

TfGM BRIEFING NOTE: TRANSPORT ISSUES IN BURY MBC – APRIL UPDATE

- 1.1 *Update on Metrolink Mobility Scooter Trial Permit Scheme arrangements*
- 1.2 In the absence of national guidance, TfGM have developed a six month trial permit scheme to allow customers that can demonstrate that they can safely manoeuvre their validated mobility scooters on the Metrolink network. The scheme is scheduled to launch on 31 March 2014 and will be accompanied by a press release.
- 1.3 The trial permit scheme is open to residents of Greater Manchester that hold an England National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS) Disabled Person's Pass or a TfGM Travel Voucher pass and own a mobility scooter that is able to access the space assigned for the mobility scooter on the tram.
- 1.4 The permit will be an official sticker on the mobility scooter chassis that contains a part of the user's ID number from either their ENCTS Disabled Person's Pass or their TfGM Travel Voucher pass. The photo IDs will give Metrolink staff a quick and easy way of making sure that both the user and their scooter have been assessed and accepted for the scheme.
- 1.5 Bookings for registration will be taken by Shopmobility Manchester from 31 March 2014. Metrolink customers will then be invited to Shopmobility Manchester to complete the registration form and demonstrate they can safely manoeuvre their mobility scooter on an interior tram floor plan layout before receiving Metrolink on-tram awareness training. There is also the opportunity for a representative from Shopmobility Manchester to make a Stop visit at a location suitable for the customer.
- 1.6 The trail scheme will be monitored throughout by TfGM, with a full evaluation completed in autumn 2014 with all affected stakeholders, when a decision will be made on the future of the scheme.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund Update

- 1.1 Bury Cycle Hub continues to prove popular in spring, and usage is expected to increase throughout summer.
- 1.2 The Travel Choices Team continues to work across Greater Manchester and aim to concentrate efforts in several areas within Bury in the new financial year.

- 1.3 The LSTF cycleway works in Bury are now complete.

Cycle Safety Fund

- 2.1 Installation of Trixi mirrors in Bury are now complete.
- 2.2 Advanced Stop Lines (ASLs) have been installed across Bury.

Cycle City Ambition Grant

- 3.1 Prestwich City View Cycleway is one of the routes within the successful bid. It will link Prestwich and Heaton Park with Manchester City Centre through Crumpsall and Irk Valley. Manchester City Council is currently developing design and delivery plans before preparations and construction can start.
- 3.2 Prestwich Metrolink Station was one of the stations within the bid that is to be further developed as a Cycle and Ride station. The plan around what and how station interventions will be delivered is nearing completion.

Radcliffe Bus Station

- 4.1 TfGM have been working with officers from Bury Council to develop a project brief and associated delivery programme which would enable an enhanced scheme to be delivered at Radcliffe within the same timescales as Bury Council are currently working to for their baseline scheme.
- 4.2 An agreed enhancement brief has now been agreed with the Council, and this is being used as the basis for TfGM's Procurement function to secure a design team for the progression of this work.
- 4.3 A planning application for the baseline scheme was submitted through the Council's Department of Communities and Neighbourhoods on 3rd March 2014; with the determination of this application due to take place in April/May.
- 4.4 Discussions with the Council's Planning Officers have confirmed that any enhancements to the scheme coming out of the development of an enhanced scheme referred to above can be dealt with as a material amendment to the planning consent for the baseline scheme; rather than through a separate additional application.

- 4.5 The proposed Works Plan for the scheme shows the detailed design for the enhancement works being completed by the end of June this year. The achievement of these timescales would then enable both the baseline and enhancement schemes to be tendered as one complete package this summer, which is consistent with the Council's current programme for the tendering of the baseline scheme itself.
- 4.6 The above would then enable a contractor for the main construction works to be appointed before the end of the year, following the completion of the advanced utilities diversion works, which are due to commence on site (through the Council) during late Spring / early Summer of this year.

Access to Bury Bus Station

- 5.1 As part of the Better Bus Area Fund TfGM are creating a new exit from Bury Interchange onto the A58 Angouleme Way. This will provide up to 42 bus services per hour with reliability benefits when exiting Bury Interchange and avoid them having to negotiate the Haymarket Street/Angouleme Way junction.
- 5.2 Construction work on the new exit is substantially complete and the new exit will be brought into operational use at the end of April.
- 5.3 A programme of safety enhancements and refurbishment work is being undertaken over the coming months to increase passenger safety and promote patronage

Bury Metrolink line

- 6.1 From Monday 24 February, Victoria tram stop close temporarily, to allow single line working at Victoria. This introduced different service patterns with the main changes being an all-day double tram service between Bury and Altrincham every 12 minute and a shuttle tram between Bury and Abraham Moss every 12 minutes.
- 6.2 The single line working is to facilitate a brand new station at Victoria including a new layout of the Metrolink stop.