

March Area Transport Study

Member Steering Group

Terms of Reference – **DRAFT FOR AGREEMENT**

1. The Member Steering Group has been established to assist in the review and development of schemes identified by the March Area Transport Study.
2. The aim of the March Area Transport Study is to identify potential transport interventions in March, Fenland to address existing capacity and safety problems as well as accommodating future growth in travel demand resulting from increases in housing and employment opportunities identified in the Fenland Local Plan that was adopted in May 2014.
3. The study will consider a range of transport interventions including but not limited to walking and cycling, bus, rail and road capacity improvements, with particular focus on:
 - a. Walking and Cycling
 - i. Identify barriers to improving walking and cycling
 - ii. Identify schemes to improve walking and cycling facilities
 - b. Bus
 - i. Investigate blocking of bus stops and bus routing through the town to alleviate delays
 - ii. Bus stopping facilities
 - iii. Inability of buses to turn around at March Station
 - c. Rail
 - i. Investigation into on-street parking and demand for additional car parking at March Station
 - ii. Potential station forecourt improvements at March Station
 - iii. Current and future delays caused by level crossings being activated
 - iv. Improvements to the frequency of rail services
 - d. Road
 - i. Investigation into the need for the March Phase 2 Industrial Northern Link Road
 - ii. Capacity improvements at various junctions to enable Fenland Local Plan growth
 - iii. Junction enhancements to reduce significant delay at key junctions
 - iv. Safety concerns at four key junctions
 - v. Car parking provision and usage in the town.
4. This note sets out the roles that the Member Steering Group will fulfil during the study, with the main role of the Group to provide guidance regarding the general direction of the Study, while representing the concerns of March constituents within the limitations of the study remit. The group will be asked to comment on the schemes identified by the study using their local knowledge of transport and other issues, including access to services within March and the surrounding area.
5. A March Area Transport Study Member Steering Group Communications Strategy will also support this terms of reference document. This Strategy sets out protocols for communication in respect of the March Area Transport Study and Members have a role to adhere to the communications strategy to enable effective implementation of the Study.
6. To ensure that the County, District and Town Councils are all involved in the Study, the Group will represent their respective authorities and play a role in disseminating information back to fellow Members where appropriate. Two nominated representatives for each authority will be

able to attend the Member Steering Group meetings. Councillors will nominate a chairperson for the group from amongst its membership at the first meeting.

7. The Study is funded by the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority, with power delegated to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) to run and manage it through the County Council's Economy and Environment Committee. It is envisaged that the Steering Group will make recommendations to the Economy and Environment Committee, which would in turn make recommendations to the Combined Authority.
8. In parallel the Steering Group will make recommendations to Fenland District Council's Cabinet and March Town Council to ensure that support is obtained from all authorities.