Purpose of Report:

- To provide an update on Local Major Transport Schemes and the role of Local Transport Bodies.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that RTF:

1. Individual Authorities to provide an overview on Local Major Transport Schemes and the role of Local Transport Bodies in their areas.

1. Introduction

4.1 The Department for Transport recently issued a consultation document on “Devolving Local Major Transport Schemes”, to which LEPs and local authorities responded.

4.2 The consultation document proposed that the making of key decisions affecting major transport schemes within LEP areas should be more locally accountable. It was proposed that Local Transport Bodies (LTB) should be created, replacing the former role of DfT in appraising individual scheme business cases and making decisions on funding allocations. Local Transport Bodies should be better placed to make decisions which genuinely represent what is right for local areas, with the LEP having a role in providing business input and coordination to the Local Transport Body. In July 2012, DfT published the responses to the consultation document setting out the requirements for the next phases of implementing LTBs. DfT required by 28th September 2012 confirmation of the LEP’s LTB geography.

4.3 The implementation timeframe is set out below:

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<td>August 2012</td>
<td>DfT publishes range of indicative allocations per LEP.</td>
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<td>December 2012</td>
<td>Local Transport Body to submit proposals for sign-off of governance, financial management, accountability, and meeting and testing value for money.</td>
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<td>April 2013</td>
<td>LTB to have agreed their programme of priorities for delivery after 2015.</td>
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<td>Schemes ready for construction from 2015 onwards</td>
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4.4 DfT has yet to publish the range of allocations per LEP, however this is expected shortly.

2. **Local Transport Bodies (LTB)**

At the STSG meeting on 21st September Atkins gave a presentation on Local Major Transport Schemes and the role of transport bodies. Another presentation will be given at RTF which is based on the outcomes of the STSG meeting. The summary below sets out the local transport body geographies that were discussed at the STSG meeting:

**Luton**
- Three LTBs will be comprised of:
  - Luton, Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes
  - Northamptonshire.
  - Buckinghamshire (with 2 districts in SEMLEP and the others in the LTA).
- Key issues are seen as governance and prioritisation.

**Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough:**
- LTB will be made up of Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Rutland LTAs
- Issue of where the focus of funding will lie.
- Light touch reduced assurance process is essential for on time scheme delivery.

**Hertfordshire:**
- Issue of North Hertfordshire, it should be in the Hertfordshire LTB.

**New Anglia:**
- Levels of funding will result in smaller major schemes.
- Delivery timescales will be longer than in the past.
- LTB will include transport portfolio holders and LEP representation.
- Issue of districts is important, for example, some Norfolk districts are in the GCGP LEP.

**South East LEP:**
- Executive Board has signed off the geography of the LTB - Essex, Kent, east Sussex, Southend, Thurrock, Medway.
- Governance / assurance work starts soon.

If there have been changes to LTB geographies these are to be updated within the round table update.