

CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

Commission Document 279/4- A Sustainable Future for Transport: Towards an integrated, technology-led and user friendly system

PART 1 - Information about you

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<p>If you are responding on behalf of an organisation or interest group how many members do you have and how did you obtain the views of your members:</p> <p>The Liverpool City Region Transport Partnership comprises the six Local Authorities of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton, Wirral and Merseytravel (Integrated Transport Authority). Views were agreed through a strategic officer decision making group.</p>	
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PART 2 - Your Comments

General

1. What do you consider to be the most significant challenge facing transport policy over the next ten years?
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The decarbonisation of the transport sector in support of sustainable economic development.

2. What policy options do you believe that the Commission should consider in the development of the White Paper?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy demand reductions in the sector• Emissions reductions (GHG and local air pollutants)• Internalisation of external costs• Transport equitability in supporting social inclusion and opportunity• A low carbon transport network that supports and realises the opportunities of a low carbon economy. |
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3. What should the Commission's role be?

To set the policy and legislative framework that will influence and inform national action, with the primary goal of securing a sustainable, integrated and safe transport network, that is playing an equitable role in reducing energy demands, and addressing GHG emissions.

Section III- Trends and Challenges – page 6

4. Are the trends and challenges identified in this section the right ones?

Yes

5. Are there any other trends and challenges that need to be included here and require European action?

- Increased demand for travel and transport that will need to be met through managing demand.
- Reducing the need to travel to address transports carbon emissions and environmental, social and economic impacts.
- Rapid technological developments, leading to changing travel demands and transport logistics.
- Changing household demographics (single and two person households increasing in number), leading to increasingly complex trip making.
- The impacts of a changing climate on the operation of transport networks, services and tripl making.
- Threat of terrorism.
- Response to global mass migrations and pandemics, attributed to climate change.

Section IV- Policy objectives- page 9-12

6. Do you believe that the Commission has identified the right policy objectives?

Yes

7. Should the EU pay attention to other policy objectives? And if so which one(s)?

Sound planning should facilitate integration of transport modes and transport with land-use planning, and take the travel needs of citizens and goods into account.

8. Where specific operational goals have been identified in this section do you consider them to be deliverable?

In general. However, ensuring that existing transport infrastructure is well maintained is a significant challenge, particularly as the impacts of climate change become greater in scale and magnitude.

Section V- Policy instruments for sustainable transport- page 13-18

9. Where the Commission has identified specific policy instruments do you believe that these are correct?

Yes

10. If you have a view on a specific policy instrument identified by the Commission (as described in the breakdown of Section 5 in “The proposal”) please identify the policy instrument and set out your view.

- Maintenance, development and integration of modal networks – As detailed above, maintenance is major issue for Authorities, with the Commission needing to recognise the financial commitment that is required by members states to ensure existing networks remain operational.
- The need for considerable and well coordinated funding to overhaul the transport system towards a low carbon economy – This must be a key priority for the Commission, and must provide leadership and support on how to achieve this.
- The role of education, information and awareness raising campaigns to encourage behavioural change – The Commission must recognise that without policy instruments and infrastructure measures that realise and 'lock-in' the benefits of behaviour change, education, information and awareness raising can only achieve minimal, long-term behaviour change.

11. What do you think the EU's role should be?

To act as world leaders in the development of a low carbon transport network that supports sustainable economic growth and social opportunity. Acting as a test area for innovative solutions that can be applied beyond the EU.

12. What additional policy instruments would you wish to be included?

The need for a climate change transport adaptation strategy for the EU.

13. Rather than policy instruments what specific policy options should the EU be developing?

- Energy demand reductions in the sector
- Emissions reductions (GHG and local air pollutants)
- Internalisation of external costs

If you have any other general comment that you would like to make concerning this consultation, please give them here:

We would prefer to have electronic copies of your response so please email this completed form to: EUFutureofTransport@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Alternatively you can post the completed form to:

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The deadline for responses is: **Monday 7 September 2009.**