

SOUTH COAST CORRIDOR MULTI - MODAL STUDY
STEERING GROUP
4 July 2001

MINUTES OF MEETING

Those Present:

Charlotte Dixon (Chair)	Government Office for the South East	Matthew Lodge	Strategic Rail Authority
Lee Sambrook	Government Office for the South East	Tony Cook	SEAPLAG
Alison Duddel	Government Office for the South East	John Ekins	Hampshire County Council
Andrew Cleaver	Government Office for the South East	Colin McKenna	West Sussex County Council
John Gutteridge	Freight Transport Association	Mick Sutch	Kent County Council
Derrick Coffee	South East Forum for Sustainability	Paul Hudson	SEEDA
Colin Murray	South East Forum for Sustainability		
Lindsay Gardner	South East Regional Assembly		
Mike Ford	Highways Agency		

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APOLOGIES

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Chair's welcome and introductions.

1. A question was raised on the involvement of the Statutory Environmental Agencies in the project. The chair agreed that at the first stage this would be through the topic workshops. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Presentation of the Study Progress from Halcrow.

2. The consultants provided a series of presentations on a range of issues related to the study:

A. (Study Progress)

3. The Consultants presented the (previously circulated) Progress Report outlining work undertaken to the end of June. Two issues of clarification were raised. The first related to the collation of port data. The Consultants indicated that Port data were being collated by Baxter Eadie and would be included in the Problems and Issues report. The second issue related to the completion of the Commissioning report. GOSE outlined that this would be finalised as soon as possible to allow it to be put on the website.

B. (Study process)

4. The Consultants presented the Study Process with regard to the consultation, development and testing of strategies and the action plan work. A discussion was held on a range of issues..
 - Should the reference case be 2016? – It was agreed that the Topic groups should discuss this. The use of 2016 would be a compatible reference case to ORBIT and SWARRMS. It will include all committed schemes. The consultants will produce a paper on committed schemes for the next steering group.
 - Is the West Sussex County Structure Plan to late in the year? – The plan is too late but the study will take a steer from West Sussex County Council.
 - Will need to derive a set of assumptions related to prt activity
 - What is the role of the Local Action Plans? The Chair commented that the study is looking to develop a strategic strategy. However there will need to be answers to the issues related to the remitted schemes. The consultants indicated that they will review what previous work has been done, assess schemes in the strategic model and if they form part of this, to

re-examine in the local action plans. There was a discussion about the level of detail needed for the Action Plans. It was agreed that the quality of the information used in the appraisal and presented in the consultation would be important.

5. The Consultants outlined the timetable for the revised consultation. It was agreed by the Steering Group that there should be a second phase of consultation on problems in the autumn of 2001. It was also agreed by the steering group that the third consultation phase should be after the Strategy has been developed and prior to the Local Plan work

C. (The Vision for the South Coast)

6. The consultants provided a short presentation on the paper, which outlined the development of a vision for the south coast.
7. A discussion was held on the approach to developing a vision The comments included:
 - what makes the south coast special?, what is there now to build on?
 - There was a discussion as to whether the paper was a vision or a context for a vision? It was agreed that the next Steering Group meeting will look at framework; how to present vision; consultation; reference case and schemes
7. The consultants developed further the alternative land use strategies outlined in the Commissioning Report. It was agreed that there should be a low growth scenario. The consolidationist scenario should be based on growth being consolidated in areas such as Southampton, Brighton and Ashford.
8. It was agreed by the Steering Group that the general approach to defining policy aspirations should be discussed at the Cross-corridor workshop.

Action point: The next steering group would have papers on the Appraisal Framework and Reference Case schemes.

Action point: The Steering Group are asked to provide comments on the Vision paper by July 20th