

## **Statement: PS10.01**

**Cabinet – 5 MARCH 2024**

**Re: Agenda item 10 – A4 Portway Strategic Corridor Outline Business Case (OBC)**

**Statement submitted by: South West Transport Network and Railfuture  
Sevenside (David Redgewell)**

We welcome this ongoing investment in the improvements on the A4 public transport corridor from Hotwells Road

to Avonmouth, and Sevenside,

Involving new bus and coach priority measures and bus lanes for local bus services and National and Regional coach services,

Improvement in cycle lanes and walking facilities and promenade facilities around the Avon Gorge and Clifton suspension Bridge,

It's very important that we have clear bus service improvement with both Stagecoach West on the Bristol park and ride service via Bristol Temple Meads station, Bristol Cabot Circus, Bristol city centre, Harbourside, Hotwells, Sea Mills, Shirehampton Railway station, Portway park and ride. The interchange needs major improvement by the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority and Bristol City Council at Shirehampton bus stops and interchanges.

The non-accessible footbridge needs removing and an at-grade crossing put in place for access from station road and the bus stops at the station.

The footbridge is not accessible to passengers with reduced mobility,

And in 2024 Bristol City Council should be removing these outdated footbridges both at Shirehampton Railway station and at Avonmouth, Portway park and ride.

Needs a new Terminal building and access for bus services to Sevenside and Portishead,

There are at present no bus stops for park and ride. Railway replacement bus services both side of the roads for Park and Ride site,

This needs urgent dealing with by the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority and North Somerset Council. Railway Directorate as there are no marked bus stops for Railway replacement services on the Bristol Temple Meads station to Clifton Down station, Avonmouth Dock and Seven Beach line, at Portway park and ride,

Other bus services operating on the road interchange with Stagecoach West bus service 13 Shirehampton, Sea Mills, Westbury on Trym, Southmead Hospital bus station, Horfield, Henleaze Gloucester Road and Bristol Royal Infirmary and the city centre.

But also services 41 First Group PLC, Wales and West Buses Division.

Kingwood Town centre, St George, Lawrence Hill Station, Old Market Street, Bristol Cabot Circus, Bristol city centre Harbourside, Hotwells, Sea Mills, Shirehampton Village, Avonmouth Village and Sevenside,

Along the Portway as far as the junction for Sea Mills and Shirehampton,

Starts on 8th April 2024

But with the West of England Mayoral Combined Transport Authority and North Somerset Council bus service improvement plan,

In the Enhanced Partnership what frequency of bus services improvement on this corridor has Bristol City Council as Highway Authority negotiated with First Group PLC, Wales and West Buses Division and Stagecoach West to improve bus frequency along this very important bus and coach services corridor for passengers and better and cleaner bus on this corridor,

Including modern clean bus washed and cleaned interiors.

Their a need to address the interchange with Bristol Temple meads station, Bristol Lawrence hill, Bristol Stapleton road, montpellier, Redland, Clifton Down station, sea Mills, Shirehampton, Avonmouth Dock, St Andrews Road seven Beach line,  
And future services around the new level crossing at Avonmouth Dock for line to Henbury, Filton North, Filton Abbey wood station,  
With the need to improve bus rail Interchange facilities at sea Mills but especially at shirehampton and Portway park and ride bus rail Interchange.

It's is disappointing that the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council and Bristol city council have provided more bus rail Interchange facilities in this Scheme and ferry links at Hotwells with the cross Harbour ferry and the Bristol Harbour ferry's  
In the way the Greater Manchester combined Authority mayor Andy Burnham Liverpool City Region mayor Steve Rotherham and mayor Andy street do on their bus and railway schemes .  
We are supposed to developing one brand from Buses west bus ,Metro west railway Network, west link ,scooters and E Bikes,  
One brand one public transport Network for the Bristol city Region.  
Intergrated journeys for passengers.

On coaches it's very important that we discuss the bus lanes priority measures with National Express coaches limited, Megabus Scottish City link coaches, and Flixbus all of which use the portway to connect the rest of the south west of England,  
In line with the western Gateway Transport Board chair councillors Don Alexander Region bus and coach strategy with peninsula Transport Board to improve coach travel across South west England,

On walking and cycling facilities we welcome the improvements and especially to improve facilities for residents and Tourists to enjoy the Avon Gorge under the Clifton suspension Bridge,

We welcome this Scheme going forward as part of Intergrated Transport approach for Bristol city Region.

We need to move away from just putting in more bus priority measures and lanes without looking at passengers exprence and interchange facilities Bus stop shelters cctv cameras and maintenance of the Real-time and especially removals of tagging,  
But shirehampton and Portway park and ride interchange must have good interchange facilities for passengers and a new terminal building at Portway park and ride and ev chargers on the park and ride site,

We wish to construct of the A4 corridor public transport Network and improvements to walking and cycling,  
Construction work get underway way a quickly as possible as the is a need to progress city region Transport settlement money with bus service improvement plan bus services improvement on the Ground in Greater Bristol and Bath city region,  
We welcome the financial allocation to this plan ,