

Interim targets for the first 10 years of the Transport Strategy

The consultation draft of the Transport Strategy identified three interim targets for the first 10 years to grow the number of trips made by sustainable transport: Bus, Train and Cycle. The bus target was developed locally and agreed with bus operators. The rail target was informed by national rail industry forecasts of growth. The cycle target was informed by government aspirations to grow cycle trips nationally over a 10 year period set out in their Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (CWIS) 2017.

The table below sets out proposed changes to strengthen the interim 10 year targets. It is proposed to retain the Bus target at the level identified in the consultation drafts of the Transport and Bus Strategies, and to stretch the Rail and Cycle targets.

Mode	Consultation Draft Transport Strategy Interim (10 year) Target	Proposed amended interim (10 year) target	Comment
Bus	25% more trips made by bus by 2026	25% more trips made by bus by 2027	No change - This is an ambitious target There has been a long term trend of reducing bus patronage in West Yorkshire and the UK (outside of London) - however Leeds has aspiration to double (100%) bus patronage within the city
Rail	50% more trips made by rail by 2026	75% more trips made by rail by 2027	WYCA has commissioned work to forecast the growth in rail trips which suggests that 50% more rail trips will be delivered by 2024 as a result of committed improvements including increases in rail capacity. A stretched target of 75% more rail trips by 2027 is possible though additional investment in rail proposed in the Transport Strategy. Detailed Rail Policy and Programme development will identify the approach to increasing trips by rail.
Cycle	100% more trips made by bicycle by 2026	300% more trips made by bicycle by 2027	The government (CWIS) statement of ambition sets a target of 100% growth in cycle trips over 10 years Consultation responses to the West Yorkshire Transport Strategy challenged the strength of local ambition in the stated 100% target. In West Yorkshire, cycling trips are estimated to make up 1.2% of the total 2,186 million annual trips made by all main modes of transport. Other comparable cities/regions have ambitious targets to grow the mode share of cycling: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• London: 5% of all trips by 2026 (London Plan 2016)• West Midlands: 5% of all trips by 2023, 10% by 2033 (TfWM 2016)• Manchester: 10% of all trips by 2025 (TfGM Cycle Strategy 2014)• Sheffield: 10% of all trips by 2025 (SY Cycling Action Plan 2015) To achieve 5% mode share - Cycling in West Yorkshire would need to increase from 27 million trips to 109 million trips per annum. This would require an increase of just over 300% on the current estimate of yearly cycle trips. A 10 year target for a 300% increase on 2016 numbers for the number of cycle trips would be ambitious - but would match the scale of ambition of comparable city regions.