FOBRA – Transport Report
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WECA Mayor

Due to the WECA election at the beginning of May there has been a period of reduced activity on transport matters. To date there have been no detailed announcements setting out any substantial changes in transport policy under the new Mayor.

B&NES Interactive Transport Map

B&NES has published a "Transport Action Map" which is described as collecting information about "current and future transport projects set to be delivered, developed and studied over the next three years". The B&NES announcement, which includes further explanation and a link to the map, can be found here.

Park & Ride Extended Hours Trial until August

Please do make all your members aware of the extended-hours trials currently taking place at all three Park & Ride sites. Under the Trial the last bus leaving the City Centre to all P&Rs will be at 11.30pm. FoBRA has long supported extending P&R hours to enable use by those who wish to extend their visit into the evening or to come into Bath for dinner or events. Please do spread the word and encourage any visitors to use this service where appropriate. Further details can be found on the B&NES website here.

Consultations/Liveable Neighbourhoods

Feedback is awaited on a number of completed consultations.

There are a number of Traffic Regulation Orders currently open for consultation. These include proposals for apparently relatively minor changes to parking arrangements in various parts of the city, new cycle hangar locations, and a reduction of the 40mph speed limit on the A4 Saltford (these should all have been advertised in notices in the relevant locations). The TRO consultation page can be found here.

RAs are reminded that Liveable Neighbourhoods schemes have individual timelines and if there is any scheme that may be relevant to your RA area you are strongly encouraged to monitor progress on the B&NES Liveable Neighbourhoods webpage.

Somer Valley Links

Following a recent meeting with a representative of Wellsway RA in which they shared concerns they had following the most recent consultation on this "Strategic Transport Corridor" scheme, we were pleased to be able to put their representative in touch with the appropriate Officer within B&NES to discuss their safety concerns.

B&NES Cabinet

There has been a re-arrangement of roles in the B&NES Cabinet relating to Highways. Whilst the precise distribution of responsibilities is not yet completely clear, these new transport-

related roles are Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport Strategy (Joel Hirst) and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport (Lucy Hodge), with Sarah Warren retaining overall responsibility for sustainability policy as Cabinet Member for Sustainable Bath & North East Somerset.

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