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Green Capital Transport Issues

We welcome the First Group sponsorship of the Bristol City Region for the European Green Capital project. We also welcome the green fuel buses, electric buses and hybrid buses which First are sourcing for the Green Capital events. We hope these will be put into service on the 8 and 9 route.

We are concerned about the need to organise special rail events on the Portishead line, the Henbury loop and the Severn Beach line, demonstrating to the public how these projects could change the face of commuting in the city region and the improvements they would provide to the public transport picture across Greater Bristol.

We would like to see development of smart cards and through ticketing between bus, rail and ferry, special tickets for the Shaun the Sheep events covering transport by all public transport modes (including open top buses, taxis and the Balmoral Ferry Boat).

We would also like to see promotional events and extra services on the Severn Beach line, encouraging new passenger groups and children to travel over the route and make onward connections.

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We believe that there should be transport-themed events in Kingswood (Park?), Staple Hill (Park?), Keynsham (Park?) and Portishead, along with Make Sunday Special events to promote greater use of existing public transport as well as create awareness of new developments in the city's transport infrastructure and networks.

We would like to follow up on the proposal to close Old Market Street and West Street for the city's LGBT Pride event this summer (possibly in conjunction with Make Sunday Special).

The three existing transport rallies in the city region should be made into transport open days as part of the Green Capital project (similarly to the Mayor of London's 150 years of the Metropolitan Railway and Year of the Bus events). Sir Peter Hendy, who lives in Bath, is offering to help the Preservation Trusts in Bristol and Bath to stage these events by lending a Modern RouteMaster from the London fleet and other buses could be sourced for these events.

Rail Futures in organising a National Rail Conference in Bristol for November 2015. This will, amazingly, be the very first time that a national rail conference has been staged in the city. Support for this event from the Green Capital organisers would be very important in making it a success.

We need to make significant progress on the following projects during the Green Capital year:

- MetroWest Rail to Portishead

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- MetroWest Rail over the Henbury Loop
- Romney Avenue bus gate

- Bus Priority Measures over Gloucester Road and Gloucester Road North through Filton
- Improving the railway car parks at Severn Beach, Patchway.
- Opening the station for Portway (Shirehampton) Park and Ride
- New bus-based Park and Ride at Yate
- Disabled access to stations at Nailsea and Backwell, Parson Street, Lawrence Hill, Stapleton Road, Patchway and Pilning
- Improved bus and rail information on bus stops, railway and ferry stations across the city region including the roll-out of further real-time information

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