

## 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>	
<p>If you would like your response or personal details to be treated <b>confidentially</b> please explain why:</p>	

## **PART 2 - Your Comments**

### **General**

<b>1. What do you consider to be the most significant challenge facing transport policy over the next ten years?</b>
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The decarbonisation of the transport sector in support of sustainable economic development.
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<b>2. What policy options do you believe that the Commission should consider in the development of the White Paper?</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Energy demand reductions in the sector</li><li>• Emissions reductions (GHG and local air pollutants)</li><li>• Internalisation of external costs</li><li>• Transport equitability in supporting social inclusion and opportunity</li><li>• A low carbon transport network that supports and realises the opportunities of a low carbon economy.</li></ul> |
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<b>3. What should the Commission's role be?</b>
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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](mailto: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.**