

Project Overview

Project Title	TCF Bradford City Centre Cycling and Walking
Date of OBC Submission	1 September 2022
Scheme Location/ Address	Bradford City Centre
Applicant Organisation	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (CBMDC)
Type of Organisation	Local Authority
Other Delivery Partners and Roles	SWECO – consultancy support

Main Funding Programme	Transforming Cities Fund (TCF)
Sub Funding Programme (if applicable)	Not applicable
Project cost stated at previous Decision Point 2	£27,100,000 to £33,200,000
Development cost allocated at previous Decision Point 2	£2,152,500
Current Forecast Project cost	£43,266,000
Funding Applied for from the Combined Authority now	£3,741,000
Other public sector funding amounts and sources	£100,000 CBMDC capital funds
Private sector funding amounts and sources	Not applicable

Scheme Description

The scheme will remove through traffic from a large area in Bradford City Centre, making it easier to travel around the city centre on foot, bike and public transport and creating a centre which is a comfortable, safe, and enjoyable place to be.

The scheme will deliver a range of improvements, these include new public spaces including a new urban park, new paving, planting, seating, and artwork, making the city centre more attractive. The scheme will create new bus hubs at key locations on bus routes, new protected cycle tracks and install new and upgraded pedestrian and cycle crossings.

The scheme will also reconfigure and improve key junctions around the edge of the core area to provide space for displaced traffic and improve facilities for bus users, pedestrians, and cyclists.

The scheme is to be delivered through the Combined Authority's Transforming Cities Fund (TCF).

The scheme will improve pedestrian and cycle accessibility and connectivity to the city centre. The scheme will also make the city centre more attractive, safer, and less polluted.

The scheme also includes new urban green space and sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS) and will increase biodiversity through planting new trees.

The scheme is expected to encourage more people to walk or travel by bike around the city centre and spend more time in the city centre, increasing footfall and supporting clean growth.

Business Case Summary

Strategic Case

Bradford City Centre is currently dominated by motor vehicles meaning that some areas can feel isolated and difficult to access due to the busy major roads which divide the area, particularly for people walking between the bus and rail interchanges. The emissions, noise and potential dangers posed by high volumes of traffic results in a poor environment for those visiting the city centre. There is also a lack of good quality infrastructure for walking and cycling.

This scheme will remove through traffic from a large area of Bradford City Centre, create new public space and make the city centre more attractive. This will make it easier to travel around by bike, public transport and on foot and will make the city centre a comfortable, safe, and enjoyable place to be.

The scheme will support the Strategic Economic Framework (SEF) priority areas of Boosting Productivity, Enabling Inclusive Growth, Tackling the Climate Emergency and Delivering 21st Century Transport.

Economic Case

The value for money (VfM) assessment reflects a Benefit Cost Ratio of 2.5:1 indicating a High VfM classification when judged against the Department for Transport's VfM criteria with most of the benefits coming from walking, cycling and health benefits.

Further appraisal and assessment will be undertaken at full business case to refine the VfM position.

Commercial Case

A design and build procurement route has been selected. The scheme will use the Scape National Civil Engineering Framework, which has been set up and is controlled by a consortium of Local Authorities. Balfour Beatty are the lead framework partner and have been engaged to deliver the project since the initial design stage.

Financial Case

The total scheme cost is £43,266,000. The Combined Authority's contribution to this total is £43,166,000 from the Transforming Cities Fund. The remaining £100,000 is from Bradford Council's from capital fund.

Approval is now sought for a further £3,741,000 of development costs to progress the scheme to full business case (decision point 4), taking the total scheme approval to £5,893,500.

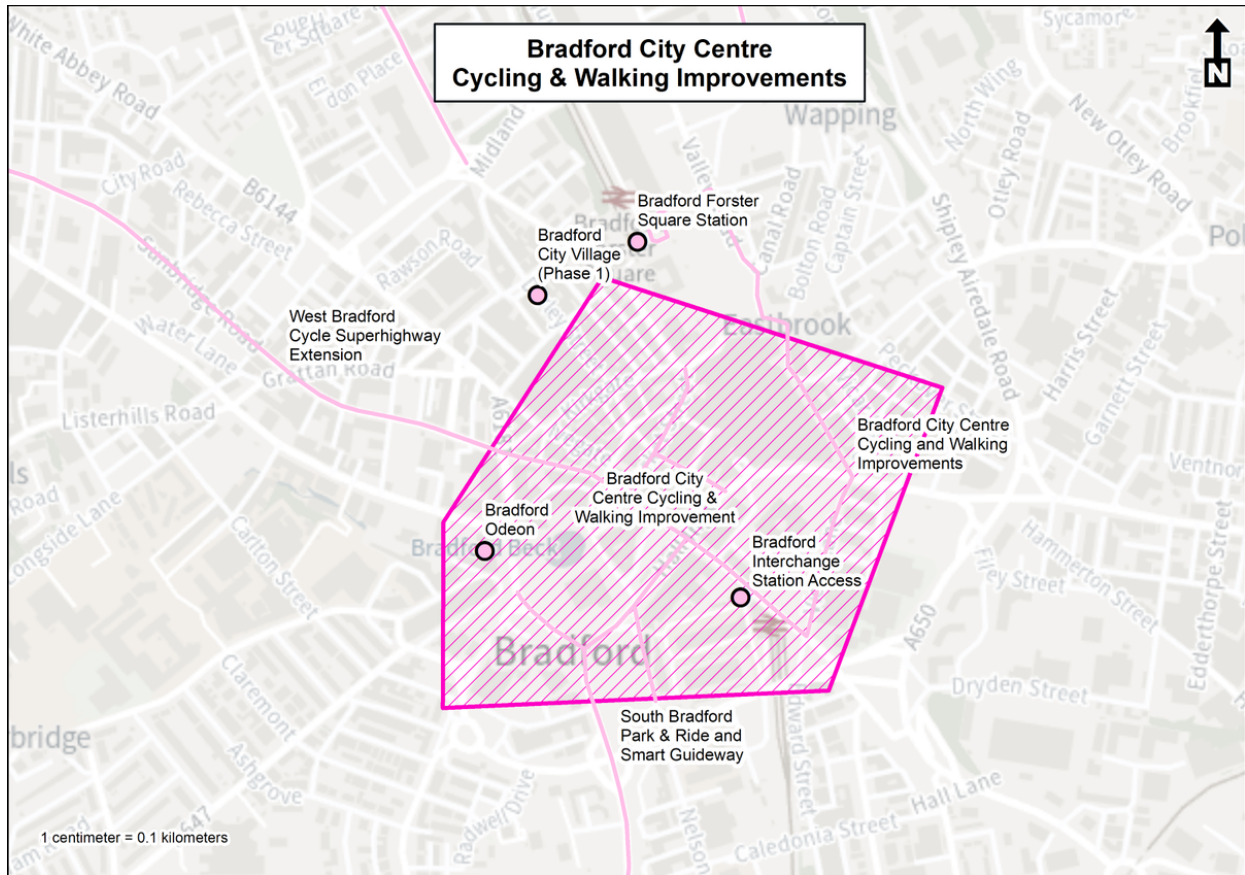
Management Case

Bradford Council has experience in delivering large and complex infrastructure schemes and has an established governance structure to manage schemes of this nature.

A project risk register has been developed and will be monitored as the scheme progresses.

Location Map

The following map shows the location of the Bradford City Centre Cycling & Walking Improvements:



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>