

Referral to: COUNCIL 21 NOVEMBER 2017

**From: TAMAR BRIDGE AND TORPOINT FERRY JOINT
COMMITTEE – 15 SEPTEMBER 2017**

EXTRACT MINUTE of a Meeting of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee held at Warspite Room, The Council House, Armada Way, Plymouth PL1 2AA on Friday 15 September 2017 Commencing at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cornwall Council Members

John Crago (Co-Chair)

Gary Davis, Derek Holley and Sam Tamlin

Plymouth City Council Members

Martin Leaves (Co-Chair)

Mark Coker, Samantha Leaves, Patrick Nicholson and
George Wheeler

Apologies for Geoff Brown CC
absence:

TAMAR CROSSINGS TRAVEL ANALYSIS STUDY

(Agenda No. 6)

TBTF/14 Consideration was given to the previously circulated report in respect of the Tamar Crossings Travel Analysis Study, presented by the Project Development Officer – Transport and Infrastructure, Cornwall Council, and to the presentation given by the Consultant, WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff (circulated subsequent to the meeting).

In response to comments and questions from Joint Committee members, the Consultant, WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff, the General Manager, Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry, the Project Development Officer – Transport and Infrastructure, Cornwall Council, and Head of Transport Planning and Strategy, Cornwall Council, confirmed that:

- (i) It had not been possible to capture meaningful data on journeys made by bicycle;
- (ii) The variance in traffic data reported in 2. Current Operation of the Tamar Crossings, paragraphs 2.3.17 and 2.3.18 (agenda page 113), and the traffic data reported in 5. Tamar Bridge Highways Capacity, paragraphs 5.2.3 (agenda page 145), was due to the data being from 2 different sources:- from Highways England traffic data and from Plymouth City Council's highways model for the whole of Plymouth. It was acknowledged

- that the Plymouth City Council model was a projection of traffic levels, however it was considered that this would not affect the conclusions drawn;
- (iii) The conclusion of the report was that if traffic remained at the same levels, the Tamar Bridge would be at capacity within the next 10-15 years;
 - (iv) There was already useful information relating to journeys made in the eastbound direction as it was tolled this way, and over the next few years technology would provide additional data for both directions;
 - (v) It was expected that the scoping study would be complete by the end of September 2017, following which the timescale for the following stages would be better known;
 - (vi) A bus based Park and Ride scheme in the South East of Cornwall would be a key part of the study. However, it would be necessary to understand what benefits the bus user would have on arrival in Plymouth, and currently Cornwall Council was working closely with colleagues in Plymouth City Council to determine this;
 - (vii) The survey of bus users indicated that 'more direct' travel was considered to be getting straight through from point of boarding to point of alighting;
 - (viii) A Member's suggestion that the car sharing option be further explored was acknowledged;
 - (ix) Variable tolling - according to time of travel - was not currently used in the envisaged manner by any other similar enterprise in the UK, but was an option to be considered in the Pricing Strategy. The aim of the strategy was to maintain the level of reserves and income, rather than to increase them;
 - (x) Reference to Derriford in the report related to the area of Plymouth, which included the Hospital and other businesses.

Arising from consideration of the report and information provided, it was proposed by Councillor Nicholson, seconded by Councillor S Leaves,

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COUNCILS OF CORNWALL AND PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCILS That work commences on a study which investigates the long term strategic options for the Tamar Crossings.

RESOLVED

1. The findings of the Tamar Crossings Analysis Study be noted;
2. Funding to progress the Pricing Strategy on Tamar Crossings: Preparation of Detailed Study (£20,000) be set aside;
3. A report on the delivery of a Park and Ride scheme for South East Cornwall, including information on passenger destinations, be provided to the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee as soon as practicable.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Report to the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee
- Appendix 2 – Tamar Crossings Travel Analysis Study – Main Report, April 2017
(Appendix 1 to the report)
- Appendix 3 – River Tamar Crossings Study – Final Report, August 2013
(Appendix 2 to the report)

Appendix 4 – River Tamar Crossings Study – Final Report
Report to the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee,
13 September 2013
(Appendix 3 to the report)