

## Action points from the Rail Delivery Group meeting

28 April 2015

ATOC/RDG Offices, London

### ***Present***

Martin Griffiths (Chair)  
Michael Roberts (Director-General)  
Dominic Booth  
David Brown  
Chris Burchell  
Mark Carne  
Andrew Chivers  
Lindsay Durham  
Alistair Gordon  
Nigel Jones  
Jeremy Long  
Tim O'Toole  
Paul Plummer  
Alain Thauvette  
Phil Whittingham

### ***Apologies***

David Stretch

### ***In attendance***

Gary Cooper (ATOC)  
Nick Ellins (RDG)  
George Lynn (RDG)  
Edward Welsh (RDG)  
Billy Denyer (RDG, minutes)

*Item 15.028 (Health & Safety workstream update):* Chris Fenton (RSSB)

*Item 15.031 (Rolling stock workstream update):* Malcolm Brown (Angel Trains)

### **15.026 Approval of the record/progress on action points from the meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March**

The minutes of the RDG meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March were agreed to be an accurate record.

On the industry scorecard action, MG suggested that consideration should be given to incorporating a wider set of metrics (originally intended to cover activities such as renewals, enhancements and maintenance).

### **15.027 Director-General's Report and RDG Workstream Activity Report**

MR highlighted the following items within his Director-General's report:

- contact with DfT regarding possible scenarios for industry structure. Members agreed there should be further discussion about this topic (including RDG's relationship with other bodies) at a future RDG meeting

- If approved later in the meeting, agreement to fund the next stage of work on charging would exceed the budgeted project funding for 2015/16 and members would need to sign off additional funding on a case by case basis, as previously agreed.
- A proposition relating to Founder Member status of RDG will be prepared and presented at the May RDG meeting.

The proposed approach for dealing with Freedom Of Information requests to RDG and related issues was endorsed by members. A separate proposal for how NR might handle Freedom Of Information requests relating to Schedule 8 data was then discussed. Members felt the approach needed further thought: PP and TOT agreed to circulate material for members to consider.

**Action: GL to present a proposition relating to RDG Founder Member status at the May RDG meeting.**

**Action: MR to add potential future industry structures to an upcoming RDG agenda.**

**Action: PP and TO'T to circulate material regarding handling of Schedule 8 Freedom Of Information requests by NR.**

#### **15.028 Health and Safety workstream update**

MC introduced the discussion on a proposed health and safety strategy for rail, the approach to which was presented by CF. The strategy is not intended to replace single duty holder responsibilities but will instead provide a single reference point across the industry for both health and safety. The next step is to prepare a high level strategy as a draft which will be circulated in the summer and presented to the industry safety meeting in October. The strategy will then be brought back to RDG in October for final comment, before sign off at RSSB Board. It is anticipated that it will be updated on an annual basis. The Industry Safety Standards Risk Group will monitor compliance with the strategy on an ongoing basis.

**Action: MC to bring the Health and Safety strategy back to RDG in October.**

#### **15.029 Review into timing of engineering work**

TO'T's presentation was taken as read. He gave a summary assessment of the draft review: the need to drive forward a number of existing APSCM initiatives and to secure high level industry ownership for them was highlighted. Members made comments on the draft report to feed back to the review team (a meeting had been scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> May). Members agreed that TO'T should lead a discussion about the draft report with DfT.

MR will compile the feedback he has received on the draft report and circulate to RDG members. MR is scheduled to meet Anton Valk on 6<sup>th</sup> May and will feedback the comments to him then.

**Action: MR to compile the feedback he has received on the review into timing of engineering work and circulate to RDG members.**

**Action: MR to feed back comments on the review into timing of engineering work to Anton Valk on 6<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Action: TO'T to lead a discussion about the review into timing of engineering work with DfT.**

### **15.030 Key planning messages for new Government**

PP's presentation on key messaging within the Initial Industry Plan was taken as read. He reminded members that the Plan will inform the level of funding required for CP6 and the outputs to be specified in the HLOS.

PP emphasised that the Plan needs to reflect the whole industry system. He also stressed that members must remain sighted on the key messages (which will develop over time and remain consistent with the 4Cs). TO'T raised a query about CP5 outputs carrying over to CP6 and PP will report back on this at a future RDG meeting.

Members endorsed the proposed approach to the Initial Industry Plan.

**Action: PP to report on the outputs from CP5 that will carry over into CP6 at a future RDG meeting.**

### **15.031 Rolling stock workstream update**

AC and MB presented the conclusions from the RSSSG sub-group which had been looking at two potential options for improving rolling stock value for money in CP5. Members (with one exception) supported the conclusions, which included support for work to be done to provide greater transparency on enhancement and refurbishment costs. MB reminded members that the RSSSG is continuing to look at other potential options to improve value for money.

### **15.032 Review of Charges funding decision**

PP introduced his paper which sought approval for the proposed work and funding for the next phase of RDG's Review of Charges. Commissioning consultants to provide independent advice was seen as important in adding credibility to the findings. Members approved the £300k funding for the next phase of work, noting that this was £75k less than the amount budgeted for it.

### **15.033 Any other business**

The following additional items of business were also discussed:

- Peter Maybury will be retiring shortly and Russell Mears will become the new RDG member for Freightliner. Chris Kimblerley is also leaving Serco but their new alternate had not yet been identified. MG thanked PM and CK for their contributions to RDG.
- MC reminded members that RMT would be holding a strike ballot shortly and that Network Rail will continue to keep RDG informed of developments.
- Members agreed to revisit the case for a potential industry reputation campaign after the General Election.
- DAB reminded members that transparency pages on TOC websites should be launched as soon as possible. Key stakeholders will be briefed on the initiative when all transparency pages are live.

**Action: Members to ensure that the transparency pages of their websites are launched as soon as possible.**

### **15.034 Next meeting**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 17:00-19:00.