



MyJourney

WestYorkshire

Newsletter for Local Strategic Partnerships, Nov 09

Welcome to the first issue of the MyJourney newsletter for Local Strategic Partnerships, from the team preparing West Yorkshire's third Local Transport Plan. The newsletter seeks to keep you updated on progress and share knowledge to ensure that the plan is developed in the context of Local Area Agreements, Development Frameworks, Sustainable Communities Strategies and other relevant plans and initiatives. This first issue will give you an introduction to the plan and how we can ensure we work collaboratively on its development.

What is the MyJourney campaign?...

A plan for the future of transport in West Yorkshire is currently being prepared by the region's Integrated Transport Authority, Metro and the five district Councils (Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield). It will aim to improve the quality of life of people in the region by addressing issues which effect everyone – the economy; the environment; the ability to access jobs, goods, services, people and places; and health, safety and security. Replacing the current plan in 2011, it will run to 2021 and beyond. The MyJourney campaign invites local people to get involved and help shape the plan.

What are the objectives of the plan?...

The new plan will seek to meet five National Transport Goals centred around Delivering a Sustainable Transport System (DaSTS):

- Tackling climate change;
- Supporting economic growth;
- Promoting equality of opportunity;
- Contributing to better safety, security and health;
- Improving quality of life.

The focus for the West Yorkshire plan will be on specific National Indicators identified as being key for the region's districts. It will also use the Leeds City Region Transport Strategy (launched on 27/11/09 at the City Region Summit), Transport for Leeds, Local Area Agreements, Local Development Frameworks and Sustainable Communities Strategies of each of the five districts as a framework.

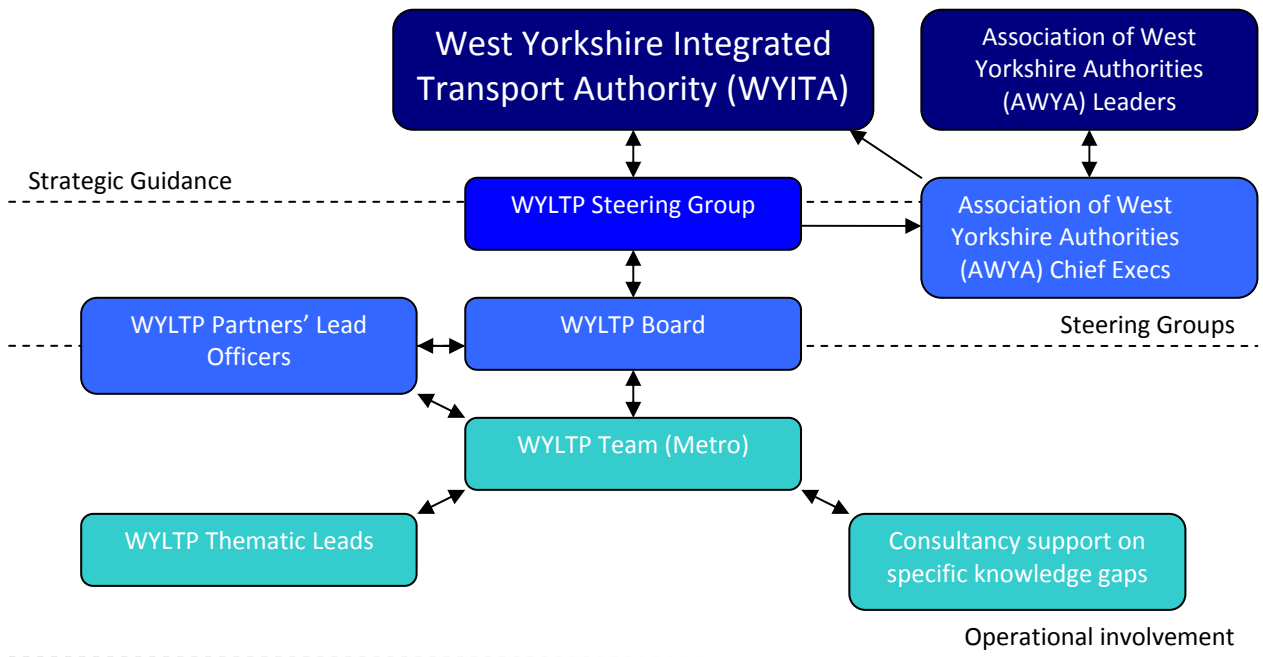
What will the plan consist of?...

It will consist of a strategic plan, outlining a transport vision for West Yorkshire for the next 15 years, and generations of implementation plans focused on specific districts and specific issues. A first draft of the strategy is due by summer 2010 and the full set of plans must be ready for implementation by the end of March 2011.

Why do Local Strategic Partnerships need to get involved in the development of the plan?...

The new Local Transport Plan will contribute to the delivery of all relevant National Indicators and will be an element of assessment of the performance of Local Area Agreements, rather than being formally assessed and monitored by the Department for Transport as with previous plans. It is therefore important that we work together to ensure that the vision for the region contributes appropriately to the individual Area Agreements.

Who is responsible for the preparation of the plan?...



What happens next?...

November 2009 – January 2010:

- 11/12/09: Round table discussion with representatives from all of West Yorkshire's Local Strategic Partnerships at the WYLTP offices on 5th floor of Phoenix House, South Parade, Leeds, to bring all parties up to date and identify ways of working together.
- Awareness raising amongst partners, stakeholders, wider sector organisations and the public through newsletters, the local media and Council communications channels, such as the website and residents' newspapers.

January – April 2010:

- Engagement and evidence gathering with partners, stakeholders, wider sector organisations and the public through workshops, an online survey, discussion forums and presence at events and meetings.

March – July 2010:

- Consultation on necessary elements of the Strategic Plan with relevant groups of partner officers, West Yorkshire organisations and the public.

August 2010:

- Delivery of first draft of Strategic Plan (15 year vision for the future of transport in the region from 2011).

Where can I find out more?...

The West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan website, www.wyltp.com, has further information and updates. You can also follow us on twitter at www.twitter.com/MyJourneyWY

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