

TRANSPORT FORUM

Terms of Reference

The Transport Forum is part of Peninsula Transport, reporting into the Shadow Sub National Transport Body (SSTB) Board. The Transport Forum has a clearly defined remit and purpose.

Purpose

The purpose of the group is to provide technical guidance and expertise to the Peninsula Transport SSTB Board and Senior Officer Group. The Forum will ensure that a broad range of stakeholder and partner views are taken into account by the SSTB and Senior Officer Group. The key challenge for the Peninsula is to strengthen our strategic links to keep pace with the rest of the UK, reinforcing connectivity and exploiting opportunities to become more productive. The group will therefore need to consider the following key areas:

- Resilient road and rail networks to support connectivity including access to our regional airports and ports
- Impact of technology and innovation in supporting our urban and rural mobility challenges
- Infrastructure investment needed to unlock housing development and create accessible enterprise areas

Members of the Forum will have the opportunity to shape and guide the development of the strategic Transport Strategy for Peninsula Transport SSTB.

Objectives of the Transport Forum

The objectives of the Forum are to:

- Bring together a wide range of stakeholders to update on industry / policy developments and gather views on strategic transport issues to feed into the SSTB;
- Provide technical guidance and expertise on key issues, including integration of modes, the impact of emerging technology and user experience;
- Support the development of the emerging strategic Transport Strategy and provide guidance on how to consult and engage with different audiences and stakeholders;
- Develop shared understanding of the key issues facing users, operators and the supply chain; and
- Provide support to the SSTB on influencing Government decisions around Peninsula Transport strategic matters.

Accountability

The Transport Forum will report to the Shadow Sub National Transport Board. Appendix I contains a diagram showing the relationship between the Transport Forum and the SSTB Board.

Membership

Members will be selected by their representative groups for a period of two years. It is the role of Transport Forum members to represent fairly and fully the interests and views of those bodies and groups.

A list of Transport Forum Members can be found in Appendix 2.

Appointment of Chair / Vice Chair

The Chair shall be nominated from within the membership of the Transport Forum by its members and approved by the Peninsula Transport SSTB Board for the period of two years, with an option to reappoint for a further term.

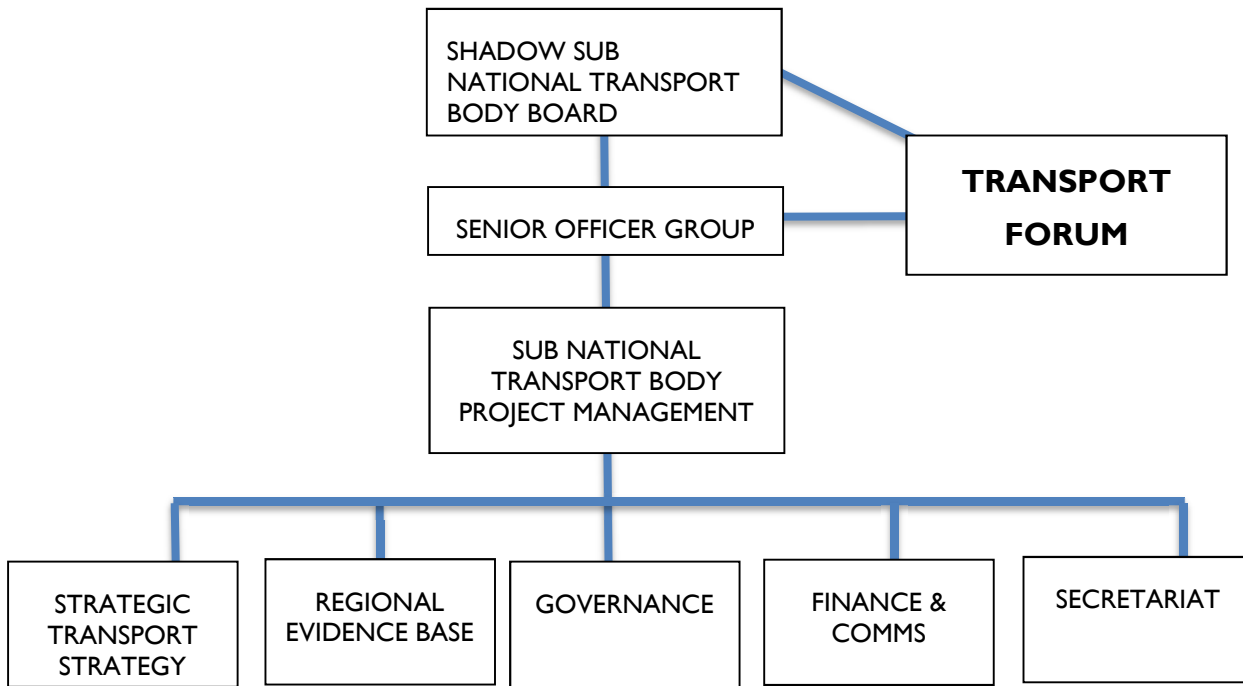
The Chair of the Transport Forum will have a non-voting role on the Peninsula Transport SSTB Board.

The Vice Chair shall be nominated from within the membership of the Transport Forum by the same process as that adopted for the Chair and should be appointed from a different sector/organisation from that of the Chair.

Frequency of Meetings

The Transport Forum will meet three times a year, in advance of the SSTB Board meeting.

Appendix I: Peninsula Transport Shadow Sub National Transport Body Structure



Appendix 2: Transport Forum Membership

- Business Reps (Chambers of Commerce, CBI, Federation of Small Businesses)
- Train Operators (Great Western Railway, South Western Railway, CrossCountry)
- Bus Operators (Stagecoach, First, Go Cornwall/ City Bus)
- Coach Operators (MegaBus, National Express)
- South West Regional Ports Association
- Airports (Exeter & Newquay & Bristol)
- Peninsula Airlines (Flybe & Isles of Scilly Skybus)
- Ferries (Brittany Ferries; Isles of Scilly Steamship)
- Freight organisations
 - Freight Transport Association / Road Haulage Association
 - DB Cargo / Freightliner / Direct Rail Services
- Sustrans
- Passenger/Road User representatives (Transport Focus (regional contact) / TravelWatch South West)