



# MyJourney

WestYorkshire

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Welcome to the latest issue of the 'MyJourney West Yorkshire' newsletter, keeping you updated on development of the region's next Local Transport Plan (2011-26) and the various ways you can get involved. The plan is relevant to everyone in West Yorkshire as it will identify where and how investment is to be made in the transport system, to ensure that it supports the region's future needs and aspirations.

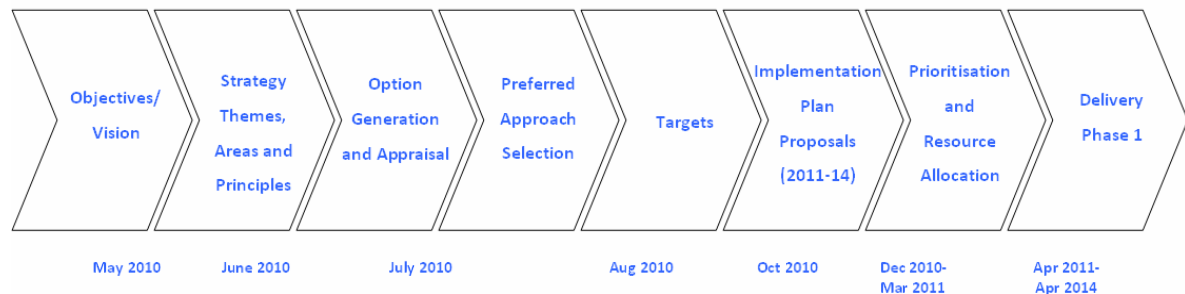
## Draft Vision and Outline Strategy feed back...

Thank you to all of those who provided feed back on the 'MyJourney West Yorkshire' Draft Vision and Outline Strategy during April and May 2010. This feed back along with other evidence gathering and research is informing the further development of the objectives, vision and strategy for the plan.

There will be further opportunities for partners and stakeholders to input and comment on the 'MyJourney West Yorkshire' Strategy and Implementation Plans at later stages as they develop, which we will be in touch with our contacts about. Details will also be posted on our website [www.wyltp.com](http://www.wyltp.com) and twitter [www.twitter.com/MyJourneyWY](http://www.twitter.com/MyJourneyWY) and in future newsletters.

## The 'MyJourney West Yorkshire' Process...

The diagram below shows the process for developing the 'MyJourney West Yorkshire' plan, which will be published by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011:



## Developing the strategy for the future of West Yorkshire's transport system...

The team preparing the plan is currently at the stage of working with partners and stakeholders to further develop a set of strategic principles for integrated transport that will guide how things are done in future based on current and predicted needs, issues and trends.

The strategic principles will include guiding statements on how to deal with the following in future based on key transport objectives for the next 15 years:

- congestion and delay,
- maximising available capacity on the transport network,
- maintaining and enhancing transport assets (e.g. stations, shelters, roads, bridges, lighting, tickets etc.),
- encouraging the use of more sustainable modes of travel,
- promoting the health benefits of active travel,
- providing information and improving affordability,
- reducing the need to travel,
- making interchange between transport modes easier and integrating transport services,

- improving equality of access to transport and public services,
- improving reliability and quality of travel,
- maintaining safety and security,
- reducing carbon emissions,
- improving local air quality,
- reducing the impact of transport on the natural environment,
- and more...

Once an initial set of strategic principles has been developed you will have the opportunity to feed back and suggest amends and additions.

#### **In other news – New Government...**

The new Government has named Philip Hammond MP as Transport Secretary and Theresa Villiers MP as Transport Minister responsible for rail, London, the Olympics, Europe and aviation. Norman Baker MP was named Parliamentary Under-Secretary responsible for regional and local transport, buses and taxis, walking and cycling, accessibility and equalities, and alternatives to travel, whilst Mike Penning MP takes on the same title with responsibility for strategic roads and the Highways Agency, motoring agencies, road safety and standards, freight and logistics and maritime and dangerous goods.

An outline programme for transport has been announced along with a major reassessment of transport spending as part of the Government's overall budget review. There have already been some substantial funding cuts to the current Local Transport Plan programme and it is anticipated that funding for the next plan could be considerably reduced. This will affect the content and scope of Implementation Plans covering the first three years (2011-14) of the 'MyJourney West Yorkshire' plan, and we will be taking the potential impact into account in developing the plan further.

#### **Get involved...**

We need your input into the plan so if we haven't already been in touch, please register your interest and / or provide general comments on our website [www.wyltp.com/getinvolved](http://www.wyltp.com/getinvolved), or contact the Local Transport Plan Team directly to be notified of upcoming consultation opportunities: Helen Standing, [helen.standing@wypte.gov.uk](mailto:helen.standing@wypte.gov.uk), 0113 348 1726

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