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# Mass Transit Briefing: Ward Councillors

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# Launch of public consultation for Mass Transit – phase one

- The public consultation for Mass Transit Phase One is now confirmed. It will run from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September.**
- The dates for the consultation period were revised after the calling of the general election.
- The consultation will run for a total of **11 weeks** and feature a range of communication and engagement methods to enable everyone across West Yorkshire to get in touch and give their views.





# Route options

- The consultation will ask the public for views on the first two lines that are proposed for Mass Transit in Phase One. These are:
  - **The Leeds Line** - St James' Hospital, through Leeds City Centre to the White Rose Shopping Centre.
  - **The Bradford Line** - Bradford city centre to Leeds city centre, from Bradford Forster Square to City Square in Leeds, but also offering connections to St James' Hospital and the White Rose Centre.
- A total of **seven options** for the Leeds Line will be consulted on:
  - Four options for Leeds City Centre Section – from St James' to the River Aire at Victoria Bridge;
  - Three options from the River Aire at Victoria Bridge, south to the white Rose Shopping Centre.
- A total of **three options** will be consulted on for the Bradford Line between Bradford city centre and Leeds city centre.



# Areas of focus

At the consultation we are asking people to:

- Let us know which options they support for the Leeds Line
- Let us know which options they support for the Bradford Line
- Let us know what they think about our approach to sustainability and placemaking - how we will develop an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable Mass Transit system with improved public spaces.

The consultation will also inform the public that early work on a future extension of Mass Transit to Kirklees is also underway.



For illustrative purposes only



# Impacts on property and land

In the process of developing schemes of this size and scale, it is inevitable that the final routes will impact properties and land.

We acknowledge this reality and wish to highlight at this early stage that no decisions have been made.

We are taking proactive steps to engage with individuals and property owners along or in close proximity to the proposed routes, and are inviting them to view our proposals, attend community consultation events, and provide their feedback.



# How we're engaging the public

- **Consultation web pages**  
Full information on the proposals and route options. The **feedback survey** will also be hosted online.
- **Consultation brochure**  
Available for download from the website and provides a full assessment of each route option.
- **Consultation leaflet**  
Being sent to every address with a postcode within the Leeds and Bradford boundaries.
- **Consultation email and telephone enquiries**  
An email address and the Metro telephone line will be available for public questions or for information on alternative ways to provide feedback.
- **Pre-recorded consultation presentation**  
Will be available on the route options, featuring a voice-over commentary, subtitles and British Sign Language to ensure accessibility.
- **Live webinars**  
Three public webinars will be hosted across the consultation period providing information on the consultation and a 'Question and Answer' session.
- **Public drop-in events**  
23 face-to-face drop-in events will be hosted in communities along the route options.





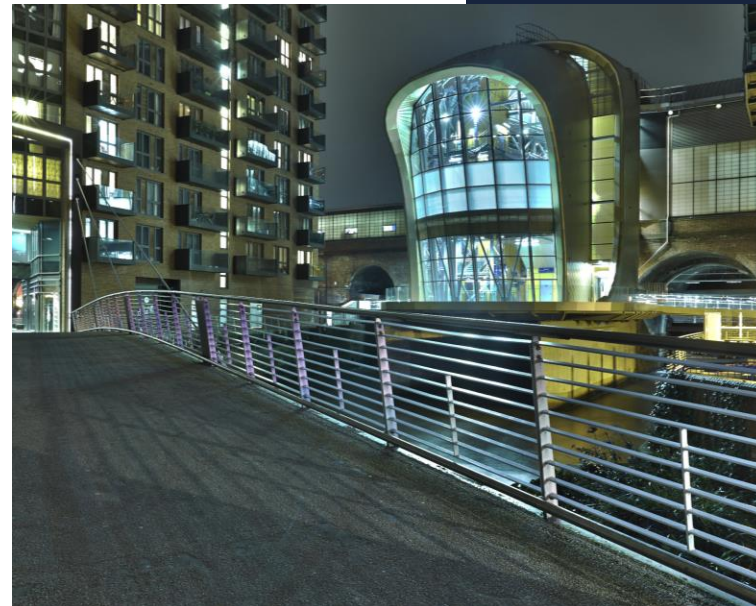
# Engagement with potentially affected properties

- A **targeted letter** will also be sent to properties along or in close vicinity of the routes.
- This is to ensure that any property that could potentially be impacted by Mass Transit as the Phase One proposals are developed are aware of the consultation and have the opportunity to get involved.
- The targeted letter is in addition to a **leaflet** promoting the consultation that is being sent to all properties with postcodes across Leeds and Bradford.



# Get in touch, and further information on Mass Transit

- Elected members and members of the public can get in touch with us at WYCA to ask a question on Mass Transit at: [masstransit@westyorks-ca.gov.uk](mailto:masstransit@westyorks-ca.gov.uk)
- The public can call us on the Metro Line at: **0113 245 7676**
- The consultation on Mass Transit can be viewed and responded to online at [Your Voice](#).
  - The pre-recorded presentation for those with a visual or hearing impairment can also be viewed or downloaded from Your Voice
- Find the [West Yorkshire Mass Transit Vision 2040](#) here
- Further information about the project here - [Mass Transit - West Yorkshire Combined Authority \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](#)
- Sign up to [Your Voice](#) to keep up to date on all consultation and engagement projects





# Local Transport Plan 4 consultation

Public engagement on our plans for enhancements to other forms of transport across West Yorkshire will also run concurrently with our Mass Transit consultation.

Our Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) will set the strategic direction for the future of transport across West Yorkshire, as well as the policies and investment that will help us get there.

LTP4 will deliver improvements to public transport, cycling and walking infrastructure across all areas with our proposals designed to integrate with our Mass Transit Vision 2040.

More information on this can be found at:

<https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/ltp>



# What is the Local Transport Plan and why is it important?

- Statutory document
- Sets strategic direction for the future of transport across West Yorkshire
- A new Local Transport Plan is needed to respond to the scale of change since the current plan was adopted in 2017.
- Our renewed Local Transport Plan is being co-developed by the Combined Authority and Local Authorities.
- The new **Vision led** LTP will build on other existing plans and strategies.
- This summer:
  - Local Transport Plan - engagement on vision and objectives
  - Mass Transit – consultation on phase 1 route options
  - Both 15 July to 30 September
- We aim for the renewed LTP to be adopted by early 2026



# Local Transport Plan: summer 2024 engagement

- 15 July to 30 September.
- Feedback is sought on the proposed vision, objectives and strategic direction for the renewed Plan, as well as travel habits.
- Engagement brochure, shortened brochure and questionnaire, online and available in print.
- Public panel events, webinars and focus groups (September).
- We'll run drop-in sessions for Councillors to speak to the team in person on panel event days - representatives of Local Authority Transport teams will be there too.
- Contact us: [localtransportplan@westyorks-ca.gov.uk](mailto:localtransportplan@westyorks-ca.gov.uk)



# Our vision for a brighter future

Across West Yorkshire, our people and places are unique.

We understand that the journeys that you make and the communities that you live in are all different.

**It's your journey**

**Our vision is for a leading transport network for West Yorkshire: benefiting people, places and our planet by embedding sustainable transport choices and enabling the economy to grow.**



**Benefitting people**



**Benefitting our places**



**Protecting our planet**



# Our objectives for a brighter future

	Benefitting people	Benefitting our places	Protecting our planet
<b>Boosting productivity</b>	<b>Objective: Boosting productivity</b> through a better-connected and more attractive West Yorkshire, which expands our labour markets,	increases innovation and creates jobs, supporting equitable and well-distributed growth.	
<b>Improving health and wellbeing</b>	<b>Objective: Improving health and wellbeing</b> of our people and communities and reducing disparities in public health by promoting physical activity, supporting sense of place and improving air quality.		
<b>Tackling the climate emergency</b>		<b>Objective: Tackling the climate emergency</b> through fair and inclusive decarbonisation,	reduction of air and noise pollution, enhancement of biodiversity, and resilience to climate events.
<b>Enabling inclusive growth</b>	<b>Objective: Enabling inclusive growth</b> by connecting our people and communities with education, training, health and leisure		opportunities to deliver equal access for all, and eliminate transport related social exclusion.

# Our Leading Transport Network Principles

