

REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, 8 SEPTEMBER 2008

REPORT ON: TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP (TACTRAN) REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY AND TACTRAN 2008/09 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report informs the Committee that the Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (TACTRAN) Regional Transport Strategy has been given Ministerial approval and that the 2008/09 TACTRAN capital programme has been approved by the TACTRAN Board.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes

- a The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change has formally approved the TACTRAN Regional Transport Strategy.
- b The TACTRAN board has approved the 2008/09 Capital programme of works on the 24th June 2008. This programme of works is contained within Appendix A.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This report proposes that the former Regional Transport Partnership (RTP) grant funding of £968,000 that has been allocated to the Council this financial year will be used to deliver the TACTRAN 2008/09 Capital Programme contained in Appendix A.

4 BACKGROUND

Ministerial Approval of the TACTRAN Regional Transport Strategy.

4.1 TACTRAN is one of seven Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs) established under the Transport Act (2005). TACTRAN covers the local authority areas of Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Councils. These Councils are all represented on the TACTRAN Board.

4.2 TACTRAN is primarily responsible for developing the area's Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) and associated Delivery Plan. The RTS sets out the Transport vision and objectives for the next 10 -15 years. A separate Delivery Plan will determine the priorities of projects, interventions and actions for the area to achieve the overall Strategy objectives and vision.

4.3 On the 12th of March 2007 the Committee strongly supported the Preferred Strategy of the Draft TACTRAN RTS which has three strategic themes and these are:

- Delivering Economic Prosperity
- Connecting communities and being Social Inclusive.
- Environmental sustainability and Health and Wellbeing

- 4.4 The RTS was submitted to the Scottish Government for Ministerial approval in March 2007. Subsequently, the Scottish Government requested that all RTP's remove interventions and actions from each Regional Transport Strategy to create a more 'high level' document and bring it into line with central governments national objectives and outcomes. TACTRAN have updated the document, and the three strand strategy that is strongly supported by the Council remains embedded in the revised RTS.
- 4.5 In June 2008 the TACTRAN Regional Transport Strategy was formally approved by the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change. The revised Regional Transport Strategy can be view online at www.tactran.gov.uk. The Council is continuing to work with TACTRAN in the development of the Regional Sub-strategies and Delivery Plan which will contain interventions and actions that supports the RTS.

TACTRAN 2008/09 Capital Programme.

- 4.6 As a constituent member of TACTRAN, Dundee City Council has been working with the RTP and other member councils in developing the Regional Transport Strategy and Delivery Plan. In previous financial years the Council has received capital grant funding from TACTRAN to develop and implement regional strategic public transport, sustainable transport and road, cycling and walking projects. In 2008/09 the Scottish Government rolled up the RTP capital grant into the Local Government Financial settlement and provided this directly to all Councils, including Dundee City Council.
- 4.7 Through discussions with TACTRAN and other member Councils an agreed capital programme of schemes has been established. This 2008/09 capital programme was approved by the TACTRAN Board on the 24th June 2008 and can be accessed online at www.tactran.gov.uk. The 2008/09 capital programme of works will utilise £968,000 and £1,033,000 of former RTP Capital grant allocations from Dundee City Council and Perth & Kinross Councils respectively.
- 4.8 The TACTRAN capital programme of work comprises of schemes within both Dundee City and Perth & Kinross Council areas and is contained within Appendix A. This Appendix shows how each scheme meets the overarching objectives of the RTS.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The RTS and capital programme will contribute towards the Councils sustainability objectives by seeking to reduce the need to travel and by promoting alternative, more sustainable modes of transport. The RTS has been screened for policy implications in respect of Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Impact Assessment and there are no major issues.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Head of Finance, Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning).

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Committee Report 125/2007, TACTRAN Regional Transport Partnership - Draft for Public Consultation.
- 7.2 TACTRAN Regional Transport Strategy and Board Papers available at www.tactran.gov.uk.

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Appendix A - TACTRAN Programme 2008/09

Project Ref	Project	Comment	Budget (£)	RTS Overarching Objectives					
				Economy	Accessibility, Equity and Social Inclusion	The Environment	Health & Well Being	Safety & Security	Integration
Park & Ride									
TACT 1	Broxden Park and Ride Passenger Waiting Facilities	Work Jointly with bus operators to provide facilities to complement operations at Broxden	133,000	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TACT 2	Dundee Park and Ride	Develop outcome from P&R Strategy to improve sustainable access to Dundee	50,000	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Walking & Cycling									
PKC1	Linkages to Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge Over Tay, Perth	Access paths, public transport infrastructure and linkages to Perth centre. Delivery by P&K Council	200,000		✓	✓	✓		✓
Public Transport									
TACT 3	Bus Punctuality Improvement Partnership Infrastructure	In partnership with bus operators	168,000	✓	✓	✓			
TACT 4	Dundee Railway Station Enhancement	Progress Design / Consultation / Business Case	50,000	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
DCC1	Bus Mass Action Plan	Public Transport Users / Pedestrians Improvements Project (continuation from 07/08) Delivery by Dundee City Council	200,000		✓		✓		✓
Road									
TACT 5	New Tay Crossing, North of Perth	Design Work / Consultation (continuation from 07/08)	200,000	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Integrated Transport									
TACT 6	Dundee West Integrated Transport Initiative	Initiative to improve junction capacity, public transport and traffic management measures to reduce congestion at Swallow Roundabout and improve access to Invergowrie	1,000,000	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Total			2,001,000						