

## **REGIONAL TRANSPORT BOARD**

### **Recommendation**

The Regional Transport Board met on Friday 23 October. The SEEDA Board is invited to **NOTE** the Transport Board's principal decisions, summarised below.

### **Reputational implications**

None

### **Financial and resource implications**

Within existing budgets at present to deliver the regional programme, but early in 2010 the Transport Board will be considering the detailed implications for the forward programme of the current budget pressures.

### **Timescale**

The next scheduled Transport Board meeting is 8 January (with briefing at SEEDA Board's December meeting).

### **Background and justification for recommendation**

The Regional Transport Board:

1. noted good progress in delivering the regional programme, and reaffirmed support for the A21 Baldslow Junction Improvement as a regional priority.
2. noted good progress with the 'Delivering a Sustainable Transport System' programme, including those national programme schemes in the region which are led by the Department for Transport (eg Lower Thames Crossing Phase 2).
3. considered and noted issues to do with growth within current planning limits at the 5 major and 3 regional airports (Southampton, Southend and Manston).
4. agreed to clarify with BAA Gatwick Airport Ltd and Network Rail that the station improvements proposed at Gatwick are fully fundable by the two parties.
5. agreed a detailed response to consultation about the Great Western Route Utilisation Strategy, including support for the extension of Crossrail to Reading in 2017, for early delivery of Heathrow Airtrack and for capacity enhancements at Oxford Station.
6. considered its probable stance on the high speed rail network proposals which the Secretary of State is expected to publish early in 2010, including the need for a direct high-speed link between Heathrow and the rest of the high-speed network.

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