

FOSBR ROUND-UP 2014

Rail trips organised by FOSBR

- Trip to **Barnstaple** to meet the Tarka Line Rail Group (22 March).
- Trip to **Melksham** to support the TransWilts Community Rail Partnership in the Melksham Carnival Parade (12 July).
- Trip to **Weston-super-Mare** for New Year's Day walk and swim (1 January 2015).

Campaign meetings and rallies

- Meeting with **Stephen Williams MP** to discuss rail issues (17 January).
- Rally at **Henbury** station site to campaign for MetroWest Phase 2 (14 March).
- Celebration of new early bird service for **Bedminster** (19 May).
- Celebration of **Bedminster's** new evening service (7 July).
- Rally at **Avonmouth** station to protest against demolition (16 January 2015).

Submissions to consultations

- **Great Western Franchise** (Department for Transport, June 2014).
- **Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood** (South Gloucestershire Council, August 2014).
- **Great Western Route Study** (Network Rail, January 2015).

Attendance at other meetings and events

- **South Gloucestershire Council Transport Forums** (3 February, 9 June, 22 September).
- **West of England Partnership Stakeholder Meetings** with MetroWest officers (7 April, 14 July, 22 September, 17 December).
- **TravelWatch South West** meetings in Taunton (1 March, 4 October).
- **Green Capital 2015 Sustainable Transport Action Group** (18 August, 15 September, 14 October, 20 January 2015): FOSBR's proposals for rail events in 2015 have now been given Green Capital branding.
- **British Transport Police** meetings on the Severn Beach Line.
- **Action for Rail** events held monthly at Temple Meads and elsewhere.

Questions and statements to council meetings

- **Bristol City Council**
 - Statement on subsidy for MetroWest Phase 1 (16 September).
 - Statement on MetroWest Phase 1 subsidy; Avonmouth station building; Ashley Hill and Horfield (11 November).
 - Statement on New Year challenges – Avonmouth station, Phase 1 and 2 plans including Charlton Halt, Access for All, Temple Meads rail/bus interchange, WEP governance and rail powers (20 January 2015).
- **Bristol City Council Cabinet**
 - Statement requesting £220,000 saved from Severn Beach Line subsidy to be ring-fenced for rail; Ashley Hill and Horfield (4 March).
- **Bristol City Council Sustainable Development and Transport Scrutiny Commission**

- Questions on Horfield and Ashley Hill; Henbury Loop; port infrastructure; funding streams for MetroWest Phase 1 and 2 (13 February).
- **South Gloucestershire Council**
 - Questions on developer contributions and port issues with Henbury Loop (19 March).
 - Statement on request stops at St Andrew's Road (29 May).
- **South Gloucestershire Council Planning, Transport and Strategic Environment Committee**
 - Statement on lessons from Severn Beach Line for Henbury Loop (7 May).
 - Statement on request stops at St Andrew's Road (28 May).
- **South Gloucestershire Council Development Control Committee**
 - Statement on Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood; Henbury Loop; MetroBus (9 September).
- **West of England Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Leaders' Board**
 - Questions on Ashton Gate; MetroBus; Parson Street (17 October 2014).
 - Statement summarising current concerns – Avonmouth station, Phase 1 and 2 plans including Charlton Halt, Access for All, Temple Meads rail–bus interchange, WEP governance and rail powers (9 January 2015).
- **West of England Local Enterprise Partnership Joint Transport Board**
 - Joint statement with BS10 group and TfGB on Henbury Loop and Ashley Hill and Horfield (13 March).
 - Questions about submission for Great Western franchise extension; statement welcoming new early bird and evening Bedminster stops; question on infrastructure at Hallen Marsh Junction for Henbury Loop (4 July 2014).
 - Statement on MetroWest Phase 1 subsidy, siting of Portishead station, Ashton Gate and Bedminster (12 September).
 - Statement on MetroWest Phase 1; Ashton Gate; Bedminster; Filton Bank; Henbury Loop (12 December).
- **West of England Local Enterprise Partnership Joint Scrutiny Committee**
 - Statement and questions on Ashley Hill and Horfield stations, including comments on gradient derogation (31 January; 5 March).
 - Questions on Henbury Loop infrastructure; subsidy for MetroWest Phase 1 and 2; reallocation of Severn Beach Line subsidy (8 September).
 - Statement on Phase 1 subsidy; Ashton Gate; Bedminster; Ashley Down and Horfield; Henbury Loop (12 December).

Notes

If there are **other issues** related to local rail that you would like to see raised at council meetings, please contact Tina Biggs (cmbbiggs@gmail.com).

For those who are not familiar with the **MetroWest** plans, here is a brief summary. MetroWest has two phases. **MetroWest Phase 1** is the reopening of the Portishead line and provision of a half-hourly service from Portishead to Temple Meads, Bath and Avonmouth by 2019. **MetroWest Phase 2** is the opening of Henbury Loop, including stations at North Filton Henbury, and possibly Ashley Hill and Horfield, by 2023. Ashton Gate is no longer in either Phase 1 or Phase 2 but is the subject of a much-delayed study by Halcrow, now due to be published in March 2015. FOSBR is campaigning for the original MetroWest plans to be fulfilled.