Transport Strategy

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Dear Councillors,

**Connecting Leeds Annual Programme of Works 2024-25**

The Annual Programme has now received full approval and is available on the GIS Plan here ([Link](https://leedscc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6616b5c52ca04e2b97489408c83a7eb9)). The plan details the hundreds of schemes we deliver in Leeds on an annual basis, some of which have already been consulted on and maybe on site. The distribution of this information is a little later this year because of the elections.

On the GIS Plan you can search for your Ward; and the map allows you to easily navigate the various work programmes, with further details available when you click on any of the individual icons. Further instructions on how to navigate and view all the information can be found on the left-hand side of the map. If you have any issues, please contact the team HT.AnnualProgramme@leeds.gov.uk

The programme includes Major Schemes such as those funded by the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS), the Active Travel Fund, the Levelling Up Fund, and the West Yorkshire Transport Fund. Several major CRSTS Transformational Programme works are scheduled to start as part of this year’s annual programme; these include Lawnswood Roundabout and Leeds City Links (Centre) schemes that are both scheduled to see a start early in 2025. We are also hoping to see the commencement of the Dawson Corner scheme subject to the confirmation of funding from the DfT as previously indicated.

The programme also comprises important local improvements throughout the district, most of which are also funded by the CRSTS. This funding will enable us to work towards the Vision Zero ambition to ensure that no one is killed or seriously injured on the roads in Leeds by 2040. If you have not done so yet and wish to sign up to the Vision Zero pledge, please scan the below QR code.



Schemes in the Highway Maintenance (including Bridges) and Traffic Signals (UTMC) areas are also highlighted with funding from CRSTS and from the Council’s own funding, in the case of the former, allowing for a sustained level of investment in roads and footways throughout the district.

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| **Funding Sources** | **Roads** |
| City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements (CRSTS) for devolved Authorities  | £20,461,331£20,461,331 |
| Network North Funding  | £1,454,800 |
| Leeds City Council Internal | £14,150,100 |
| **Total Funding 2024/25** | **£36,066,231** |

**Notable schemes and projects to highlight:**

**Armley Gyratory**

Following the successful completion of Phase 1 works comprising carriageway and footway widening, Phase 2, which includes replacing three footbridges, is ongoing and is anticipated to be completed in Winter 2025. Spence Lane and Gelderd Road footbridges will fully open soon and the demolition of Wellington Road North Footbridge took place successfully last weekend.

**Dawsons Corner**

We are awaiting final confirmation of a significant level of funding from the DfT’s Major Roads Network (MRN) to augment the initial allocation from the West Yorkshire Transport Fund for this major scheme. This was expected in July 2024 but was impacted by the general election. Subject to this confirmation being received, work is scheduled to start on site later this year. The scheme benefits include reduced congestion, faster & more reliable bus journeys and safer walking & cycling facilities throughout the junction and the environs.

**E-Bike Hire Scheme**

September 2023 saw the launch of the E-Bike Hire scheme known as ‘Leeds City Bikes’ with docking stations at locations across the city. (This year you will find there is an option that can be toggled in the Annual Programme web map to view ’Leeds City Bike’ locations). Later in 2024/25 we will see new locations come online which will expand the scheme further with match funding from the scheme operator Beryl. Further information on hiring bikes is available here [Leeds | Beryl](https://beryl.cc/scheme/leeds).

**Overview of other key schemes**

The first Average Speed cameras have now been in operation in west Leeds since Autumn 2023 and the early indications are positive regarding improving driver behaviour and road safety outcomes. A further phase on the Inner Ring Road and the A63 and A58, are progressing through feasibility designs and subject to technical assurance will be delivered during 2024/25. In addition, we now have the powers to install cameras which monitor the contravention of banned turning movements at junctions at prioritised locations, which will further support our wider Vision Zero ambitions.

Finally, this summer we will see the completion of the Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 2 between Leeds Train Station and Apperley Bridge. This will see the end of 10 years of construction since the beginning of FAS1 to reduce the risk of flooding to Leeds.

As always, we will endeavour to deliver the overall programme as outlined; however, some dates may be subject to change as the year unfolds due to, for example, inclement weather, technical considerations, rising costs, public consultation feedback.

I do hope you find this information useful and if you require further assistance or information regarding the 2024/2025 planned works, then please contact the team using the following email address HT.AnnualProgramme@leeds.gov.uk.

With new Councillors elected in May, over the next few months, we will also be issuing some key facts about our work, which again, I hope you will find useful.

Yours Sincerely,


Chief Officer, Highways & Transportation