



## Project Overview

Project Title	<b>Skipton Railway Station Gateway – Active Travel Improvement Scheme</b>
Main Funding Programme	Transforming Cities Fund (TCF)
Current Forecast Project cost	£7,171,771 (Phase 1) £15,070,000 (Phase 1 & 2)
Funding Applied for from the Combined Authority	£6,971,771 (Phase 1)
Other public sector funding amounts and sources	£200,00 From North Yorkshire County Council (Phase 1)

## Scheme Description

The scheme aims to enhance the Skipton Railway Station forecourt and improve walking routes between the railway station, the bus station and Skipton town centre through the provision of improvements to the pedestrian facilities. The proposed interventions will transform Skipton Railway Station to a sustainable travel hub improving the connections between Skipton and the wider region, supporting inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

The Transforming Cities Fund will be utilised to fund phase 1 of this scheme, North Yorkshire Council are investigating potential funding sources for phase 2.

## Business Case Summary

### Strategic Case

The scheme consists of five complementary elements including public realm enhancements and accessibility improvements for the Skipton Railway Station Gateway area. Work will also include further enhancements of pedestrian facilities along the Auction Mart Canal footpath and provision of a high-quality walking corridor along Broughton Road and on the route linking the railway area with the bus station and replacement of the Gallows Bridge over the Leeds Liverpool Canal. Due to funding constraints, the delivery of the scheme is to be phased.

Phase 1 will utilise the TCF funding to deliver the canal footpath improvements, the railway station to bus station active travel improvements and replacement of the Gallows Bridge. North Yorkshire Council is actively seeking funding to deliver the phase 2 components.



The scheme is anticipated to have wider social benefits, promoting inclusive growth by improving accessibility to Skipton rail and bus stations, and consequently to employment and educational opportunities within Craven District and across the wider Leeds City Region.

The scheme puts a focus on people and placemaking to support and attract further inward investment into Skipton and working towards a Carbon-Zero Economy for the district and wider City Region through low carbon interventions in design and post scheme usage. The scheme will enhance accessibility for people with disabilities by improving surfaces, reducing obstacles and reducing conflicts with other road users.

#### Economic Case

The scheme's value for money assessment for Phase 1 reflects a benefit cost ratio (BCR) of 4.25:1 which represents 'very high' value for money. The benefit cost ratio (BCR) for both phases of the scheme is 3.03:1 which represents 'high' value for money.

#### Commercial Case

The contractor was appointed on an Early Contractor Involvement basis in November 2021, with a consultant appointed as the lead designer. The scheme awaits completion of the final design stage and development of the final cost before formally awarding the construction contract.

#### Financial Case

The total scheme costs for Phase 1 are £7,171,771. The total scheme costs for Phase 1 and Phase 2 are £15,070,000. For Phase 1, the Combined Authority's contribution is £6,971,771 from the Transforming Cities Fund and the remaining funding is £200,000 as match contribution from North Yorkshire Council. The scheme has made allowances for risk, inflation, and contingency costs.

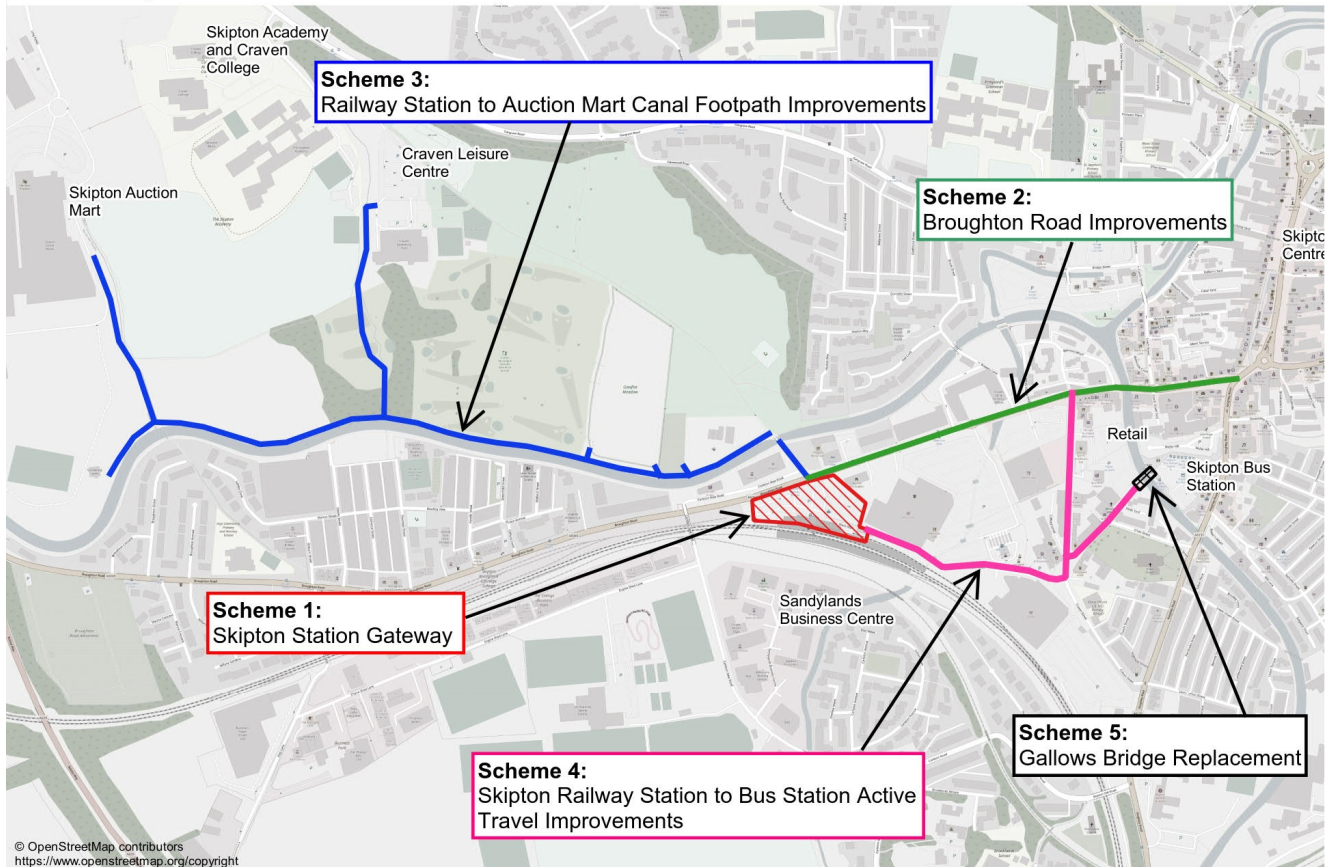
#### Management Case

North Yorkshire Council is the lead promoter. Project delivery resources and project governance arrangements are in place. A scheme risk register has been developed to manage and monitor risks, while a monitoring and evaluation plan is provided and will be updated as needed to inform post-scheme evaluation. The scheme forecasts construction to commence in September 2024 and complete by June 2025.



## Location Map

The following map shows the location of the components of the Skipton Station Gateway Active Travel Improvement Scheme.



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