

NOTES/ACTIONS

Joint SRA/DfT Franchise Planning and Specification meeting

Date: Tuesday, 08 March 2005
Time: 1300 - 1430
Venue: Department for Transport
Great Minster House
76 Marsham Street
London SW1P 4DR

DfT Attendees:
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SRA Attendees:
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a. **Consultation on Franchise Specifications and ITTs**

SRA confirmed that it is still working to DfT's instruction in September 2004 not to consult formally and publicly on the Greater Western and Thameslink franchise specifications until the ITT is issued in June. Private discussions are being held with key stakeholders such as TfL, Centro and WAG. Confirmation was sought that this is still DfT's position.

DfT confirmed that the future instruction is to undertake the minimum consultation necessary to comply with statute and D&Gs using other consultation activities wherever possible, such as on the RUS, although it was recognised that there would be changes to service levels which were outside the scope of the RUS. DfT asked SRA to propose the minimum consultation that could be done, taking into account the legal position and risk to the programme, and would be guided by this advice. Specific issues on consultation on Greater Western, Thameslink, Central Remapping, South Western and Northern would be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTIONS: SRA to provide consultation proposals to DfT at the next meeting. Include specific franchise issues on the agenda for the next meeting.