
Report to: Bradford District Consultation Sub Committee

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Subject: **Information Report**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To update the sub-committee on matters of information relating to the Bradford District.

2. Information

Consultation and Engagement

- 2.1 Details of consultation and engagement activity is available via the Combined Authority's digital engagement Hub, Your Voice: www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/
- 2.2 The following engagement activities are either recently closed, current or planned for later in 2020.

- West Bradford Junctions Improvement Scheme: This scheme includes improvements to three junctions on the A6177 Outer Ring Road to the west of Bradford. The junctions are:
 - Great Horton Rd / Horton Grange Rd
 - Thornton Rd / Cemetery Rd
 - Toller Lane / Whetley Hill

Engagement has already taken place on the plans for each junction, with two phases already carried out for Great Horton Rd / Horton Grange Rd. Further engagement is planned for May 2020. Further information is available at: www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/westbradford

- Bradford to Shipley Route Improvements Scheme: The scheme focuses on upgrading the following two main corridors between Bradford and Shipley:
 - A6037 Canal Road / Valley Road / A6038 Otley Road
 - A650 Manningham Lane / Keighley Road / Bradford Road

The first phase of the consultation took place from 14 December 2018 – 8 February 2019. The next phase of the public engagement is planned for May 2020. Further information is available at: www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/bradfordshipley

Better Deal for Bus Users

- 2.3 On 6 February 2020 the Department for Transport (DfT) announced a competitive £220m package of improvements for bus. [A Better Deal for Bus Users](#) includes the following packages of investment:
- **Super Bus Funding** – to increase bus patronage in a defined urban area through a package of measures including bus priority, reducing bus fares and increasing service frequencies.
 - **All-Electric Bus Towns Funding** – the aim of the fund is to tackle poor air quality, DfT is seeking bids from towns that have an air quality problem to convert 100% of buses operating in that area to electric. Up to £50m is available to support one town in England.
 - **Rural Mobility Funding** – to trial on-demand services in rural and suburban areas. As the Combined Authority is eligible for Transforming Cities Fund, it is not eligible for this funding.
 - **Supported Bus Services Funding** – the Combined Authority is eligible for £1.086m of revenue funding to support bus services. The Government expects this funding to be used to improve the provision of local bus services in one or more of the following ways:
 - a) to improve current local bus services - for instance increasing evening or weekend frequencies, or supporting additional seasonal services in tourist areas;
 - b) to restore lost bus routes where most needed to ensure people have access to public transport services; and
 - c) to support new bus services, or extensions to current services, to access new housing, employment opportunities, healthcare facilities etc.
- 2.4 An Expression of Interest is required for submission to the Department for Transport in March 2020 to receive payment in April 2020. A verbal update on the Combined Authority's expression of interest will be provided at the meeting.

Bradford Interchange

- 2.5 The Combined Authority is developing proposals for the resurfacing of Bradford Interchange. The works will involve removing the existing surfacing materials to the bus carriageways and resurfacing the areas with new materials. The work will be done in such a way that disruption to passengers, bus operators and all users of the interchange is kept to a minimum and will follow the phasing principles adopted when Leeds Bus Station was resurfaced in 2016. Further updates on timescales will be reported at a future DCSC meeting.

Greengates Junction

- 2.6 This scheme is due to commence in Spring 2020 and will fundamentally alter traffic movements through Greengates junction. Over recent years traffic at

this junction has been subject to major delays to traffic at peak periods due to the narrowness of the current carriageway.

- 2.7 Public transport including school services will be disrupted during the construction phases, which will include lane restrictions and programmed evening closures. Bus operators are currently looking at how services will operate during the works period.
- 2.8 A number of bus shelters will be relocated within the junction area due to road widening works, and temporary stop locations will be created during each phase of work. Due to the age of some of these bus shelters it is planned to replace them with new shelter units at each stage of the work.
- 2.9 When the scheme is completed, the junction is expected to accommodate through traffic and right turning traffic lanes as well as improved pedestrian crossing facilities.

Rail Timetable Change

- 2.10 The National Rail Timetable is changed in May and December each year. The December timetable operates until Saturday 16 May 2020. The May 2020 rail timetable change will see less significant service-pattern changes than in some recent years; further details will be available at www.wymetro.com.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the information report be noted.

4. Background Documents

- 4.1 None.