

A303/A358/A30 Steering Group Meeting. 22 October 2015.

Notes of the Meeting.

Attending:

[REDACTED]

Apologies:

[REDACTED]

Notes:

1. Notes of the last meeting.

[REDACTED]

2. Progress Update from Highways England on A303/A358 Project.

Road Investment Strategy (RIS) includes a commitment to start currently agreed/ announced projects by April 2020.

'Stage 0' of the DCO process (review of studies) has been completed and now moving into the options stage for [REDACTED] and A358 schemes. Mott Macdonald has been appointed and is developing options leading to formal consultation next year.

There will be stakeholder discussions on early options prior to setting out formal options.

A comms plan is in development for key stakeholders and hard to reach groups etc. Local Authorities can help inform this.

A project plan will be available for consultation at the end of December. A detailed project plan with key dates will be released for each scheme. **Action: Noted the need to coordinate consultation with other related consultations such as the SCC M5 J25 scheme.**

Action: SCC offered assistance from their Major Energy Projects team [REDACTED] on how to manage the 'adequacy of consultation' stage of the DCO process given recent experience on Hinkley C DCO process.

Initial data collection is now underway for the [REDACTED] A358 schemes to inform the traffic modelling. Census work has just finished and traffic counters are still out. A much wider regional model will be built in due course and will require further data collection. **Action:** [REDACTED] to supply the scope of this work to LA's and the 'fineness of grain' of the model i.e. does it pick up the important Local Authority routes such as A37 and A361.

National Trust and Natural England have driven the route with HE and have not identified any significant issues.

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5. Any Other Business

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6. Date of Next Meeting

Agreed to find a date in late December/ early January.

Key Notes of Meeting

A303/A30/A358 Steering Group
Wednesday 14th December, 2016
Room B3N1, County Hall, Taunton

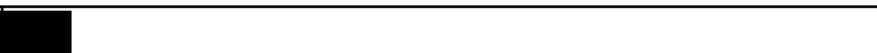
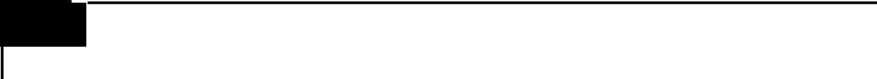
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Andrew Page-Dove	Highways England

Items:

1.	Welcome & Introductions	
	[REDACTED]	
2.	Notes and actions from the last meeting (23rd Sept 16)	
	[REDACTED]	
3.	Progress Update from Highways England on A303/A358 Project	Action By
	<p>HE Leaflet – Discussion on the term ‘expressway’, will this ban certain vehicles? Members asked to give feedback on leaflet by 1st week of January to [REDACTED] for collation. Update from JD was discussed – What is meant by 1.2 ‘central corridor’? Study area – this was unclear but it was agreed that scheme should by pass Henlade. General consensus was that the group would like to have access to consultation materials before it is put in the public domain. [REDACTED] said that HE had committed to working groups, first one to take place in January 2017 HE to be asked to meet early in New Year. Update from [REDACTED] was discussed – Group asked for consultation for the Wiltshire section should also take place in Somerset. Has consultant been taken on for Somerset section? Does the ‘swallowtail’ come into RIS3?</p>	ALL [REDACTED]
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5.	[REDACTED]	

		
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7. Date of next meeting.		
	Thursday 6 th April, Room B3N1, County Hall, Taunton. 10.00 – 11.30	

Items:

1.	Outcome of Road Investment Strategy	Action By
	<p>It was discussed that the outcome of the RIS was a very good result. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] Despite the good result, it was discussed that we needed to keep up the pressure to ensure delivery. A further meeting to discuss what is proposed/timescales was discussed when this information is available so that we can be clear with the public.</p> <p>[REDACTED] outlined that there wasn't any further information at this stage regarding the improvements than what is included in the RIS and any budgets relating to the RIS start in April 2015.</p> <p>[REDACTED] noted that the DfT are preparing a summary note for stakeholders regarding the A303/A358/A30 corridor.</p> <p>[REDACTED] noted that due to the mobilisation programme required to establish teams and consultants, progress could be slow in the short term.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	
2	Transport Minister Meeting Items	
	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Other issues that would be included were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - discussion on the first three corridor schemes - [REDACTED] - trunking of the A358 - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 	<p>[REDACTED]</p>
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5	<p>Future Form and Need of A303 Steering Group</p>	
	<p>It was agreed to keep the current form of the Steering Group and arrange meetings at approximately six monthly intervals to maintain pressure.</p> <p>Establishing effective communications between the local authorities/LEPs/HA and the public was noted as essential.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	
6	[REDACTED]	
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7	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	
	<p>To be confirmed when more information is available regarding improvement timescales.</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>

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6.	[REDACTED]	
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7.	Date of next meeting.	
	Thursday 28 th July, 2016, 14.00 – 15.30. Room A117, County Hall.	

Key Notes of Meeting

A303/A30/A358 Steering Group

28th May 2015, 10.00 – 12.0
Room B3N1, County Hall, Taunton

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Items:

1.	Progress Update from Highways England on A303/A358 Project	Action By
	<p>█ confirmed that the Commissioning Report had started for A303/358, including the A30. This is the start of the phase and further information will be available in approx. 3-4 months. A process chart/plan will be circulated that can be used to inform the public.</p> <p>The report will show how long it will take to review all the options, not which options should be selected.</p> <p>Communications plans will be developed for all schemes.</p> <p>█</p> <p>A new set of route strategies would be kicked off in the Autumn looking at 5+ year timescales and an engagement/reference group would be put in place.</p> <p>█ reiterated that the whole route needs to be completed to gain maximum impact/effect and said that SCC have undertaken an economic review that can be shared.</p>	
2	█	
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3	Implications of Change in Government on Projects and Any Actions Required by Steering Group	

[REDACTED]

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It was agreed that the group would need to keep all relevant MP's up to date with events to maintain support. Regular briefings should take place.

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7	Date of Next Meeting	
	[REDACTED] will contact members with regards to dates in early September.	[REDACTED]