# **Project Overview**

Project Title	TCF Bradford Interchange Station Access
Date of OBC Submission	3 January 2023
Scheme Location/ Address	Bradford
Applicant Organisation	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (CBMDC)
Type of Organisation	Local Authority
Other Delivery Partners and Roles	Balfour Beatty
	SLC Rail

Main Funding Programme	Transforming Cities Fund (TCF)
Sub Funding Programme (if applicable)	West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund (WY+TF)
Project cost stated at previous Decision Point 1 / 2 / 3 (delete as appropriate)	£16,381,000
Development cost allocated at previous Decision Points	£6,697,722
Current Forecast Project cost	£22,031,000
Funding Applied for from the Combined Authority now	£2,054,127
Other public sector funding amounts and sources	£0.00
Private sector funding amounts and sources	N/A

### **Business Case Summary**

## **Scheme Description**

The scheme aims to create a world-class, vibrant gateway to Bradford City Centre which will be delivered through:

- Improvements to the interchange's lower-level concourse to make it easy to use and a more attractive and secure environment
- Clearer, more intuitive signage and customer information to help people navigate their way around the interchange and between the interchange's rail and bus stations
- An attractive paved plaza outside the interchange with planting, artwork, and seating to replace the current congested taxi and drop off areas
- A new, taxi rank and accessible drop off on Bridge Street
- Demolition of the Hall Ings multi-storey car park and creation of a new attractive,
  landscaped walkway between the interchange and Hall Ings, giving pedestrians direct

access to the city centre and better connections for cyclists travelling between the interchange and city centre.

The scheme is funded by the Transforming Cities Fund and the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund.

## Strategic Case

The scheme's vision is to create a world-class, vibrant gateway to Bradford City Centre that enables safe, seamless interchange between all transport modes, which supports the creation of a thriving city centre, driving jobs, opportunity and economic growth.

The interchange currently has poor-quality facilities within the lower-level concourse and the location is hidden behind unattractive buildings, Hall Ings also acts as a barrier for pedestrians walking between the interchange and wider city centre.

The scheme will see improvements to the facilities and environment in the lower-level concourse including clearer signage and customer information, a new plaza, a new taxi and drop off area, demolition of the multi-storey car park and a new walkway to Hall Ings.

The scheme links to the Strategic Economic Framework (SEF) Priorities, and directly supports several of the West Yorkshire Mayor's pledges.

#### **Economic Case**

The scheme selected to progress to full business case development was selected as it delivers the best value for money, through a benefit-cost ratio (BCR) of 1.28.

The scheme will reduce journey times for those accessing the interchange from some areas of the city centre and also delivers the scheme's strategic objectives by improving peoples' experiences by delivering an improved and revitalised public space that creates a high-quality gateway to the city.

#### Commercial Case

Bradford City Centre is home to over 2,000 businesses, with approximately 37,000 people employed in the area. This is likely to increase with four new office developments planned, and Darley Street food and retail market and the One City Park office development expected to open in 2023. The Bradford Local Plan, is planning for new dwellings across the Bradford District, including in the city centre, which is expected to double the city centre's current population.

This scheme includes new public spaces which will help to cater for increased demand, linking the interchange to the city with new pedestrianised and "green" spaces via Hall Ings and Bridge Street.

The increased number of visitors, expected to visit Bradford when it becomes the UK City of Culture in 2025, will also benefit from the improvements to the interchange and a more attractive gateway to the city centre.

#### **Financial Case**

The total scheme costs are £22,031,000, funded solely by the Combined Authority from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund and Transforming Cities Fund.

Approval is sought at outline business case stage for development costs of £2,054,127, which if approved, would bring the total scheme approval to £8,751,849.

Operational and maintenance costs will increase as a result of the new plaza outside the interchange and the walkway to Hall Ings, and this has been accommodated within the CBMDC's annual maintenance budgets.

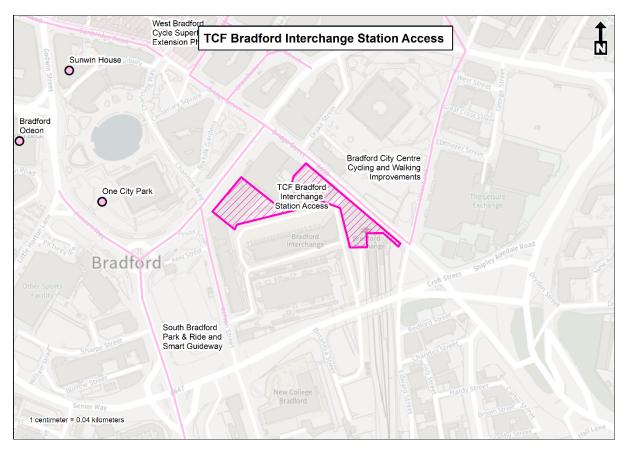
Discussions are ongoing between the Combined Authority, the interchange's owner and CBMDC, to reach a formal agreement on the future maintenance costs for all facilities provided within the interchange boundary.

## **Management Case**

The scheme will be managed by City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, which has experience of delivering a range of large and complex infrastructure projects.

## **Location Map**

The following map shows the location of the TCF Bradford Interchange Station Access scheme:



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: <a href="https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/growing-theeconomy/leeds-city-region-infrastructure-map">https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/growing-theeconomy/leeds-city-region-infrastructure-map</a>