



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 needs to be made in the transport system, to ensure that it supports the region's future needs and aspirations.

First chance to have your say...

Using insight gained from engagement workshops with partners and key stakeholders in the region, national guidance and work undertaken for the 'Leeds City Region Transport Strategy' and other local work, a Draft Vision and Outline Strategy has been drawn up for the 'MyJourney West Yorkshire' plan. A document setting out the background to the plan; a proposed vision for the future of West Yorkshire's transport system; key transport-related challenges facing the region; and a suggested approach for tackling these challenges, is now available online for formal comment from partners and stakeholders. It is not yet known how the plan will be funded or how much funding will be available in the short or long term, but this document aims to provide a framework for making improvements, which is adaptable to different scenarios.

MyJourney West Yorkshire Vision (2011-26)

"To deliver a high quality, fully integrated and sustainable transport system for West Yorkshire, offering user-focused, affordable and reliable transport choices for greener, healthier, safer and more prosperous communities."

Outline Strategy

Smarter Management: *Maximising the potential of the existing transport network by making it as efficient, safe and resilient as possible.*

Smarter Services: *Making journeys as seamless and flexible as possible by providing attractive, affordable and integrated alternatives to the single occupancy car.*

Smarter Development: *A more joined-up approach to identify how new transport, housing and other developments can be integrated into the existing infrastructure with minimum impact.*

Smarter Choices: *Initiatives to promote widespread change in behaviour, culture and perceptions of transport.*

Stakeholders from transport, regeneration and wider sectors, such as healthcare, education and business, as well as interested members of the public in West Yorkshire, are invited to read and post comments on the current version of the document by following the link on the homepage of www.wyltp.com, until mid May. Hard copies of the document, which can be commented on and returned by post, are available on request, as are versions of the document in different languages and formats.

Next steps...

Once a Vision and Outline Strategy have been agreed, options for where and how to prioritise investment in the transport system will be generated and tested. An open consultation for partners, stakeholders and all members of the public will then be held in June-July 2010. The Strategy will then be finalised in the summer so that the first round of three to five year delivery plans can be developed

and consulted on from October 2010 onwards and the full first version of the plan published in April 2011. It will then be reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis throughout its 15 year life.

Apr-May 10	May	Jun-Jul	Aug-Sep	Oct-Feb 11	Mar-Apr	Beyond
Comments on Draft Vision and Outline Strategy invited	Strategic options generated and tested	Open consultation on Strategy and investment options	Full Strategy finalised and approved	3-5 year delivery plans developed and consulted on	Full MyJourney West Yorkshire Plan approved and published	Strategy and delivery plans developed and reviewed on ongoing basis

In other news...

- [West Yorkshire rewarded for beating congestion targets...](#) West Yorkshire has been awarded £2.04million for 2010/11 through the Urban Congestion Performance Fund. The region beat its target for 2011/12 by eight seconds, reducing the time it takes a person to travel a mile in the morning rush hour from four minutes four seconds in 2004/05 and 2005/06 to three minutes 56 seconds in 2008/09. The reward will fund projects aimed at further reducing congestion.
- [Transport Innovation Fund replaced...](#) The Transport Innovation Fund, which funded work carried out for the 'Transport for Leeds' project, has come to an end and is being replaced by a new Urban Challenge Fund, the details of which are currently under consultation. This is likely to have an impact on funding arrangements for Local Transport Plans. www.dft.gov.uk/press/speechesstatements/statements/khan20100302a
- [Government's Active Travel Strategy published...](#) The Department for Transport launched its 'Active Travel Strategy' in February. Enabling and encouraging active travel modes such as walking and cycling will be a key area of focus for the MyJourney West Yorkshire plan. www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/sustainable/cycling/activetravelstrategy
- [High Speed Rail to Yorkshire...](#) Metro welcomed Transport Minister Lord Adonis's announcement this month that the proposed High Speed Two rail line from London would reach Yorkshire. However, with High Speed links at least 17 years away for the region, Metro urged that improvements to the existing rail network should not be forgotten. <http://www.wymetro.com/news/releases/100311-HSR2>
- [CBI calls for change to work patterns to avoid gridlock...](#) The CBI's new report 'Tackling Congestion, Driving Growth' published this month, calls for radical changes in the way we work and commute to cut congestion on the UK's roads. Encouraging employers to promote flexible and home working, will be considered as a potential mechanism for helping to deliver the MyJourney West Yorkshire plan. www.cbi.org.uk/ndbs/Press.nsf/0363c1f07c6ca12a8025671c00381cc7/ac77d2168797ed7f802576e3004dc9d3?OpenDocument

Get involved...

We need your input into the plan so if we haven't already been in touch, please sign in to the online consultation by following the link on the homepage of www.wyltp.com; request a hard copy of the document from Helen Standing, helen.standing@wypte.gov.uk, 0113 348 1726; or register your interest in getting involved at www.wyltp.com/getinvolved

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