

## Project Overview

Project Title	A639 Park Road
Main Funding Programme	Levelling Up Fund Round 2
Current Forecast Project cost	£11,901,000
Funding Applied for from the Combined Authority	£11,901,000
Other public sector funding amounts and sources	None
Private sector funding amounts and sources	None

## Scheme Description

The A639 Park Road scheme is located in Pontefract, Wakefield, with the scheme boundary between Stuart Road and Junction 32 of the M62. The scheme will be funded by the Department for Transport's (DfT) Levelling Up Fund 2 (LUF2) programme.

The A639 Park Road scheme will deliver bus priority traffic signals at the A639/Park Lane junction, increase the highway capacity to four lanes (two lanes each direction) to reduce delay for buses, and improve the pedestrian and cycling provision at the Retail Park and Racecourse roundabout. The cycle route between the town centre and Junction 32 retail park will have new and improved segregated cycling and crossing infrastructure.

## Business Case Summary

### Strategic Case

The scheme supports delivery of the LUF2 programme objectives of improving safety and the cycling and walking environment for cyclists and pedestrians, reducing congestion, improving local air quality, and increasing town centre footfall and economic growth. The scheme also supports delivery of the local Levelling Up plans.

The scheme supports the West Yorkshire Mayor's pledge to tackle the climate emergency, the Yorkshire Investment Strategy, and principles of Inclusive Growth as set out in the Strategic Economic Framework (SEF).

### Economic Case

The value for money assessment reflects a benefit cost ratio (BCR) of 2.9:1 classing the scheme as high value for money when assessed against the DfT's value for money criteria.

The assessment indicates that the scheme will benefit bus users, highway users and active travel users which includes walking and cycling.

### Commercial Case

The scheme is exploring options regarding procuring the construction works. The current preference is to split the works between in-house resources and an external contractor, with the contractor to be procured via a traditional procurement strategy whereby contractors bid based on tender issued by the council.

The procurement route will be confirmed at full business case.

## Financial Case

The total forecasted scheme cost is £11,901,000, of which £11,331,000 will be funded by the DfT's Levelling Up Fund 2 (LUF2) and £570,000 from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund (WY+TF). The WY+TF has supported the outline business case development costs as the scheme initially formed part of the WY+TF Corridor Improvement Programme 2 (CIP2).

The total scheme cost estimate has accounted for project development costs, construction costs, risk, contingency, and inflation costs.

## Management Case

The management and delivery of the scheme is split between Wakefield Council's Highways and Transportation team and its Major Projects team, with the overall delivery programme will be monitored and co-ordinated by the LUF2 A639 Project Board.

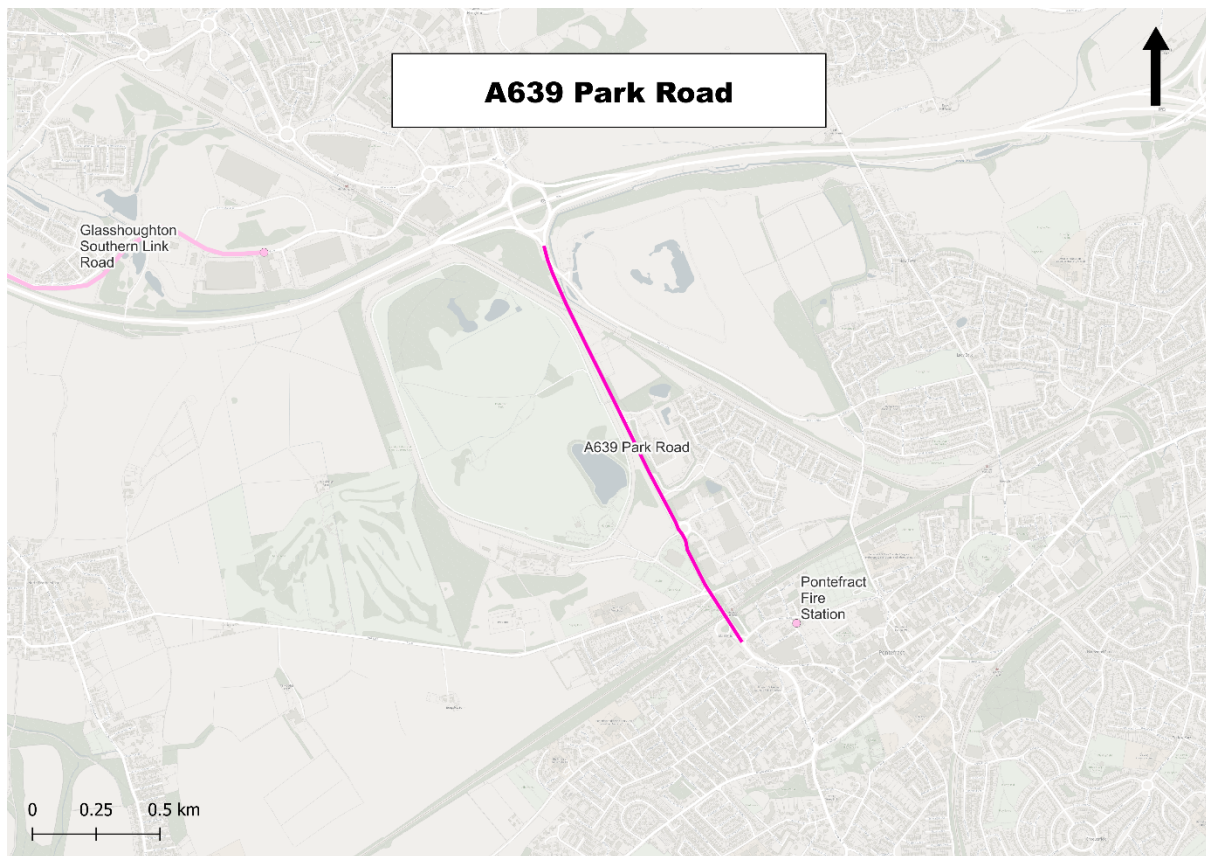
Planning permission is likely to be required for the widening of the A639 between the Park Lane junction and Princes Drive.

Scheme risks will be managed via a project risk register.

The current delivery programme forecasts site mobilisation and enabling works to commence in November 2024, with the main construction programme commencing in June 2025 and completing in February 2026.

## Location Map

The following map shows the location of the A639 Park Road scheme:



Please note, depending on the level of scheme development, the location and scope of the schemes indicated here are indicative only.

For further information on Combined Authority schemes across the Leeds City Region, please refer to: <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/growing-theeconomy/leeds-city-region-infrastructure-map>