

Leicester Business Voice

Leicester Transport Plan & Workplace Parking Levy Consultation

August 2021



Leicester
Workplace Parking Levy:
Initial Consultation

June 2021



Leicester
Transport Plan
(Draft)

2021-2036

Connected, Healthy and Green Transport
for a Growing City

June 2021



Presentation Overview

- Why do we need a new LTP?
 - Gov't Decarbonisation Plan
- Recent / Ongoing Projects
- Challenges & Opportunities
- Transport Vision, Priorities & Funding
- Workplace Parking Levy
- Consultation Timetable
- Questions / Feedback



Why do we need a new Local Transport Plan?

- Existing Local Transport Plan dates from 2011
- New context and new vision – climate emergency/air quality agenda/health agenda/ city and county growth plans
- “Decarbonising Transport” reinvigorates the LTP process
- Opportunity to promote recent and planned schemes
- Clearly the route to secure future DfT funding and resource allocation
- Statutory requirement - provides required context for a WPL
- Resource planning for short (2025)/ long (2036) term delivery



Decarbonising Transport

The Government Plan – July 2021



- Law - emissions net zero by 2050
- Transport - 27% UK GHG emissions
- Largest domestic GHG contributor
- Broadly flat for the last 30 years
- Step change in scale & pace of change to limit global warming
- Opportunity to:
 - Improve air quality, noise & health,
 - reduce congestion and
 - deliver high-quality jobs & growth



£1–4bn

GVA supported in
2050 from manufacture,
distribution, sales and
repairs of bikes



40k–100k

jobs supported in
2050 from manufacture,
distribution, sales and
repairs of bikes



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MtCO₂e savings
from 2020 to 2050



£20–100m

Air quality benefits
by 2050

Gov't – Walking & Cycling Commitments

£2bn



We will invest **£2 billion** over
5 years to deliver a bold future
vision for cycling and walking,
making it the natural first
choice for many journeys

50%



By 2030

We will aim to have
half of all journeys
in towns and cities
cycled or walked



By 2040

We will have a world
class cycling and
walking network
in England

Benefits of cycling and walking³⁰

Health

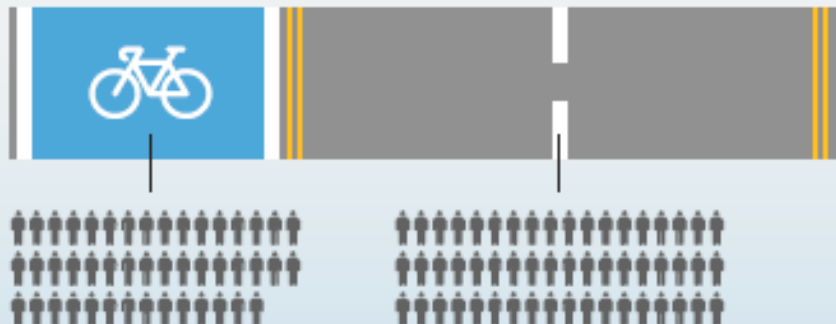
Physical inactivity costs the NHS up to **£1 billion** per annum, with further indirect costs calculated at

£8.2bn



Congestion

The new east-west and north-south cycle routes in London are moving **46% of the people** in only **30% of the road space**



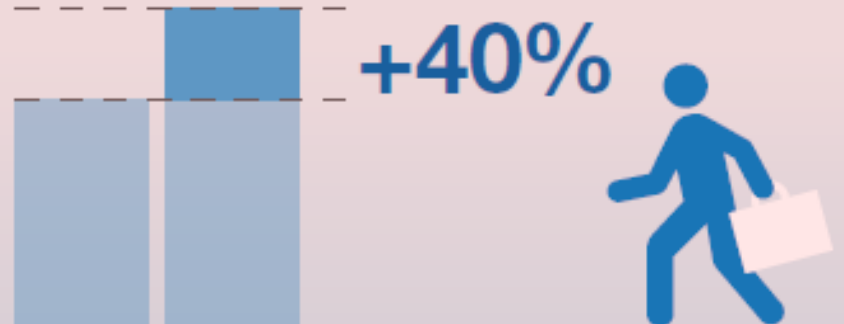
Wellbeing

20 minutes of exercise per day **cuts risk** of developing depression **by 31%** and increases productivity of workers



Local businesses

Up to **40% increase** in shopping footfall by well-planned improvements in the walking environment





MtCO₂e emissions
In 2019

3%



of 2019 domestic
GHG emissions from
buses and coaches



£120m
investment in
2021/2022



Up to **£1bn**
GVA supported in
2050 from zero emission
vehicle manufacture



Up to **7,000** jobs
supported in 2050
from zero emission
vehicle manufacture



35–37
MtCO₂e savings
from 2020 to 2050



Up to **£160m**
air quality benefits
from 2020 to 2050

DfT – Zero Emission Buses & Coaches

2021

We have published
our National Bus
Strategy, Bus Back
Better, to improve
bus services and
increase patronage.

Government investment
of **£3 billion** for buses in
England outside London

We will support at
least **4,000** new
zero emission buses

Gov't Working with Key Enablers

Delivering decarbonisation through places

- Reform local infrastructure funding
- Embed transport decarbonisation in planning & transport policy
- £12+ bn to support local delivery of transport decarbonisation
- DfT toolkit of guidance and information for LA's
- support LAs to reduce transport carbon emissions

Key Point - City Council's policies & programmes are well aligned with Government's commitments

LTP & WPL will allow us to accelerate:

- Delivery of sustainable transport projects & behaviour change
- Improvements in air quality and public health;
- Decarbonisation of transport

What have we been doing?

2011 - 2021

- Connecting Leicester £100m+ investment since 2011
- National Productivity Inv. Fund - £7.8m
- Air Quality Action Plan – 2020 Compliance
- COVID-19 Transport Recovery Plan



Leicester COVID-19 Transport Recovery Plan

Creating space to travel safe

27 May 2020



Clean Air Day – behavioural change

We love clean air!



What are we doing?

2021 - 2024

- £80million Transforming Cities Fund investment in public transport, cycling and walking
- £13.5 million Getting Building Fund
- £3.2m – various active travel projects



What are we doing? 2021 - 2024



- New Bus Partnership
- Electrified 3 P&R sites
- £50m ZEBRA electric bus application submitted – August 21
 - 98 buses / 30% of Leicester fleet if successful
- Enhanced mobile and capped fare ticketing
- Multi-operator capped fares coming
- New Green-lines network planned

Challenges and Opportunities

Tackling Climate
Emergency

Carbon neutral target by 2030

Enabling Growth

13% pop'n growth in city by 2036
13th worst for congestion

Improving Health
& Activity Levels

33% residents physically inactive
25% car journeys under 2Km

Improving
Accessibility and
Transport Choice

Bus journeys declined nationally since 2011
Cheap commuter parking Compact city – e.g.
journey to centre
bus 30 min; cycle 10 mins (for 50% pop'n)

Impact of COVID-
19

Bus use @60%
Car use @95% - but less peaky
Increase in cycling & walking
Air pollution below EU levels;

Transport Vision - carbon neutral, growing, healthy, accessible and connected city, with clean air supporting a high quality of life and travel experience for people and a vibrant local economy

Ambitions for 2036:

- 100% zero emission vehicles
- More working from home / more responsible car use
- Sustainable modes – first choice for longer journeys for most people.
- Active travel - first choice for shorter journeys for most people
- A thriving & easily accessible city centre that supports city-wide economic growth
- Healthier neighbourhoods
 - local services within 15 minutes walk or cycle
 - cleaner air / safer environment
- Rush-hour free city – manage traffic to reduce peak demands



Key Transport Plan Themes



Connected Corridors & Hubs

- Connected commuter corridors for buses, cycling and walking
- Greenlines electric bus network
- New and improved Park & Ride sites
- Transformed Leicester Rail Station

Connected Healthy Neighbourhoods

- Connected cycling and walking networks city centre and local neighbourhoods
- Good local bus network
- Fewer and cleaner vehicles in neighbourhoods

Managing Demand for Car Use

- Parking management and co ordination
- Behaviour change
- Smart transport
- Network management
- Workplace parking levy

What are our Priorities? – next 10 years

Greenlines Public Transport Network



Active Travel – Cycling and Walking



Leicester Railway Station



- 0-emission electric buses
- P&R complete
- Zebra bid for 98 buses submitted to DfT
- **Future** – integrated & improved Greenlines electric 'tram-like' network to serve key employment sites - retail / hospital / uni

- citywide network of safe and attractive routes
- Build Connecting Leicester & launch of Santander Cycles
- **Future** - significant expansion;
- Improved & new cycle lanes & public realm
- Safer neighbourhoods
- clean air – healthy city.

- Proposed £200m major regeneration project
- transform station - catalyst for investment & jobs
- high quality facilities & spacious concourse/retail
- Transform urban realm

How do we fund this?

- National, regional and local funding sources such as Government, Midlands Connect and LLEP
- External funding – usually via ad-hoc govt & ERDF competitive match-funding based bids
- Longer term LA funding? – may return under DfT Decarbonisation Plan
- Inevitably still require local match-funding
- Hence WPL consultation
- Offers ongoing/reliable source of funding – 10+ years

Note

- Nottingham raised £75million since 2012
- leveraged over **£680million** transport investment
- Funded tram

What is a Workplace Parking Levy?

- charge on employers for parking places used by car commuters
- businesses, public sector, education organisations
- employers can pass on, pay or share charge with employees
- Customers and residential parking excluded
- ring-fenced for transport investment in
- levy rebalances free car parking vs bus cost
- **Aim**
 - encourage sustainable transport
 - Secure wider environmental / health benefits & reduce public health costs.



Possible Charges

- Proposed operating area- to City administrative boundary
- Levy charge - around £550 per chargeable parking space per year (TBC)
- Equates to annual bus pass from main operators
- Around £2 per working day
- Assessment of economic impact underway

Exemptions and discounts

- under consideration
- Blue Badge holders (100% discount)
- Public sector bodies (Council, Crown Court and Government agencies) - liable
- Universities and colleges - liable for staff and student parking
- Emergency Services and small businesses?

Business Advice & Support

Dedicated business support, and advice for employers & employees



- car park management
- how to deal with levy in the most effective way.



- Work with employers & bus ops to improve services
- Help negotiate ticket deals for employees



- grants and incentives
- car park management technology
- sustainable travel initiatives
- car sharing,
- cycle parking



- Work with employers / employees to improve cycling and walking routes and active travel schemes.



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LTP/WPL Timetable

- 25 Jun – 17 Sept: LTP / initial WPL consultations
- Nov 21: Publish Consultations report
- Nov – Dec: WPL formal business case consultation
- Spring 22: Council consideration of LTP final document & WPL business case +Business case to Secretary of State
- Autumn 22: if approved ...WPL mobilised
- Early 23: WPL charging commences

Questions & Feedback

Links to Consultation and Supporting Information :

- [Draft Leicester Transport Plan](#)
- [Leicester Transport Plan Video](#)
- [Leicester Transport Plan Consultation](#)
- [Workplace Parking Levy Initial Consultation Document](#)