon	0.3
23	Newton Abbot - Torbay Cycle Route	Devon	1
24	Smart Rural Travel	Somerset	0.3
25	Barnstaple East - West Cycle Route	Devon	1
26	Queen Street, Newton Abbot	Devon	0.8

27	Torre Station	Torbay	0.6
28	Newton Abbot Station Interchange	Devon	1.8
29	Brixham Transport Hub	Torbay	0.5
30	River Parrett Walk and Cycle Route	Somerset	0.38
31	Celebration Mile	Somerset	3
32	SCN - Eastern Corridor and City Centre	Plymouth	3.42
33	Sherford Link, Taunton	Somerset	0.6
34	Newton Abbot East - West Cycle Route	Devon	1
35	Charles Cross and Exeter St improvement scheme	Plymouth	2.1
*Schemes that are fully or part funded by the committed £27.1m – subject to final approval			

Background Papers:

Heart of the South West Strategic Economic Plan

Available from: <http://www.heartofswlep.co.uk/strategic-economic-plan>