

ACCESSBUS

A pre-booked door-to-door service for disabled or elderly people who are unable to use public transport for all or certain journeys.

APPRAISAL

It has always been necessary to justify major schemes using strictly economic criteria, but the Package Approach introduced a new requirement to show how measures will contribute towards the stated objectives. Appraisal of different proposals is to be carried out in a consistent manner and must show the impact on factors such as the environment, users and nearby residents.

AVEA

Aire Valley Employment Area.

BRPB

British Rail Property Board.

BUS POINT

Proposal for investment in new shelters and passenger information at important (on street) nodes of the bus network.

BWB

British Waterways Board.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The precise definition is somewhat restricted but essentially this covers improvements and works of a permanent nature. The money is usually borrowed by Local Authorities (using Credit Approvals) but in some instances grant assistance (in the form of TSG for example) is available.

CCTV

Closed Circuit Television. A system of local cameras to enable monitoring of traffic to assist traffic control or systems used to enable security monitoring of particular sites such as car parks and bus/rail stations.

C of Ex

Centre of Excellence. Proposals (mainly short term) developed by the West Yorkshire partners in response to the Government invitation to become a Centre of Excellence for integrated transport.

CORRIDOR

Main travel routes and surrounding alternative routes.

CSS

Organisation of Chief Highways Officers formerly known as County Surveyors' Society.

CULVERT

Underground water course

DBFO

Design, Build, Finance and Operate. A method under the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) launched by the Government with the aim of reducing Government spending intended, which transfers the risk and responsibility for major schemes to the private sector.

DDA

Disability Discrimination Act.

DfEE

Department for Education and Employment.

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DEFLEC

A method of analysis of Deflectograph data.

DEFLECTOGRAPH

A machine survey method which measures deflection of the carriageway surface under load to enable calculation of residual life and maintenance overlay requirement.

DETR

Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions.

DISTRICT

One of the five District Councils - Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield - making up West Yorkshire.

DPTAC

Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee. The Committee makes recommendations on the transport needs of disabled people. Several recommendations have been made regarding the design of new buses and the Council's policy is to encourage operators to order vehicles meeting these recommendations.

EPOMM

European Platform on Mobility Management. A European forum for the dissemination of best practice in mobility Management/ i.e. promoting real alternatives to car use.

EU

European Union.

ERDF

European Regional Development Fund. A grant is paid by the European Union from its regional development fund to assist projects in certain specified areas. Much of the West Yorkshire area has been accorded Objective 2 Status and hence qualifies for ERDF.

EWS

English, Welsh and Scottish Railway. The main national rail freight operator.

FWD

Falling Weight Deflectometer. A device which measures the strength of the carriageway.

GATEWAY

Usually a short length of road that can only be used by buses.

GDP

Gross Domestic Product.

GIS

Geographical Information System.

GNER

Great North Eastern Railway. The current holder of the East Coast Main Line franchise.

GOYH

Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber.

GUIDED BUS

A system by which buses fitted with small wheels attached to their front axles are guided within sections of highway created specially for their use to give priority over other traffic.

GUIDEWAY

A section of road constructed purely for Guided Buses.

HCV

Heavy Commercial vehicle (same as HGV)

HGV

Heavy Goods Vehicle

IT

Information Technology

ITSO

Integrated Transport SmartCard Organisation.

LBIA

Leeds Bradford International Airport.

LEEDS 1ST

Railtrack scheme for major improvements at Leeds Station, including new track and signalling, with major improvements to the station itself.

LEEDS PUBLIC TRANSPORT BOX

A key part of the transport strategy for Leeds, providing public transport access around the pedestrian core of the city.

LTP

Local Transport Plan.

MAJOR SCHEME

A scheme whose total cost exceeds £5m and is funded through scheme specific SCAs. Major highway schemes are also eligible for grant through TSG and public transport schemes for Section 56 grant.

MARCH

A computer system which analyses highway visual condition data and generates recommended treatments, budget costs and scheme priorities.

METRO

The trading name used by the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, which carries out the functions of the WYPTA.

METRO CARD

This is a weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual travel card which permits bus only or bus and rail zonal travel within West Yorkshire.

METRO ROVER

This is a bus and train or train only day ticket valid anywhere within West Yorkshire.

MINOR WORKS

Schemes which individually cost less than £5m and are funded from the package settlement. Development and design work on major schemes are also classified as minor works.

NORTHERN SPIRIT

Rail company which currently holds the franchise to operate local and Trans-Pennine Express Services in West Yorkshire.

NRMCS

National Road Maintenance Condition Survey - carried out for DETR using nationally determined criteria to enable trend analysis of network condition.

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NRSA

New Roads and Street Works Act.

NTWA

National TravelWise Association. A body of local authorities which oversees the TravelWise campaign.

OBJECTIVE 2 STATUS

These are regions of industrial decline with three main criteria for current programmes - a) the employment rate is greater than the community average, b) there is a higher percentage of industrial employment than the EU average and, c) there is a decline in this employment category.

PACKAGE BID OR PACKAGE

The bid for capital resources to provide for the schemes and policies to be implemented through a programme of activity, initially for the next three to five years.

PANDEF

DETR's approved method for analysing deflectograph data.

PFI

Private Finance Initiative.

PIDS

Passenger Information Display System.

PPG

Planning Policy Guidance. A series of guidance notes issued to local authorities by the DETR offering guidance on planning issues for the improvement of transport integration with land use policies.

PRINCIPAL ROADS

Mainly those roads with an 'A' classification.

PRN

Primary Route Network. A highway network defined by the DETR including all trunk roads and some major local authority roads, chosen using a set of published criteria to provide links between major settlements. Primary Routes have green backed road signs.

PSV

Passenger Service Vehicle.

PTEG

Passenger Transport Executive Group.

PUFFIN CROSSING

Similar to a Pelican Crossing but is capable of detecting when a pedestrian is crossing and can extend the crossing time.

RECHAR

A European Community programme aimed at supporting the regeneration of former coal field communities.

REVENUE EXPENDITURE

This is usually expenditure of a recurring nature such as highway maintenance or support for public transport fares. The money is budgeted on an annual basis and obtained from the Council Tax and Government revenue grants or, in WYPTA's case, from a levy on the District Councils.

RPG

Regional Planning Guidance.

RTS

Regional Transport Strategy.

SAFE HOUSES

An initiative involving a group of volunteers who are vetted and offer a 'safe house' should children be in danger.

SCA

Supplementary Credit Approval. This is a form of credit approval, enabling local authorities to borrow money to carry out works. It can only be spent on the specific scheme or programme for which it is awarded and is therefore referred to as 'ring-fenced'. A programme of minor package works are funded through an SCA.

SCHEME

Individual and separately-costed project which requires capital expenditure to be implemented.

SCOOT

Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique. SCOOT is a fully adaptive, traffic responsive UTC system designed to minimise vehicle stops and delays in a signal controlled urban network.

SCRIM

Sideways Coefficient Routine Investigation Machine - this is a vehicle mounted survey method which measures the skid resistance of the carriageway surface.

SESKU

South Elmsall/South Kirkby/ Upton areas.

SMARTCARD

A plastic card containing electronically readable information.

SON

A high pressure sodium bulb used in street lighting which produces a white light.

SOX

A low pressure sodium bulb used in street lighting which produces a yellow light.

SRA

Strategic Rail Authority.

SRB

Single Regeneration Budget. A system of Government grants for urban regeneration, replacing 20 separate programmes run by 5 Government departments.

SSA

Standard Spending Assessment is the Government means of determining the amount of revenue authorities ought to spend in particular activity areas - including highway maintenance.

SUPERTRAM

A fully accessible street-running tram system planned for Leeds. A network of three lines is planned.

SUSTRANS

A charity for the promotion of cycling as a means of transport. It also designs and builds traffic free routes for cyclists, walkers and the disabled.

SWYMMS

South and West Yorkshire Multi-Modal Study. One of a series of DETR studies looking at transport provision and needs.

TARGET

Travel Awareness Regional Groups for Environmental Transport. A project led by Metro and involving the whole Yorkshire and Humber region, together with regions in Germany and Sweden, to provide and develop alternatives to car use. TARGET is part-funded from the EU Interreg IIC North Sea Region Programme.

TAS

A transport consultancy.

TRAFFIC MODEL

A computerised simulation of the traffic patterns in an area. Working from a detailed knowledge of existing traffic patterns and the details of the local network, it is possible to apply expected growth in traffic to predict the future levels of traffic on particular lengths of road and to forecast delays at junctions. This can be used to do "what if" tests to assess the likely future effects of new highway proposals.

TRANSPONDERS

Electronic equipment fitted to a vehicle and the roadside which exchanges information and can give priority to the vehicle thereby changing the traffic lights etc.

TRAVELWISE

This is a transport awareness campaign seeking to promote travel awareness and alternatives to car use. All West Yorkshire authorities are members of TravelWise

TRL

Transport Research Laboratory - transport consultants.

TRUNK ROAD

A road which is the responsibility of central government (Highways Agency) rather than the local highway authority.

TSG

Transport Supplementary Grant. A grant from the DETR in support of Local Authorities' transportation programmes. It is paid at the rate of 50% on a closely-defined range of schemes, including major schemes 'of more than local significance'.

UDP

Unitary Development Plan. A District-wide planning statement of particular relevance to transportation because of its influence on future land uses.

UKPMS

Is a computer management system currently being commercially developed to a national specification which will enable comparison of network condition both within and between maintenance authorities.

UTC

Urban Traffic Control. A computerised method of linking traffic signals, for controlling traffic flows better.

UTILITY COMPANY

A company that provides services such as gas, water, electricity or telephone or a contractor working on their behalf.

UTMC

Urban Traffic Management and Control. A development of UTC technology.

VMS

Variable Message Sign. A road sign which is capable of automatically displaying more than one message.

WAYLEN

Defines the network length by node and link which is required for computer analysis of machine condition data when using certain programs.

WYPTA

The West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority. This is a joint authority on which the five District Councils in West Yorkshire are represented pro rata to their population. It has overall responsibility for the co-ordination, promotion and support of public transport in West Yorkshire.

WYPTE

The West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive. A professional body which carries out the policies of the West Yorkshire Transport Authority (WYPTA). This body operates under the name 'Metro'.

YORKSHIRE FORWARD

Yorkshire and Humber Regional Development Agency responsible for the development of the Regional Economic Strategy

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