



## SPT Transport Summit

**Date of meeting** 30 September 2022

**Date of report** 20 September 2022

### Report by Chief Executive

#### 1. Object of report

To update the Partnership on a Transport Summit being arranged by SPT to be held in Glasgow city centre on 27 October 2022.

#### 2. Background

As the Regional Transport Partnership for the west of Scotland, members will be aware that one of SPT's key roles is to bring people and organisations together to build partnerships, promote joint working, identify solutions that work for all, and seek to influence transport policy at national, regional and local level. SPT undertakes a range of activity in this regard, from regular meetings with key partners, through to responding to consultations.

As society emerges from the pandemic, the cost of living crisis still very much a live issue, public transport patronage down, and pressing targets such as those for emissions reduction, an opportunity was identified for SPT to show leadership in that regard given widespread concerns across the sector about the future of transport. Through hosting a Transport Summit for key partners and stakeholders, this would provide the chance for decision-makers and influencers to come together, hear from relevant speakers, and seek to address some of the key issues facing the west of Scotland from a transport perspective. A further benefit of the Summit would be to generate views towards the end of the current public consultation on the Draft Regional Transport Strategy.

#### 3. Outline of proposals

The Summit - "A Call to Action: SPT's Transport Summit 2022" - will take place on Thursday 27 October 2022 at the Mercure Glasgow City Hotel. The Minister for Transport has been invited to give the keynote speech, and the agenda for the day has been developed to focus on three current key issues and opportunities for transport in the west of Scotland. These are:

- "The Road to Recovery? – Covid, Cost of Living, Climate Change..."

This section will focus on the economic, social and environmental recovery from Covid, the current cost of living crisis, climate change and the impact on the people and communities of the west of Scotland from these issues.

- "Back on Board? – The Future for Bus"

This section will focus on how to turn around the decline in bus patronage, generate sustainable passenger growth in bus, how to drive up quality, and how to improve services and infrastructure.

- “Light at the End of the Tunnel? – The Clyde Metro”

This section will focus on the opportunity provided by the Clyde Metro, one of the key proposals from the second Strategic Transport Projects Review and a key part of the Draft Regional Transport Strategy.

The format for the day will be based around the above three headings with short speeches from three speakers, followed by a question-and-answer session with a panel made up of the speakers and other knowledgeable attendees, including SPT Partnership members and officers. Each session will have a Chair, tasked with ensuring lively debate, but focused on identifying key actions which can be taken forward from the Summit.

In order to manage numbers, attendance at the Summit will be by invitation only. In creating the list of invitees, officers have sought to ensure a good balance of public and private sector, modes, passenger/community representatives, activist groups, third sector organisations, representatives from other sectors such as the business community and others.

A “Save the Date” invitation was sent out week beginning 12 September with further detail on agenda following later in the month. Officers are in the process of finalising speakers, panel members and attendees at present and are receiving support from Glasgow Chamber of Commerce in that regard. All Partnership Board members have been invited to attend the Summit. A report summarising the outcomes of the Summit will be presented to the next Partnership meeting in December.

#### 4. Partnership action

The Partnership is recommended to note the contents of this report.

#### 5. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>The Summit will help inform the development of the new Regional Transport Strategy.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>None at present.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>From within existing budgets.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None at present.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>Equalities groups will be represented at the Summit.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None at present.</i>
Climate Change, Adaptation & Carbon consequences	<i>Climate Change, Adaptation and Carbon issues are likely to form key topics for discussion at the Summit.</i>

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