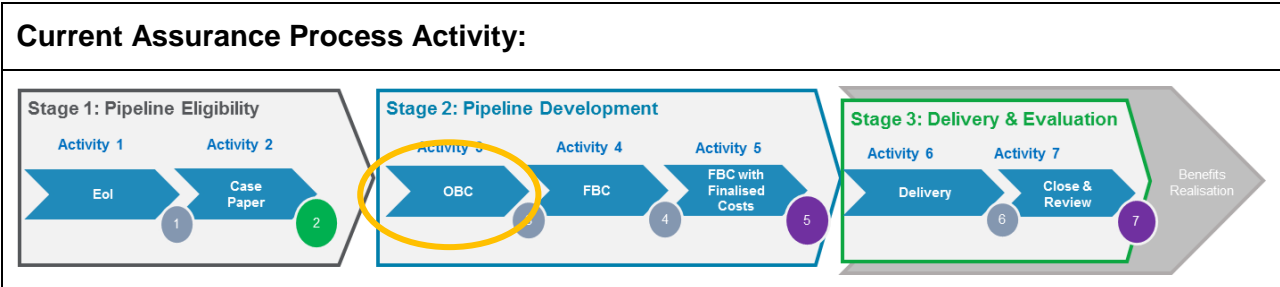


## Section A: Scheme Summary

<b>Name of scheme:</b>	<b>Transforming Cities Fund (TCF): Leeds City Centre Cycle Connectivity</b>
<b>PMA scheme code:</b>	DFT-TCF-024.1b
<b>Lead organisation:</b>	Leeds City Council
<b>Senior responsible officer:</b>	Andrew Hall, Leeds City Council
<b>Lead promoter contact:</b>	Paul Roberts, Leeds City Council
<b>Case officer:</b>	Asif Abed, West Yorkshire Combined Authority
<b>Applicable funding stream(s) – Grant or Loan:</b>	Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) - Grant
<b>Growth Fund Priority Area (if applicable):</b>	Priority area 4 – Infrastructure for Growth
<b>Approvals to date:</b>	<b>Decision point 2:</b> Approval of £75,000 development costs as part of TCF Leeds Station Access Strategic Outline Case (SOC), with a further £75,000 to be secured through the TCF paper to Combined Authority on 25 June 2020. This report therefore assumes the scheme has secured £150,000.
<b>Forecasted full approval date (decision point 5):</b>	October 2020
<b>Forecasted completion date (decision point 6):</b>	March 2023
<b>Total scheme cost (£):</b>	£7.81 million
<b>Combined Authority funding (£):</b>	£7.81 million (TCF)
<b>Total other public sector investment (£):</b>	£0
<b>Total other private sector investment (£):</b>	£0
<b>Is this a standalone project?</b>	Yes

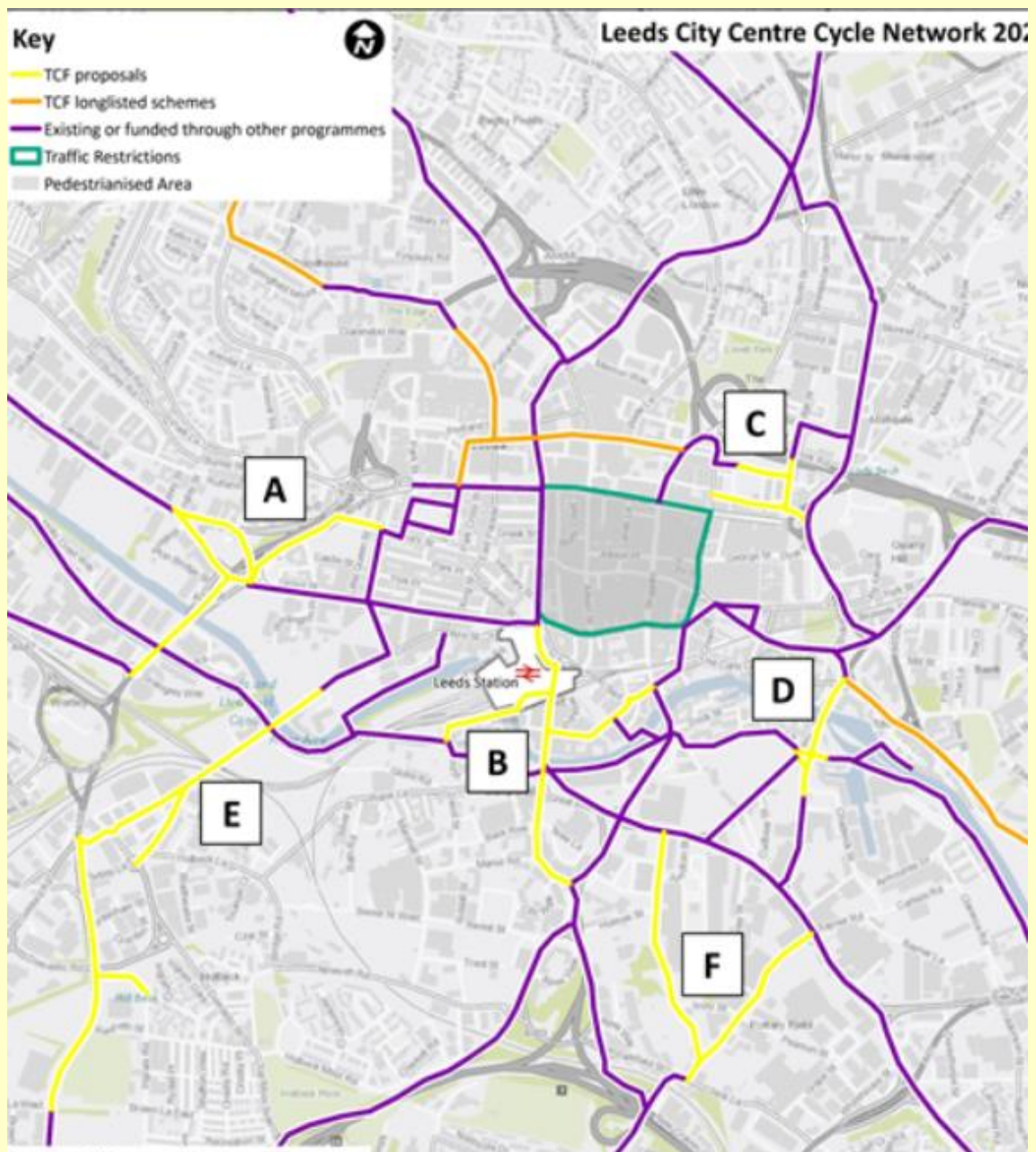
Is this a programme?	No – but does comprise of six schemes brought together as one package
Is this project part of an agreed programme?	Yes – the Transforming Cities Fund



**Scheme Description:**

The scheme comprises seven kilometres of new cycling infrastructure in Leeds City Centre. It comprises connecting routes to the existing cycle network and increasing the length of continuous cycling infrastructure as outlined in the table and map below:

Scheme	Scheme Name	Scheme Description
A	<b>Western Gateway:</b> Kirkstall Rd to Wellington St and St Pauls St	A key western gateway to the city centre, with high existing volumes of cycling and high potential cycling demand. Completes connectivity between existing facilities on A65 with CityConnect facilities on Wellington Street. An additional spur to St Pauls St provides two points of entry to the city centre.
B	<b>Southern Gateway:</b> Neville St and Bishopsgate St, with Dark Neville St and Sovereign St connectors	The key southern gateway to the city, crossing of the River Aire and linking to Leeds station. Provides connectivity to City Square to the north - which is due to be pedestrianised, the station and its new cycle hub, the canal towpath and to the new CityConnect route to Elland Road to the south.
C	<b>Eastern Gateway:</b> Lady Ln, Templar St and Bridge St	An important eastern gateway connection into the city centre, which links existing high-quality cycling provision on A61 Regent Street to the city centre via the LPTIP Headrow Gateway scheme.
D	<b>Crown Point Bridge Gateway:</b> Black Bull St and Crown Point Rd	A key link over the River Aire across Crown Point Bridge in the south east of the city, providing connectivity with the proposed LPTIP cycle facilities on A61 Hunslet Lane and existing CityConnect facilities on Kirkgate and Duke Street.
E	<b>Holbeck Connector:</b> Whitehall Rd to Holbeck	An important connection linking communities in Holbeck to the city centre and River Aire crossing. Connects with existing high-quality provision on Whitehall Road and the riverside.
F	<b>Dewsbury Road Connector:</b> Kidacre St and Leathley Rd	An important connection for the south of the city, linking cycling facilities on A61 southern section with A61 Great Wilson Street and onwards to cycling provision on Dewsbury Road.



**Business Case Summary:**

**Strategic Case**

The Leeds City Region Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) is focussed on delivering six key economic and transport challenges:

- Tackling persistent inequality
- Transport affecting access to jobs and training
- Reducing the productivity gap
- Transport constraining growth
- Making sustainable travel the obvious choice
- Decarbonising the transport network

	<p>The Leeds City Centre Cycle Connectivity scheme (one of the Leeds TCF projects) supports the ambitions of the TCF programme by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• facilitating an improvement in air quality, aligning to the ambitions of the Climate Emergency to reduce carbon emission levels</li> <li>• improve accessibility to the city centre (and to employment, education, retail) via a sustainable mode of travel</li> <li>• encourage better health and wellbeing by promoting cycling as the obvious travel choice</li> <li>• improve road safety through modal shift to cycling, reducing motorised traffic in the city centre.</li> </ul> <p>There is currently limited and inconsistent provision of high-quality cycling infrastructure across Leeds, with cycling trips currently accounting for the lowest transport mode share in the Leeds District. The Census 2011 travel data however does reflect there is suppressed demand (demand for cycling should the infrastructure be in place). With developments including the Southbank and the planned public transport and highway schemes through the Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme (LPTIP) and City Connect 3, this provides opportunity to establish and future-proof a sustainable travel network in Leeds.</p>
<p><b>Commercial Case</b></p>	<p>The City Connect programme has so far delivered two high quality cycle routes across Leeds and Bradford (Cycle Superhighway 1 and 2), and post-scheme monitoring reflects a 63% increase in cycling in the first three years on Armley Road, highlighting that market uptake can be unlocked through further investment.</p> <p>The commercial case is further supported by the Urban Dynamic Model (UDM), which predicts scheme delivery will yield a +54 net change in employment by 2031 as well as +£5.2 million gross value added (GVA) and +432 travel to work trips per day.</p> <p>Procurement is anticipated to be through a competitive tender process in line with Leeds City Council's contract rules and procedures, with procurement of works through the YorCivil framework process. A decision on the preferred route will be determined at the next stage of business case development.</p>
<p><b>Economic Case</b></p>	<p>A long list of nine options was considered, scored against critical success factors (CSF) such as deliverability, cycling demand indicators, contribution to the TCF objectives and value for money. The CSF assessment supported final prioritisation, based upon consideration of all evidence including estimated costs.</p> <p>This informed a short list of six schemes which were appraised using the Department for Transport (DfT) Active Modes Appraisal Toolkit (AMAT) which uses inputs such as route lengths, estimated costs and estimated cycling uplift to generate benefit cost ratios (BCR).</p> <p>This enabled the identification of the Preferred Option package, reflecting a BCR of 3.89:1, judging the package as high value for money when assessed against the DfT's value for money criteria.</p> <p>A series of sensitivity tests have been carried out to understand the potential implications on value for money under different scenarios.</p>

<b>Financial Case</b>	The total scheme cost estimate at Outline Business Case is £7.81 million, to be wholly funded through the Transforming Cities Fund. The cost breakdown includes provision for business case development, construction, risk, contingency, and benefits monitoring.
<b>Management Case</b>	<p>The scheme forms part of the wider Leeds City Region Transforming Cities Programme and will be governed through thematic programme boards set up by the Combined Authority. All programme boards to include representation from the Combined Authority, partner council officers for each scheme, as well as where relevant, representation from the bus and rail operators. Each programme board reports to the portfolio board.</p> <p>It is anticipated that completion of the package will be achieved by March 2023, with a desire to deliver four of the cycling schemes near Leeds train station by December 2022. The delivery programme will be further refined as the scheme develops.</p>

