

**West of England Partnership
Joint Transport Executive Committee
24 April 2009**

Major Scheme Bids

Purpose of Report

1. To inform members of the Committee of the submission to Government of the Rapid Transit Ashton Vale to Temple Meads and Bristol city centre, and Weston Package major scheme bids.

Background

2. Building upon the success of the Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN) which is currently being implemented, and the Bath Package which has received Programme Entry approval from Government, the West of England authorities have been progressing the development of the programme of transport schemes prioritised through the Regional Funding Allocation. This programme is discussed in more detail in item 8 on this agenda.
3. As reported to the Joint Transport Executive Members meeting on 22 January 2009 two further transport schemes have been subject to the extensive technical work to meet the requirements for a funding bid to Government.
4. The submission of a major scheme bid for Rapid Transit Ashton Vale to Temple Meads and Bristol City Centre was approved by Bristol Cabinet on 2 February 2009 and by the North Somerset Executive on 17 February 2009.
5. The submission of a major scheme bid for Weston Package was approved by the North Somerset Executive on 17 February 2009.
6. The bid for Rapid Transit Ashton Vale to Temple Meads and Bristol City Centre was submitted on 30 March, whilst that for Weston Package is due for submission on 20 April. Based upon Government guidance a decision on the award of Programme Entry is expected in September/October 2009.
4. Together these schemes represent over £60m of new transport capital investment in the sub-region over the next 6 years over and above the more than £100m of public transport infrastructure being delivered through GBBN and Bath Package.

Recommendation

That the Joint Transport Executive Committee notes the submission of the Rapid Transit Ashton Vale to Temple Meads and Bristol city centre, and Weston Package major scheme bids.

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Background Papers

Report to Bristol City Council Cabinet 2 February 2009 - Rapid Transit (RT) – Ashton Vale to Temple Meads

www.bristol.gov.uk/item/committeecontent/?ref=ua&code=ua000&year=2009&month=02&day=02&hour=18&minute=00

Report to North Somerset Executive 17 February 2009 – Rapid Transit Ashton vale to Bristol Temple Meads www.n-somerset.gov.uk/cairo/docs/doc18322.htm

Report to North Somerset Executive 17 February 2009 – Weston Package Phase 1 Major Transport Scheme Bid www.n-somerset.gov.uk/cairo/docs/doc18321.htm

Rapid Transit Ashton Vale to Temple Meads and Bristol City Centre Major Scheme Bid www.westofengland.org/transport/rapid-transit/ashton-vale--temple-meads-bid-submission

Weston Package Major Scheme Bid www.westofengland.org/transport/weston-package