

PTIC meeting 7 February 2017 (corrected date)
Transport for West Midlands, Birmingham

Attendees:

Peter Stoner (Itoworld / PTIC co-Secretary), Stuart Reynolds (Independent / PTIC co-Secretary), Chas Allen (Stagecoach), John Austin (Austin Analytics), Ian Barrett (Lancashire CC), David Batchelor (Independent), Graham Brown (West Yorkshire Combined Authority), Paul Everson (Trapeze), Sarah Disborough (Silverrail), Russell Gard, Ian Gray (Mentz), Richard Hall, Miles Jackson (DfT), Chris Lane (TfWM), Richard Mason (SYPT), Steven Penn (Traveline Information Ltd), Jonathan Raper (Placr), Tim Rivett (TfN), Mark Taylor (Staffordshire CC), Peter Warman (Independent), Richard Warwick (Arriva), Rob West (Omnibus)

Apologies:

Mark Cartwright (Centaur Consulting / PTIC Chair), John Carr (Independent), James Hall (Atkins), Nick Knowles (Independent), Martin Lewis (Stagecoach), Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (ATOS), Roger Slevin (Independent)

Notes of meeting:

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1. Notes of last meeting & actions arising:

- Graham Brown noted that he was also in attendance at the previous meeting.
- John Carr's action – have report
- Mark Cartwright's report is also submitted. It wasn't an "art of the possible" report, as this is probably water under the bridge, but a report covering other items
- Further update from MJ on bus services bill under an agenda item
- Other actions are also on the agenda

2. DfT Update (MJ)

a. Bus Services Bill

- i. In Commons. No date for 2nd reading yet. When the Bill gets to committee stage, mandating of NaPTAN for local authorities will be written into the Bill. MJ thanks the meeting for the support to get this into the Bill (although still needs to clear Commons, of course)
- ii. Secondary legislation – consultation on franchising and quality partnership about to be launched as online questionnaire. Also, information on varied or cancelled services. On open data there is to be a consultation on policy proposals including data hub, changes to registration process, etc., which is likely to be in the summer. Planning more workshops but nothing further yet. Nothing on fares yet, although SR has written a paper (which SR will circulate a sanitised

version of before the next meeting). Performance data will be in Bill, but is focussed on real time info at present.

SR asked about workshops and whether there would be a more widely cast workshop as they seem to have been more narrow of late. Would prefer a wider input before decisions are put onto the table. MJ asked to write in.

Peter Warman asked whether the performance data was in the Bill because there was external pressure, or for some other reason? PS noted that there are requirements in the EC Directive. But would be good if the Bill enabled its request.

- b. TXC publisher. Discovery phase is beginning. MJ is going to Leeds to see traffic commissioners. Also speaking to Mark Taylor, traveline & operators. Looking to see if upgrade is necessary given that DfT sponsored 2.5 (which isn't a reason in itself). User research is now seeing how people actually use it. RW asked about the issues list with the publisher usability, and SR agreed that actually there was quite a large piece of work to improve the usability (because it currently only runs on Windows machines and uses Java) which could form the business case, and that updating it for 2.5 was something that could be added as an incidental.
 - c. NaPTAN still has MainNPTGlocalities. Wales had asked for them to be removed, but Wales still wanted to keep some. Had tried to delete them all and then update with what was wanted, but this didn't work.
3. TXC 2.1/2.4/2.5
- a. SR discussed the differences in 2.4 at a very high level, and indicated they types of additions in 2.4 that would be useful to retain. Brief discussion about ServicedOrganisations and relation to term dates. Edubase doesn't contain them, and the TIL terms database is on hold as it was a bigger piece of work than they had expected. SR noted that even with terms dates, it was necessary to understand what the operator was running. For example, one West Berks service has was familiar with ran when a particular primary school and college were open, but these have different starts and ends to terms - so what actually happens?
4. Rail Replacement Buses
- a. PS has sent examples to MJ. But nothing in the Bus Services Bill about this. Jonathan Raper is doing some work with First so that the apps understand where the rail replacement bus stops are to be found. PS - at present the stops are thrown out into the middle of nowhere, often into the middle of the road, and often bidirectional which is not good for routing. It is a situation where users are out of their comfort zone and require good information. JR will bring some more information about this project to the next meeting.

5. Disruption Information & Siri SX

- a. RTIG issues a best practice guide 18 months ago. TR doesn't know if it is generally available, but has proved to be very useful. Covers what is put out, the vocabulary that it used, etc. RG has access, but it is for members only at present. SR discussed need to be able to link messages to services – which might need a National Service Code – and some hub or brokerage service so that downstream users know that there is a feed that they can link to (or get a combined feed for). TNDs has (by and large) unique and persistent codes, but these do sometimes change, and they are not the same as the codes that are in the real-time systems.
- b. SR read out an email from Jonathan Shewell-Cooper relating to train rainbow boards. PE has done some work on this, but it isn't easy to relate train messages to particular routes. He has also done some work on a rainbow type indicator for bus routes.
- c. Plenty of discussion (e.g. around national service refs for both rail and bus) but nothing that can be done at present. Meeting requested that groups feed back to operators about what needs to happen.

6. EC regulations (DG Move)

- a. Still in the EU for the moment, so still applies for now. Asked Stephanie Leonard for an update. Looking for last quarter 2016 for approval, but still hasn't happened so waiting to publish draft final text before approval by commission. Not much changed, but more visible emphasis on walking and cycling.
- b. Work is now starting to define the common EU NeTEx profile within CEN, and Nick Knowles is involved to ensure that UK requirements are met. DfT has procured Nick Knowles to act for UK. NeTEx is being taken to a full EN instead of a TS and will have the common EU profile. NK is to do a gap analysis of NaPTAN and TxC in relation to NeTEx. NK expects to consult with PTIC. Reiterated that UK will still be (through BSI) a member of CEN even after Brexit. Meeting welcomed workshops on NeTEx.
- c. SR asked whether anyone was actively looking at using NeTEx. No one was.
- d. Mentioned again that timetabling part of NeTEx wasn't necessary at present, because UK has TxC, but that for fares there wasn't anything else on the table at present.
- e. Discussion about some operators not wanting to publish fare tables but only wanting to provide APIs to their back-end systems. NeTEx can handle this, but from the point of the user there is a big difference between publishing fares and then letting the user (end system) calculate the best fare especially for multi operator journeys. Also touches on best value (one operator ticket cheaper than multi-operator ticket). JR noted differences of opinion with

operators who want to show only their own fares, and some who want to grow bus business so will show all options.

- f. SR to discuss with RS what the CEN TC278 and EPL278 WG3 membership is all about and what would be involved.

7. Traveline update

- a. Tim Rivett is doing some work for TIL in the procurement of the new journey planning engine for TIL. Advert for PPQ in next few weeks.
- b. Help with TXC profile on hold – SP will contact PS/SR if necessary.
- c. Isle of Man – SP has some data, but it is not with NaPTAN points. SR reminded the group there is a version 2.5.1 which hasn't been published, but carries the correct codes for those areas. MJ and SP to discuss getting the data in.

8. EU standards

- a. SIRI – nothing to add. TR asked where change requests should be submitted. SR says that he will source CR forms and pass them back.
- b. NeTEx – nothing to add. [provide reference to NeTEx guidance online]
- c. Transmodel – this is now with SR as editor in place of Roger Slevin. Transmodel is the set of concepts that underpin the standards. So something like NeTEx will extend the concepts, because it found that they needed new concepts, and the work with Transmodel is now to take these and to put them back into an enhanced / updated Transmodel.
- d. Distributed journey planning – is now going to vote.
- e. OpRa. No UK interest to date, but if anyone is interested the next meeting is in Ljubljana in Slovenia on 11 April.

9. PTIC issues register needs restoring. Will be done.

10. Publicising PTIC

- a. Jonathan Raper raised Transport Data Initiative (TDI). Has been created out of one of the InnovateUK projects, OneTransport, which has got a number of authorities together with a company. They want to use IoT standards and think that IoT is just one specialised sort of asset. 1M2M standards. Trying to set up a brokerage service to allow authorities to publish and trade data. SR asked if monetisation of data was somewhat contrary to what PTIC wants. JR agreed, and has written to TDI asking to talk about PTIC and open data, and asked meeting for their agreement to represent them. This was agreed.
- b. Meeting also asked JR to invite TDI (Bradley Ford, from Bucks) to PTIC and to offer opportunity for a presentation.

11. AOB

- a. MJ – Thanks to those who responded to the NaPTAN system user feedback survey. Some improvements coming soon.
- b. MJ – NCSD contract runs out in July. Unlikely to extend its remit but cannot see any replacement (doing it a different way) for it on the horizon.
- c. Next meeting Thursday 25 May 2017