



City of Westminster

Minutes

Meeting:

**Committee of the Cabinet
(Paddington Bridge Project)**

(1/2006)

Date of meeting:

Monday 27 February 2006 at 5.30pm

Attendees:

**Councillors
Sir Simon Milton (Chairman)
Colin Barrow
Danny Chalkley**

Apologies:

None

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1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1.1 No interests were declared by Members or Officers

2. MINUTES

2.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2004 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. EXEMPT REPORT UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

3.1 **RESOLVED:** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information on the grounds shown below:-

Agenda Item No.	Grounds	Para of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act
5	Information relating to expenditure to be incurred and terms proposed in respect of a contract for the supply of goods or services and legal advice	8 and 12

4. PADDINGTON BRIDGE (LTVA) PROJECT – REVISED TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS/IMPACTS AND FINANCIAL AND PROGRESS UPDATE (Report of Director of Transportation – agenda item 4)

4.1 David Ferrett, the Project Director introduced this report updating Members on progress with the construction work, the funding arrangements and various associated issues as the project neared completion.

4.2 The Leader of the Council congratulated David Ferrett on his efforts in getting the new bridge built on schedule and within budget.

4.3 Members discussed the report and asked questions of the officers present.

4.4 With regard to the recommendation to delete the widening and signalisation of the Harrow Road gyratory, officers were optimistic of being able to achieve improvements under an alternative scheme and undertook to keep Members informed.

4.5 The report covered the strategy of intended mediation with Network Rail over additional possession costs and Members discussed and asked questions relating to the next steps in this respect.

4.6 David Ferrett drew attention to the fact that a number of amenity societies had expressed an interest in the traffic issues and had asked if it was possible to receive an abridged version of the confidential report. Members agreed that one should be produced for this purpose.

4.7 **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That there be no change to the existing financial authority of £22.75m for the project at this stage and that it be noted that a saving of £1.6m is assessed as “secured” and there remains a good opportunity for a further saving.
- (2) That the existing Base Cost 6 with revised risk profile of the project as reported be noted and adopted for project management purposes.
- (3) That there be no change to the strategy of intended negotiation with Network Rail over additional possession related costs and that the Director of Transportation be authorised to spend up to the maximum figure referred to in paragraph 16 of Appendix A which elaborates on the costs of options.
- (4) That authority be given to the Director of Transportation, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Administrative Services, to negotiate with the Project Funding Partners to delete the widening and signalisation of the Harrow Road gyratory from the Project work scope in return for a commuted sum for the City Council to take sole responsibility for the future upgrading of traffic capacity at this junction.
- (5) That authority be given to the Director of Transportation, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Administrative Services, to issue a Station Access Notice, as defined in the Collaboration Agreement, to the project Funding Partners to allow the permanent traffic arrangements set out in ~~the~~ report to supersede the default LTVA +2 taxi tunnel defined in the Collaboration Agreement.
- (6) That the traffic amelioration measures undertaken by the project be retained in their entirety following completion of the replacement bridge with no further cost implications to the project and that following the opening of the bridge in May 2006, a review take place of the Paddington Area Traffic and Environmental Management Study (PATEMS) with any further works deemed necessary to be funded by PATEMS/TfL as appropriate.

Reasons for Decisions

- There is a Parliamentary Undertaking requiring the delivery of the project or one that is equally effective at delivering traffic benefits around Paddington Station.

- There is a signed Collaboration Agreement binding the Funding Partners to deliver the project unless it is unanimously agreed otherwise.
- There is potential to further mitigate the project risks and capture opportunities to reduce the costs to the City Council.
- There may be potential to claw back some costs associated with Network Rail possessions subject to further legal advice, negotiation and possible litigation.

5. END OF MEETING

5.1 The meeting ended at 5.50pm.

Chairman

Date