

## Project Overview

Project Title	West Bradford – Cycle Superhighway Extension
Main Funding Programme	Transforming Cities Fund (TCF)
Current Forecast Project cost	£26,739,636 total £12,116,271 Phase 1 £14,675,000 Phase 2
Funding Applied for from the Combined Authority	££13,129,429 total £12,064,636 Phase 1 £1,064,793 Phase 2

## Scheme Description

The West Bradford Cycle Superhighway (CSH) scheme will deliver high-quality cycle infrastructure and walking improvements along a seven-kilometre route between the city centre and Thornton Village. Phase 1 of the scheme will deliver improvements along a 2.5 kilometre route from the city centre to Cemetery Road.

The scheme is to be delivered through the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF).

The scheme will improve infrastructure which will encourage more people to cycle and walk instead of using a car, reducing congestion levels, and supporting better air quality.

Many of the areas surrounding the proposed cycle route experience high levels of disabilities, as well as income and health deprivation. This scheme supports Inclusive Growth as it will improve opportunities for these communities to access education, employment, and housing through sustainable and cheaper travel choices.

## Business Case Summary

### Strategic Case

The West Bradford Cycle Superhighway Extension scheme is being delivered through the Department for Transport's (DfT) Transforming Cities Fund (TCF), which aims to drive up productivity through improved connections between urban centres and suburbs by investing in infrastructure to improve transport connectivity.

Thornton Road is one of Bradford's major routes from the west into the city centre, with more than 23,000 vehicles travelling along it every day. The scheme will encourage cycling uptake and create a shift from the car, resulting in reduced congestion levels, improved air quality, and better opportunities for sustainable travel (walking, cycling, bus) to the city centre. This supports objectives of the TCF programme, the West Yorkshire Mayor's 'tackle climate emergency' pledge, and Inclusive Growth, 21st Century Transport, and Climate Emergency priorities of the Strategic Economic Framework (SEF).

Two rounds of public consultation have been carried out (July to September 2021, and August to October 2022) as well as an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) to consider impacts and benefits for all user groups.

### Economic Case

The value for money assessment indicates a Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) of 1.02:1 for the Phase 1 section of the scheme, judging the scheme as low value for money when assessed against the Department for Transport's value for money criteria.

#### Commercial Case

The scheme procured a Design & Build Contract utilising the SCAPE Framework. The appointed contractor is committed to delivering "at least 20% Social Value Added" and will evidence it using the SCAPE Framework Social Value Portal tool.

#### Financial Case

Total scheme costs are £26,739,636.

The total scheme cost for Phase 1 (City Centre to Cemetery Road) is £12,064,636 and will be fully funded by the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF).

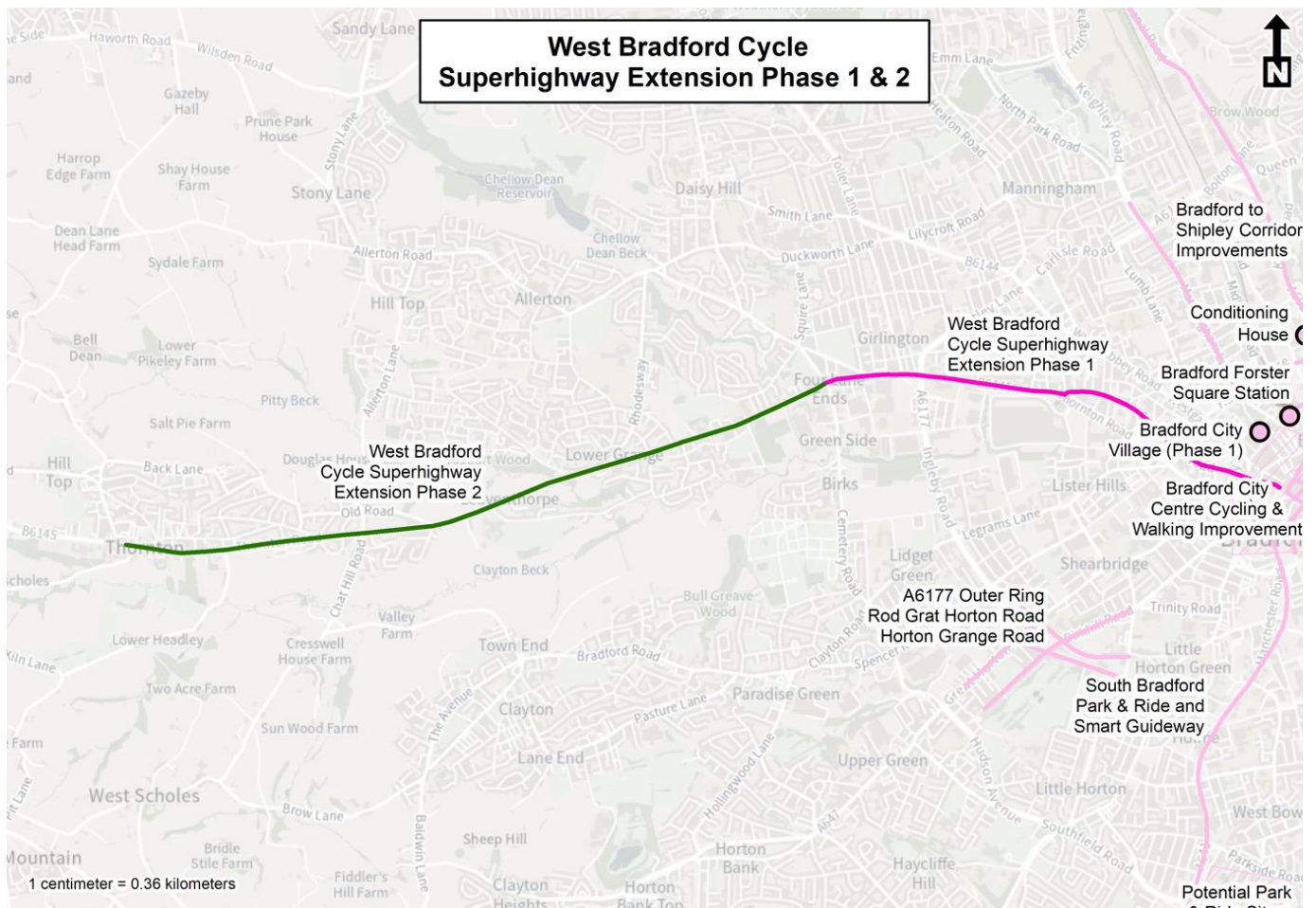
Phase 2 (Cemetery Road to Thornton Village) will be delivered subject to the scheme securing future funding. Development costs of £1,064,793 are required to develop the FBC. Total costs for Phase 2 are £14,675,000, a funding gap currently exists for the delivery of Phase 2.

#### Management Case

Bradford Council is the lead promoter and has in place a governance structure and project delivery team to support decision making and business case development activities for the CSH scheme. The CSH scheme is also taken to the TCF Programme Board, the TCF Quality Panel, and is being developed in compliance with the Combined Authority's Assurance Framework.

## Location Map

The following map shows the location of the West Bradford Cycle Superhighway Extension 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: <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/growing-theeconomy/leeds-city-region-infrastructure-map>