

Progress note

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1 *Introduction*

1.1 This note provides an update on work related to the study since the November Steering Group and outlines issues to be raised at the December Steering Group meeting.

2 *Communications*

2.1 The Communications work has been an ongoing element of SoCoMMS since the study commenced in April. As previously agreed, the Communications and Media advisors will present to the Steering Group progress to date and plans for the future.

2.2 The progress has included:

- 1400 questionnaire replies by post;
- 250 questionnaire replies by the internet
- contacts with around 100 media based organisations;
- a number of media interviews;
- contact with Chamber of Commerce and local authority publications.

2.3 The Communications presentation will cover:

- Activities to date;
- Current position;
- Plans for the third round of consultation;
- Plans for engaging stakeholder groups;
- The role of the Steering Group for the next phase; and
- January newsletter, content and distribution;

3 *Strategy Development*

3.1 Much of the work in the recent period has focussed on the development of the strategy. The Steering Group on the 27th November was presented with initial information relating to the overall forecasting process being adopted for

the Do-minimum/Do-minimum plus forecasts. The process for developing the strategy was also outlined. The process was outlined as:

3.2 The route to obtaining the strategy is as follows:

- Derive a 2016 do-minimum reference case against which schemes are compared, - identify forecast year problems;
- Undertake a series of indicative concept tests to examine the potential impact of alternative approaches to transport solutions (alternative road, rail, demand management options);
- Examine the impact of individual schemes- sifting appraisal to identify elements to take forward;
- Draw together schemes into emerging strategy(ies)- test within the model and undertake full GOMMMS appraisal;
- Carry out local Action Plan testing, further more detailed appraisal of individual elements.

3.3 A vast range of tests have been undertaken within the model as well as a review of other potential 'soft' measures. The model testing has ranged from the examination of individual measures through to 'whole concepts'. There will be a presentation to the Steering Group outlining the progress to date and the key results.

3.4 The range of tests undertaken includes:

- **Rail**
- Improvements in quality
- Improvements in access times;
- Reductions in unregulated fares;
- General improvements in rail infrastructure to conditions found on better parts of the rail network;
- Station rationalisation;
- New infrastructure (e.g. new stations and chords at Eastleigh and Willingdon) and associated service changes;
- On-line capacity enhancements and increased frequency;
- London focussed strategy (L-shaped service strategy);;
- Lewes-Uckfield
- **Highway**
- Initial assessment of individual capacity improvements at Arundel, Chichester, Worthing, Beddingham, Wilmington, Polegate, Bexhill & Hastings, Winchelsea, Rye, Lyddon-Dover;
- The remitted scheme combination; through to

- A complete dual carriageway from Havant to Ashford;
- **Demand management-**
- Tolls on motorways;
- Tolls on motorways and trunk roads;
- Tolls on all links
- **Local intervention**
- A range of matrix reduction tests to take account of 'urban interventions'. These are based on the review of 'other policy' measures