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Re: Agenda item 11 – Corporate Strategy

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Whilst we welcome the sustainable transport chapter item 11 connectivity the walking and cycling strategy should also make reference to the walking and cycling strategy of the west of England combined authority

We welcome the plans commitment to equalities.

There does not appear any reference to the National bus strategy and bus back better and the west of England combined authority metro mayor Dan Norris and North Somerset council bus service improvements plan or the enhanced quality partnership which will deliver the bus service from next April 2021 with the A37 Whitchurch Banes via Hengrove, Knowle, Totterdown, Bristol Temple Meads station, Cabot Circus Bristol, city centre Park street closure to through traffic except for access to the local residents and shops and welcome cycle lanes pavements widening and bus priority for buses or Glider buses to Clifton Down Station the Downs, Westbury-on-Trym, Henbury and Cribbs Causeway bus station in south Gloucestershire.

Also the upgrade of the Bristol bus and coach station Bristol Temple meads station, Arnos vale, Brislington, Keynsham, Salford, Newbridge, Weston and Bath spa bus and coach station route.

But the plan lacks delivery plan details in line with Bus back better the National bus strategy and the west of England metro mayor Dan Norris combined authority and North Somerset council bus service improvements plan with first group west of England buses and Stagecoach west Hct group and Rapt Bath bus company. Which requires timelines from the secretary of state for transport.

On Railway service investment in metro west railway services, it's great to see support in the plan from the city mayor Marvin Rees and the west of England combined authority metro mayor Dan Norris and North Somerset council. But again on the important delivery target which are very very important for Growth and regeneration of the Bristol Bath city region we have no date for reopening the Bristol Temple meads station to Bedminster, Parson street, Pill and Portishead railway line reopening and a new station at Ashton gate, the Bristol Temple meads station to Henbury loop line with station at Lawrence hill, Stapleton road, Ashley down Filton Abbey wood, Filton North and Henbury for Cribbs Causeway bus station and a future extension to Avonmouth Dock .

This is very important for access to The Arena and the Development of homes office and shops of the YTI site at patchway
The Severn Beach, St Andrew Road Avonmouth dock ,Portway parkway
Shirehampton, Sea Mills, Clifton Down station, Redland, Montpellier, Stapleton

Road, Lawrence Hill, Bristol Temple Meads station which is operating every 30 mins from December 2021 .

But the line from Bristol Temple meads Keynsham, Oldfield park, Bath spa Freshford, Avoncliffe, Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge Westbury route of metro west is losing this December 2021.

The Bristol Temple meads station Keynsham, Oldfield park, Bath spa Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge Westbury Warminster Salisbury London Waterloo service which is cancelled this December 2021 without any passengers or local authorities West of England combined authority metro mayor Dan Norris or the city mayor Malvin Rees. This line should have a Bristol Temple meads Keynsham, Oldfield park Bath spa Freshford Avoncliffe Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge Westbury metro west service in December 2022 with proposals for station at St Anne park and Salford, subject to railway capacity studies.

The metro west service from Bristol Temple meads station to Gloucester central via Lawrence hill, Stapleton road, Ashley down and possible Horfield, Filton Abbey wood Bristol parkway station, Yate, Charfield, Cam and Durseley, Stonehouse Bristol road and Gloucester.

This is a very welcome by transport stakeholders group and people living around Charfield and Wotton under Edge of the new transport link to Bristol Temple meads. Support for Stroud district council and Gloucester county council.

But we don't have a 30 minute timetable signed off by the Department for Transport. Or each service on the Bristol Temple meads Bedminster station parson street Nailsea and Backwell, Yatton for Clevedon Worle Parkway Weston Millon and Weston super mare Highbridge and Burnham on sea Bridgwater and Taunton.

To Delivery railway service in the Bristol and Bath city region and the western gateway transport board area .

We need a delivery plan from the west of England combined authority metro mayor Dan Norris and North Somerset council.

Both mayor Dan Norris and Don Davis leader of North Somerset council have written to Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Transport about the delays to the Bristol Temple meads station to Portishead line delays and Mayor Norris about the loss of the Bristol Temple meads and Bath Spa to London Waterloo service via Salisbury. For all the Railway delivery proposal from metro west we need partnership working with the west of England combined authority metro mayor Dan Norris and North Somerset council which needs to join weca, Department for Transport, Network rail western route, First group Great western railway and First group MTR south western railway and cross country trains db, Western gateway transport board.

Whist great progress is being made with Network rail western route at Bristol Temple meads station the city corporate plan is short on delivery details.

The Network rail western route Capacity study for the west of England combined authority and North Somerset council should be published.

We need a strong regional Authority in the West of England combined authority metro mayor Dan Norris, North Somerset council and western gateway transport board to set up a railway executive to deliver our Railway services similar to Greater

Manchester mayor Andy Burnham West Midlands Mayor Andy Street Liverpool city region metro Steve Rotherham.

The city corporate plan need timeline for delivery.

As Mayor Rees and metro mayor Dan Norris understand, this city region has failed the community on a modern public transport system.

The Residents and passengers of Greater Bristol and Bath city region need a plan for CONSTRUCTION and Delivery not a plan list of promised public transport that never get built Bristol history with the exemption of metro bus.

And under bus back better the National bus strategy we have to set up with the metro mayor Dan Norris west of England combined Transport authority and North Somerset council a Bus service advisory board with stakeholders and a passengers' forum we need to make progress on this as part of the enhanced quality bus partnership.

We also note with deep concern the lack of effective communication and consultation on the retendering of the support bus network in the city region in south Gloucestershire council Bath and North east Somerset council the city and county of Bristol and cross boundary service into North Somerset council. There are no notices on buses bus stops interchange railway station or on realtime information system. Only a questionnaire online can we talk to the metro mayor about public consultation.