

## ***C5 Encourage more walking and cycling***

In LTP2 policies will be implemented which encourage a greater use of cycling and walking by ensuring that journeys can be made safely and conveniently by cycle and on foot by:

- dealing effectively with the barriers to walking and cycling;
- promoting the associated benefits which include sustainability, health, journey time reliability and affordability; and
- integrating with public transport.

This could lead to some journeys by car being substituted by walking and cycling so contributing to the relief of congestion.

The 2001 census indicated that in West Yorkshire 10,142 people cycled to work (students excluded), an increase of 13.4% since 1991 despite no major increase in mode share. A recent survey of pupils' travel habits indicated that around 1% of pupils cycle to school.

Both ROWs and highway improvements offer opportunities to reduce vehicle use to work, school, local facilities and local recreation/tourism sites, etc. Good routes for cyclists and walkers can sometimes provide shorter or quicker journeys than using the car.

Specific elements of the strategy will include:

- completion of the strategic cycling network to link schools and train stations e.g. in Calderdale and Wakefield;
- completion of the radial route network and other identified schemes in Leeds;
- the development of the walking strategy and stakeholder engagement with schools, Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) and community groups;
- cycle lanes with Advanced Stop Lines (ASLs) where appropriate;
- new on and off highway cycle routes;
- signing of quieter alternative routes for cyclists;
- cycle parking facilities;
- encouraging employers to provide shower and changing facilities;
- all weather surfaces and lighting in urban areas for pedestrians;
- direction signing of paths;
- linking city centres by foot to inner residential areas;
- partnership working with other organisations, in particular PCTs to promote the health benefits of walking and cycling; and
- promotion of the use of ROWs as a viable alternative for short journeys, such as to work or for shopping and particularly to complement our Safer Routes to School programmes.

Measures to encourage cycling and walking are planned throughout the county, but in particular feature in the strategies for alleviating worsening congestion on the A62 corridor in Huddersfield, in the Halifax/Calder Valley area and Airedale Valley near Shipley. In Leeds a series of radial routes are aimed at providing alternatives to motor vehicle usage. In Wakefield proposals to provide cycle routes to/through the

city centre, include alternative cycle routes close to the congested A638 Doncaster Road and A61 Barnsley Road.