

GET YORK MOVING – PROGRESS OVERVIEW RATING

Expanding Park and Ride Services

Two new Park and Ride sites (Askham Bar and Poppleton Bar) opened on 8 June 2014. Parking capacity increased by 30% to 5,500 spaces. Associated Highway improvement works at the A59/A1237 junction completed in August 2014. All A roads into the city are now covered by a Park & Ride option for travellers. Additional funding for further expansion being sourced via the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund.

- £15m of Government Funding secured for the £23m Access York Project through a nationally competitive process.
- Askham Bar P&R site has been relocated and doubled in size to 1100 spaces and a new P&R site developed at Poppleton (600 spaces) on the A59. A major upgrade of A59/A1237 Roundabout has also been delivered as part of the project.
- New Traffic Signal junction on A59 at Poppleton facilitating access to/from the P&R and improving safety in the area.
- Construction of the main P&R site works commenced in May 2013 and became fully operational in June 2014
- Further funding being sought for P&R site at Clifton Moor (originally included in the York Package) for delivery using the West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund
- Access improvements to the A19 Naburn/Designer Outlet Site being developed for delivery in 2015 using Pinch Point Funding confirmed in September 2013.
- A Green Bus Fund bid was successful for electric buses for the A59 and Monks Cross Park & Ride routes. 6 electric buses are operational on the A59 route with the Monks Cross service starting later in the year.

Improving Bus Services

BBAF Funding secured and programme being progressed. Multi-operator ticket up and running and work on smart ticketing products ongoing via BBAF. Number of BBAF interchange and bus priority schemes have been completed. Funding for further public transport improvements being sought via BBA2 and WY+TF.

- An additional £1.3m of funding over the next 4 years has been secured through Better Bus Area Funding from the Government. York was one of only five authorities that secured Better Bus Area Status.
- The Better Bus Area Fund programme is developing Smart ticketing products for York. The Yozone Card for 11-18 year olds now has fully smart capabilities. Delivery is dependent on bus operator programmes and regional wide progress.
- City Centre bus interchange facilities have been upgraded via BBAF at Piccadilly, Stonebow and the Station. The upgrade of the facilities at St. Leonards Place (Exhibition Square) commenced in September with completion expected in November. Further improvements in Rougier Street have been delayed by the slower than anticipated progress of the redevelopment of Roman House St but should be in place in 2015.
- One City tour bus has been converted to electric. A bid for funding for conversion of a further 5 vehicles has been put on a reserve list by the Government.
- Station public transport information centre opened. Now dealing with some 1500 enquiries per week
- Expansion of CCTV network to give better management of the highway network and resultant improvements in bus time reliability. Bus Wardens and Bus Network Managers have been appointed to resolve incidents quickly to minimise disruption.
- Real-time passenger information already installed across City Centre, further roll out to district centres programmed later this year.
- Station Frontage/Interchange - Initial feasibility work progressing with Network Rail.

Developing York's Cycling and Pedestrian Network

Strategic network identified and prioritised list of improvements consulted on and established. Delivery ongoing via LSTF and LTP block funding.

- Haxby Road to Clifton Moor Cycle Route. The critical element of the route, the bridge over the Scarborough line, will be constructed in autumn 2014 with the full route completed early in 2015.
- University Road Safety Scheme currently underway
- University Road cycle scheme currently out to tender
- Improvements to footway (introduce tactile facility) on Station Rise to be completed in 2014/15
- Knapton to Rufforth Cycle Route: Phase 1 (metalled surfacing) completed in 2014/15. Phase 2 (link to Rufforth Village) and Phase 3 (link to Knapton) to be developed
- Further Cycling and Walking links to be upgraded in Clifton Moor area

Improving Movement in the City Centre

Ongoing programme of de-cluttering established.

Footstreets experiment completed and new hours of operation in place.

Expansion of the footstreets

- Following the success of the experimental Footstreets hours identified through the Footstreets review the experimental measures have now become permanent (10:30a.m to 5:00p.m)
- Programme of de-cluttering of the city centre continuing.
- Introduced additional cycle racks in City centre
- Investigate possible expansion of foot-streets to additional areas ongoing

Establishing 20mph Speed Limits in York's Residential Areas

Policy approach agreed, pilot completed and City wide roll out underway. Slower than anticipated progress due to addressing local concerns.

- Policy approach has been agreed with partners, including the Police.
- Ongoing monitoring of the South Bank pilot scheme
- West of York (covering a third of the City) completed
- North and East York schemes to be completed 2014/15

Winning Hearts and Minds

Range of innovative and sustainable measures underway through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund programme - now extended to March 2016 following successful funding bid

- The additional £1m of funding for the LSTF programme will extend the programme through to March 2016 and widen the coverage to include the Poppleton Road/Holgate Road area.
- LSTF funded business travel planning service now up and running – contact has been established with over 80 businesses. ION travel software purchased to provide a way to track and manage business travel plans.
- LSTF funded personalised travel planning programme in the northern area of the City underway. Direct contact being made across the summer months with follow up contact.
- iTravel website launched in September 2012 to improve availability of timetable and other travel and transport information and planning tools. Continues to be developed as the main source of travel/transport information for the city.
- Progression of Low Emission vehicle initiatives across the city to reduce the impact of vehicle emissions on air quality.