

Strategic Transport Leadership Board

September 2024: Update on Actions

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From 1 March 2024 Strategic Transport Leadership Board		
Business Planning Update The Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - agreed the need for a long-term plan for EEH (2025 – 2030), to be developed over the coming months - agreed to continue its support to EEH through annual partner contributions, held at 2023/24 levels to reflect current financial pressures. 	Ongoing	Following a discussion amongst Board members, a long term plan will be presented to Board members in due course.
Buses The Board agreed the draft letter to DfT seeking support and dedicated funding to develop further mass rapid transit (MRT) schemes within the region.	Complete	Letters have been written to all new Ministers in DfT, we await responses. The investment brochures (published in July) are a further opportunity to make the case for funding of MRT schemes.

From 24 May 2024 Strategic Transport Leadership Board		
Productivity considerations Cllr Zerny suggested the consideration of a potential cross-border scheme to establish a bus link between Hitchin and Luton. NG agreed to review the evidence and potentially incorporate further into EEH's priority activities.	Ongoing	The proposed Heartbeat network includes provision for increased services between Hitchin and Luton. Further work is ongoing.

From 12 July 2024 Strategic Transport Leadership Board

<p>Public Questions</p> <p>EEH & EWR to provide Alan Francis a written reply on query he raised around the endorsement of the East West Rail services extension.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>EEH is liaising with Alan Francis.</p>
<p>Planning for Rail in EEH and the Wider South East</p> <p>Board agreed that the Chair should write to the new Rail Minister setting out the EEH rail priorities and key rail outcomes for the region.</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>Letters have been written to all new Ministers in DfT, we await responses.</p>
<p>Connectivity Studies</p> <p>The Board acknowledged the need to work with Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority to ensure future connectivity needs for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough are fully captured in EEH's work.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>EEH is working with CPCA to consider additional work, particularly following completion of the Local Growth Plan.</p>