

**New Tyne Crossing**  
**Strategic Partnering Forum Meeting Minutes**  
**TT2 Offices – 13/07/09 2.00pm**



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<p><b>2. Minutes of last meeting (27/04/2009) &amp; matters arising.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Minutes of last meeting (27/04/2009) agreed by all as a fair record of discussions.</li> </ul>																																									
<p><b>3. Construction update</b></p> <p>BYTP UK provided update on NTX construction activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>North Cut and Cover</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diaphragm walls are being completed north of Tyne View Terrace.</li> <li>• Transition structures have been excavated to the required depth and concrete pours have commenced.</li> <li>• Continuous monitoring is taking place within the existing tunnel to measure possible movement that could occur as a result of excavations taking place overhead. North of Tyne View Terrace the new vehicle tunnel passes over the existing tunnel. A specific "top down" construction technique is used in this location in order to minimise potential impacts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>																																									



#### ■ River

- All four river elements are now complete. Floation preparation works, such as fitting internal ballast tanks, are now underway.
- There has been a change of method for the dredging activity. The new technique involves a 'cutter suction' dredger which removes material directly from the river bed and pumps it away via pipeline, thereby minimising sediment plumes and effectively removing the need to transport waste by road. The new technique is much quicker than the original method, reducing the dredging period from approximately 5 months to 6 weeks. The new method is expected to reduce disruption for surrounding communities, as materials will be pumped directly into Tyne Dock (South Tyneside), to support the dock's infill and redevelopment, saving an estimated 4,600 lorry movements. Furthermore the new approach will remove the need to deposit waste at sea.
- The opportunity to reuse dredged materials at Tyne Dock was only presented in October 2008, which did not leave enough time to obtain the necessary approvals within the original dredging window. This has therefore meant that the programme date has been amended, with dredging due to take place during Autumn 2009 rather than at the start of the year. This is not expected to affect the end date of the project.

#### ■ South Cut and Cover

- Excavations continue throughout the site between diaphragm walls. As excavations reach a peak so there is an associated increase in earth moving and truck movements off site.

#### ■ South Junction

- The tunnel closure that took place to enable new bridges at the south junction to be built (weekend of 11-12 July 2009) was a success. Activity was completed ahead of schedule, and the tunnel was reopened 4 hours earlier than planned. It was emphasised that the bridge work was important to the project, enabling road realignment to proceed quickly and help traffic into the tunnel.
- TT2 expressed their thanks to BYTP UK and others in the room for their efforts during the tunnel closure. A TWITA advisor reported they had never seen a closure so well signposted, which undoubtedly had helped motorists.
- Notifications were issued to local public events organisers and



<p>news rooms as soon as the tunnel had reopened.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Another tunnel closure will be necessary towards the end of the year to allow for the demolition of the existing Howard Street bridge.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Employment Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ TT2 reported that there are currently 360 employees on the NTX project. This excludes TT2 staff, people working off site, and those people working on site who are employees of tier 2 contractors (i.e. the sub-contractors employed by BYTP UK's main sub-contractors). TT2 stated that 316 of these are from Tyne &amp; Wear area, with 86 from North Tyneside and 33 from South Tyneside.</li> <li>■ TT2's CV database now has 1083 applications.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. North Local Partnering Forum update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ A resident representative of the North Partnering Forum reported that the last meeting had been very positive. There are still some issues with vehicles using inappropriate routes in the vicinity of the tunnel. Willington Quay residents are noting HGV traffic using residential streets. This is not believed to be tunnel construction traffic. Residents are sharing their findings with TT2 and NTMBC. It was suggested that TWITA may also be able to help tackle the matter. The Tyne &amp; Wear Freight Partnership offered to provide support and requested information on the companies whose vehicles are abusing residential routes.</li> <li>■ NTMBC added that their Traffic and Transport Sub-Group is now set up and will look at these issues and regeneration. They will report to the North Partnering Forum.</li> </ul>	<p>Residents to forward HGV details to freight partnership</p>
<p><b>6. South Local Partnering Forum update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ TT2 reported back from the previous forum meeting on behalf of forum members, and stated that there are no major issues to report.</li> <li>■ TWITA stated that questions had been raised at the previous Jarrow CAF (Community Area Forum) regarding employment on the NTX project. TT2 explained that an employment update had been provided at the South Partnering Forum, at which the Chair had stated he was satisfied with the current endeavours towards local employment on the NTX project.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Silverlink update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ TT2 reported slow progress on the Silverlink issue. Local Authorities have suggested that if there is an under spend in their highways budgets, Silverlink should get priority consideration for allocation of the under spend.</li> </ul>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ TT2 have met with new Elected Mayor for North Tyneside Mayor Linda Arkley. Mayor Arkley has expressed the same positive support of the Silverlink campaign as her predecessor.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Site Security</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ TT2 reported that although attempted site breaches are uncommon, during the A19 gas main diversion a local resident had reported children playing in the working area of one of the compounds established by the utilities contractor. TT2 had intervened to re-secure the site until the contractor's security firm could take over.</li> <li>■ TT2 have conducted safety presentations in neighbouring local schools to highlight the dangers and safety measures on the site to pupils. TT2 have re-launched the site safety poster competition, which is open to all schoolchildren to design safety posters. Winners' designs will be made into large signs to be erected on the site hoardings.</li> <li>■ TT2 and BYTP UK have worked closely with local police forces in generating the safety presentation for school children. Police have committed to reinforcing the message at their own events.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Landscaping consultations will start in August 2009, involving schools and the public. A full communication plan will be agreed with the local authorities.</li> <li>■ TT2 took the opportunity to thank BYTP UK for the smooth interaction between construction activity and tunnel operations. Tunnel operations have been largely unaffected by construction activity.</li> <li>■ TT2 brought the forum's attention to the graffiti art project near the south pedestrian tunnel. It is hoped that a similar project on the north will be developed, and discussions with NTMBC and Find Your Talent representatives have already taken place.</li> <li>■ TT2 announced that a team from TT2 will be competing in the Great North Run, raising money for the company's chosen charity, MacMillan Cancer Support. Members were asked to consider supporting their efforts and told of the link at <a href="http://www.justgiving.com/stephanetertrais2">justgiving.com</a> for donations. <a href="http://www.justgiving.com/stephanetertrais2">http://www.justgiving.com/stephanetertrais2</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Next meeting to be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> 2009, 2pm at Low Simonside Community Centre. <b>PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE</b></li> </ul>	