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New major schemes funding mechanism for post 2014/15

Localist / reduced central scrutiny
- Devolution of funding & decision-making to Local Transport Bodies
- Guidance on scrutiny and funding “after the summer”
- This is not just about spending DfT Grant

Funding:
- All DfT Grant funding in SR10 now awarded
- We won’t know actual size of funding pot until Autumn 2013/Spring 2014
- East = 13% of English population outside London
- Annual budget estimates: GC&GP: £5m, Herts: £7m, NA: £10m, SE: 24m, SEM: 5m
- More £ than before?

Budget estimates assume £1.5 bn over 4 years (as per SR10) less £400m already committed, based on constituent LTA 2011 populations
Context - timescales

Oct 2012?
Assurance guidance

Oct 2012?
Indicative budgets

July 2012
John Dowie letter

31/12/12
Confirm assurance of governance etc.

28/09/12
Confirm LTB geography

01/04/13
Agree programme

01/04/15
Spending starts

Agree prioritisation approach & prioritise
(24 weeks)

Develop schemes & plan delivery (2 years)

Governance & assurance (10 weeks)
Context – 3 key challenges

Challenges have been faced before:
1. Governance (e.g. City regions, RAs)
2. Prioritisation (e.g. RFA)
3. Develop schemes and plan a delivery programme (e.g. LTA majors, RFA)

So what’s new?
• Starting from a standstill to achieve 1 & 2 by April 2013
• LTAs to support these challenges from within their current resources
• LTB assurance frameworks
• No regional assembly / leaders’ board to coordinate
• Involvement of LEPs and other stakeholders
Governance
Challenge #1: Governance

- Voting rights and democratic accountability
- Potentially differing objectives and priorities
- Need to achieve agreement in multi-LTA LTBs
- Some districts in a different LTB from ‘their’ LEP – lack of equity?
- Cross (LTB) boundary issues
- Administrative costs
Scheme prioritisation
Challenge #2: Prioritisation

- Not a ‘top up’ for Integrated Transport Block
- Limited time to identify, prioritise and agree
- Agreement on the prioritisation process
- Seek best outcome for LTB as a whole, not individual LTAs
- Consideration of Highways Agency and Network Rail schemes
- How does infrastructure investment support economic growth?
Challenge #3: Develop & deliver

- Transparency of decision-making to ensure value for money
- Ensuring schemes are affordable and deliverable
- Bringing other funding to the table
- Need to coordinate and monitor programme delivery and spend across LTB
- LTB carries risk of overspend (cost inflation?)