

Project Overview

Project Title	Leeds City Centre Active Travel Links (North and South)
Main Funding Programme	City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS)
Current Forecast Project cost	£3,815,488
Funding Applied for from the Combined Authority now	£400,000
Other public sector funding amounts and sources	N/A
Private sector funding amounts and sources	Developer funding (S106 contributions from city centre development) - £511,488

Scheme Description

The scheme will create two east-to-west cycling corridors on the north and south sides of Leeds City Centre. The scheme will help complete a circular cycle route around the city centre.

The scheme links existing and planned cycle corridors. The new infrastructure will be fully segregated from traffic, making it attractive and accessible to all cycle users. The scheme will also improve bus priority through traffic signalling changes, as well as providing new pedestrian crossings.

The work complements recent schemes to reduce volumes of through traffic in the city centre and restrict private vehicular access on some sections of the city centre road network to access only. This helps support active modes and bus services.

The scheme is to be delivered through the City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) fund.

Business Case Summary

Strategic Case

The Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy sets out a vision for Leeds to be a “city where you don’t need a car” and a target to increase cycling by 400%.

Currently, cycling is not a viable alternative for most Leeds residents and visitors because the cycle network is incomplete, with significant gaps in protected cycling infrastructure across the city and especially in the city centre.

This scheme delivers two key east-west cycling corridors across the city centre, which help to complete a circular loop around the city centre and links existing and planned cycle corridors, while also improving bus priority, through measures such as junction traffic signalling changes.

The scheme supports and feeds into the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements (CRSTS) programme for mayoral combined authorities to support growth and productivity, decarbonisation and levelling up while building long-term fiscal sustainability. The scheme supports the West Yorkshire Investment Strategy, Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy and Vision Zero. It does so by putting cycling and walking infrastructure first, bringing local economic vitality and aiming for zero deaths and injuries on the road by 2040.

In the long term, the scheme will contribute towards the region's climate change objectives, improved road safety, increased activity levels of residents, improved quality of life and increased access to employment opportunities for those living in areas of the city considered deprived.

Economic Case

By increasing the provision of high-quality infrastructure and filling gaps in the cycle route network, the scheme will make active travel (cycling, walking and wheeling) more attractive within Leeds City Centre. The scheme will promote a shift to active travel, which supports a reduction in traffic emissions and improvements in local air quality. The scheme will improve travel options for households without access to cars, helping them to access jobs, education, training, and other opportunities.

There are further unquantified benefits such as increased productivity, increased socialisation/reduced loneliness, increased retail revenue and city centre attractiveness. This would help promote Leeds as a city where you don't need a car.

The full business case will include more detail on the potential disadvantages arising from impacts on general traffic, such as increased journey times.

Commercial Case

The commercial case outlines the market drivers for the scheme, including the necessity for this public funding to provide cycle lanes on public roads, as public roads cannot be freely changed or improved by the private sector. The scheme will use Leeds City Council's established contractor frameworks.

Financial Case

The scheme has been outlined to be funded through the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements.

The total value of the scheme is £3,815,488 with Combined Authority funding of £3,304,000 and £511,488 of developer funding.

This funding is outlined for development costs, consultation, procurement, project management, legal fees, construction and implementation of the routes, risk and contingency and monitoring and evaluation.

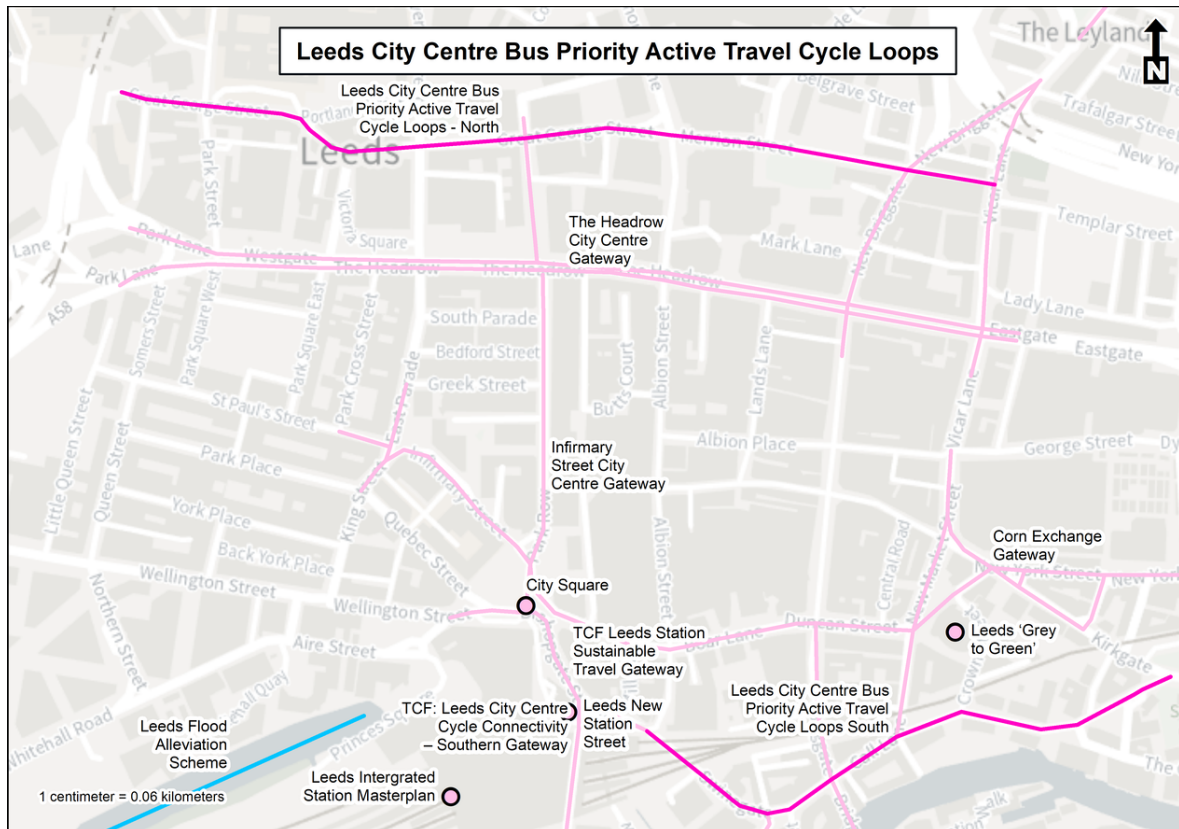
Management Case

The management case outlines the project management team for the scheme and relevant stakeholders to the scheme, including local residents, businesses, Executive Members for Transport, local ward members, accessibility groups, Transforming Cities advisory group, bus operators, current cyclists / cycling groups and local education institutions.

Further to this, there is exploration of planned promotional activities relevant to the scheme and a timetable of engagement planned relevant to the scheme.

Location Map

The following map shows the location of the Leeds City Centre Active Travel Links (North and South) 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: [Leeds City Region Infrastructure Map - West Yorkshire Combined Authority \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk)