



MyJourney

WestYorkshire

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Welcome to the second 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.

Where we currently are with the plan...

Through meetings and workshops with partners in Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds, Wakefield and Metro; Councillors from across West Yorkshire; Local Strategic Partnerships; public transport operators; and other key agencies and organisations, we are currently identifying which challenges facing transport are a priority for West Yorkshire and generating options for the best ways of tackling them.

From this, we will develop an outline strategy for the 'MyJourney West Yorkshire' plan on which organisations and members of the public from across the region will have various opportunities to provide input, comments and feed back from **early March 2010**. Once an effective strategy has been agreed, a series of plans for delivering it will be consulted on and drawn up, the first of which will be put into action from April 2011.

What we know so far...

Tough economic times and the need to take a more holistic approach means that the 'MyJourney West Yorkshire' plan will need to **'do more with less'**. We are therefore tasked with finding the most cost-effective ways of meeting key transport challenges and making the best use of the existing network.

The Leeds City Region Transport Strategy – a vision for transport within and beyond the wider region – was launched in November with a focus on how transport can contribute to **reducing carbon emissions** and **boosting economic growth**. In addition to these, challenges which have so far been identified as being important for the future well-being and prosperity of West Yorkshire's individual districts include, transport's role in **supporting plans for housing growth** in specific areas, **promoting 'active travel'** (walking and cycling), **improving the experience and safety of public transport users** and **improving links within and between local communities**.

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, or contact the Local Transport Team directly to be notified of upcoming consultation opportunities: Helen Standing, helen.standing@wypte.gov.uk, 0113 348 1726

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