

C3 Manage the existing highway network

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Through the use of UTMC, the West Yorkshire district authorities will develop more pro-active tools to manage traffic in line with LTP2 priorities. Local issues that will be addressed by these tools include the area around Shipley in Airedale, the A62 corridor in Huddersfield and Wakefield centre.

All of the West Yorkshire district authorities have appointed Traffic Managers, and each is currently engaged in defining the Duty as it applies to the individual district. A West Yorkshire Traffic Managers Group has been established to share best practice and consider a consistent approach to the authorities' implementation of duties under the Traffic Management Act. The objective is to facilitate the expeditious movement of traffic. The West Yorkshire Traffic Managers have established a working relationship within a Yorkshire Traffic Managers Group to ensure cross-boundary co-ordination and the consistent implementation of policies and practices at a strategic level across a wide area.

For the full LTP2 submission in March 2006 each district authority will be in a position to demonstrate how the Duty will be carried out, not only individually but in partnership with their counterparts in West Yorkshire.

Provision of information

Working relationships with the media are being strengthened to provide more and better information when congestion is expected so that road users can take alternative routes or adjust their journey times. Improved liaison with Metro will help minimise the impact of road works on bus users.

Kirklees is a Beacon Council for Street Works and the best practices are being shared across the region to improve the delivery of street works to minimise congestion.

Leeds is currently participating in the Road Information Framework, a joint HA/DfT project which aims to integrate data sources and make them accessible in supporting operational management and strategic planning, through the development of scenario based modelling, with emphasis on congestion and road safety.