
Report to: Transport Committee

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Subject: **Transport for the North Update**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 Transport for the North (TfN) will be attending Transport Committee to update Members on the role and remit of TfN, the Strategic Transport Plan, and the Investment Programme.

2. Information

Background

- 2.1 Under the Local Transport Act 2008, amended by the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016, TfN has been established as the first Sub-National Transport Body, with the purpose of developing and implementing a transport strategy and programmes for the North. TfN's aim is to plan and ensure the development of new infrastructure and the delivery of the improvements needed to truly connect the whole of the North with resilient, reliable, efficient transport connectivity, driving economic growth and supporting the creation of a Northern Powerhouse.

- 2.2 The Department for Transport, in the capacity as the funder for TfN, must have due regard to the priorities identified by TfN when making decisions

affecting the North. The constituent authorities of TfN must exercise their transport functions with a view to securing the implementation of the proposals contained within TfN's Strategic Transport Plan.

- 2.3 TfN is accountable to local citizens through its constituent authorities, through the TfN Board. This consists of the 20 local transport authorities. Representation at the TfN Board also includes the 11 Local Enterprise Partnerships, the Department for Transport, Highways England, Network Rail, and HS2 Ltd. In addition to the TfN Board, there is a Scrutiny Committee, Rail North Committee, and an Audit and Governance Committee comprising representation from members of constituent authorities ensuring oversight of the development of TfN's work.
- 2.4 At the Transport Committee in March 2019, Members reviewed a paper detailing the launch of the Strategic Transport Plan. A West Yorkshire local launch of the Strategic Transport Plan took place on 17th April 2019.
- 2.5 The Strategic Transport Plan is TfN's statutory advice to Government, setting out its policy positions for investment in strategic transport across the North through to 2050. The Strategic Transport Plan sets out TfN's proposals to contribute towards sustainable transformational economic growth, explaining the need for investment in transport and identifying priority areas for improved connectivity. It also sets out how its role will add value and complement the work of local transport authorities.
- 2.6 Alongside the Strategic Transport Plan, TfN published an initial Investment Programme. This has included the outputs of interventions identified through work on Strategic Development Corridors, Northern Powerhouse Rail, the Major Roads Network, and achieving the minimum standards in the Long Term Rail Strategy.
- 2.7 Robin Miller-Stott, Senior Strategy Officer and David Hoggarth, Strategic Rail Director, will attend the meeting and present how the Strategic Transport Plan will make a difference in West Yorkshire and will highlight the key schemes in the investment programme that will impact the transport network in this region. They will also discuss the development of the Long Term Rail Strategy.
- 2.8 As agreed at the last Transport Committee, the CA continues to seek changes to the Northern Powerhouse Rail map to reflect the economic importance of places in our region. The Combined Authority will also work with TfN to agree how options will be prioritised and to develop plans for taking forward schemes.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

5. Staffing Implications

5.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

6. External Consultees

6.1 No external consultations have been undertaken by the Combined Authority.

7. Recommendations

7.1 That Transport Committee welcomes Transport for the North's presence at the meeting and agrees to invite Transport for the North to subsequent meetings to engage Members on the details of their work programme.

8. Background Documents

8.1 There are no background documents referenced in this report.

The Strategic Transport Plan can be accessed at:

<https://transportforthenorth.com/wp-content/uploads/TfN-final-strategic-transport-plan-2019.pdf>

The Investment Programme can be accessed at:

<https://transportforthenorth.com/wp-content/uploads/TfN-final-investment-programme-19-20.pdf>

A copy of the previous Transport Committee paper detailing the relevant schemes for this region from TfN's plans can be found [here](#).

9. Appendices

9.1 None.