City Region Sustainable **Transport Settlement** 2023/24

West Midlands **Annual Monitoring Report 2023/24**





















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This document sets out the position of the West Midlands City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) programme as of the end of the financial year 2023/24.

CRSTS is a 5 year grant fund from government for Mayoral Combined Authorities aimed at delivering capital transport projects. The UK Government has allocated £5.7bn to invest in local transport networks across the 8 city regions in England over a 5-year period (financial year 2022/23 to 2026/27). Funding for small scale capital improvement schemes and highways maintenance have also been incorporated into the CRSTS allocation.

The objectives of the CRSTS programme are as follows:

- drive growth through infrastructure investment;
- level up services towards the standards of the best;
- promote modal shift from cars to public transport, walking and cycling;
- reduce carbon and particulate emissions from transport, aligned with the UK's legal commitments; and
- further the objectives of the national bus and cycling strategies, including ambitious bus and cycling priority measures, with decisions on Key Route Networks led by MCAs and mayors.

We are currently in year 3 of the 5 year programme. This review will set out the **key achievements** of the programme over most recent financial year (2023/24) both in terms of scheme development and delivery. It will also provide an overview of the **overall status** of the programme including a progress update, forecast development and delivery dates, key milestones, a funding overview and key risks and mitigations. The following section provides an overview of the **context** underpinning the CRSTS programme.





The West Midlands CRSTS programme

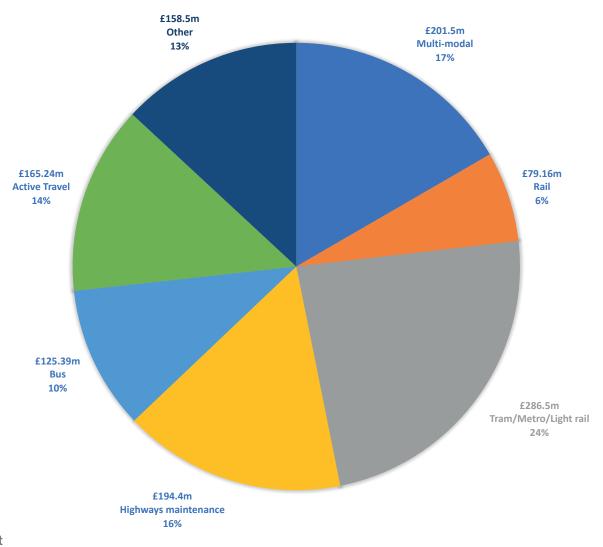
The West Midlands CRSTS programme consists of 75 projects with a contribution from government of £1.05bn. These are being delivered through Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) and our constituent Local Authorities (Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton).

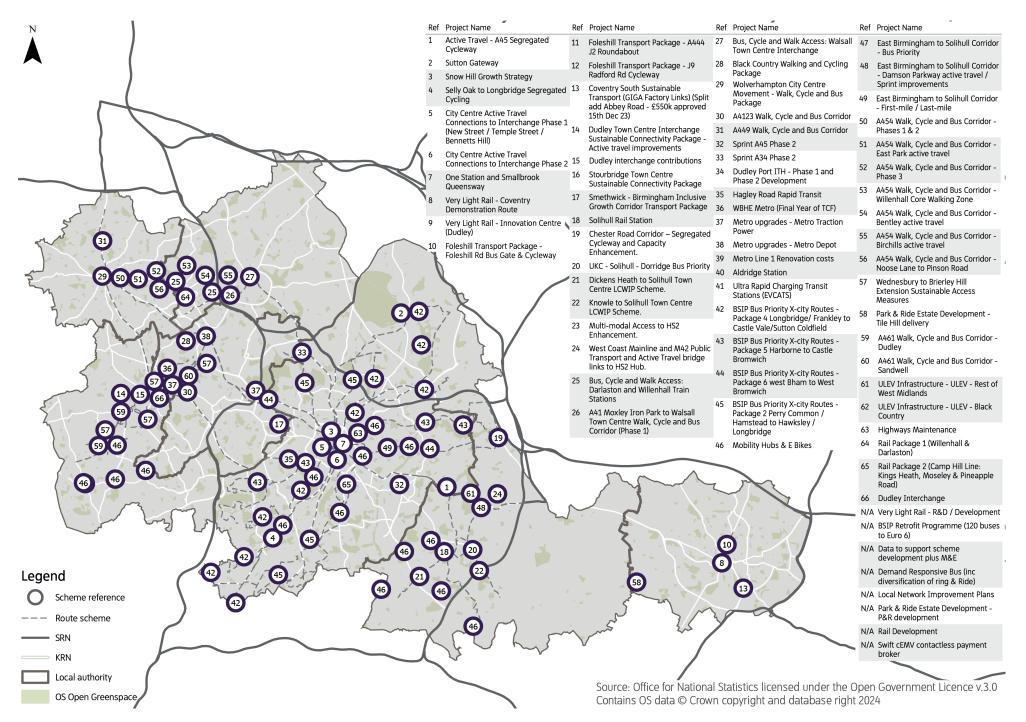
The programme includes funding previously allocated through the highways maintenance fund and Integrated Transport Block which has been allocated to local authorities using historic allocation formulas.

Funding has also been allocated to cover project and programme monitoring & evaluation activity which includes data capture and analysis – which the Department for Transport (DfT) and HM Treasury consider a mandatory requirement for a programme of this size.

The programme is expected to deliver significant increases in the provision of safe, segregated cycle lanes and bus lanes as well as measures to help electrify our transport system, making it cleaner. We will also deliver innovative and transformational projects such as Coventry Very Light Rail, Bus Rapid Transit improvements and improvements to our public transport smart ticketing system.

The breakdown of forecast CRSTS spend by mode is given in the figure below.





The figure above shows the spatial distribution of interventions in our current CRSTS programme. The interventions have been carefully selected to maximise growth outcomes, enable modal shift and improve accessibility – especially in traditionally under-served and deprived areas of the region.

Transport Context

Travel in the region is dominated by car use and historically planning and policy has prioritised this mode rather than more sustainable options, contributing to wider issues such as poor air quality, physical inactivity and climate change. The mode split in the region reflects this: between 2016 and 2018 there were 2.3 billion trips made in the West Midlands, 70% of which were made by car, 10% via public transport, comprising bus (8%), rail including West Midlands Metro (2%), and 20% via active travel. This compares to 61% of trips being made by car nationally, alongside 7% via public transport, 29% via active travel and 3% via other modes in 2018 (based on National Travel Survey data).

Recent investments in the West Midlands have started to contribute to mode shift including investments in the West Midlands Metro and in our Sprint network but there are a number of issues which still need to be resolved before significant changes will be seen. These are summarised below:

Accessibility and affordability of public transport

The quality of access to public transport varies considerably across our region and can be a significant barrier for lower income households and more vulnerable groups for accessing economic opportunities. Job accessibility declines significantly for residents who are reliant on public transport, with this being more pronounced in deprived areas where car ownership is less common, this is demonstrated by the figures on the right of this page.

Bus use within the West Midlands has experienced a long-term decline in patronage. The fall in services, alongside increased congestion, has resulted in reduced accessibility to key urban centres for those reliant on public transport.

Complexity of ticketing and affordability is also seen as a major barrier to public transport use with the region ranking in the bottom quartile for public transport affordability of 66 major global cities.

Growing reliance on road travel

Despite recent investments in sustainable transport alternatives, car mileage has continued to grow. Across the area, two in five journeys under two miles are made by car. This reliance results in congestion, poor air quality and negative environmental consequences and contributes to declining health outcomes by reducing the share of walking and cycling and active travel associated with public transport. Modal share varies considerably throughout the West Midlands ranging from an 8.1% public transport mode share in the morning peak in 2019 in Dudley to a 61.2% mode share in the same period in Birmingham.

Without investment, historic trends are set to increase over the next 20 years with the share of households not owning a car expected to fall from 22% to 18% in 2040. This reliance on road travel has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and without investment to support the recovery in public transport demand we risk seeing a permanent shift in behaviour.

Congestion, air quality and the environment

Reliance on private transport has led to a built environment which prioritises car-based travel an has resulted in a legacy of a hazardous, unattractive environment for pedestrians and cyclists. Air pollution is one of these negative consequences and impacts approximately 2.8m people in the West Midlands, reducing life expectancy by up to 6 months. The reliance on cars also generates congestion in city centres and on key transport corridors which constrains economic growth potential in the region. The average driver in Birmingham lost 134 hours

in congestion in 2018, with congestion costing £2.3bn per annum across the West Midlands metropolitan area. There are also implications for climate change: WMCA has an ambitious target to be net zero by 2041 which will require significant modal shift as well as an increase in zero emission vehicles. Under business as usual forecasts, without intervention, it is predicted that we will fall short of our zero emission ambitions.

Road Safety

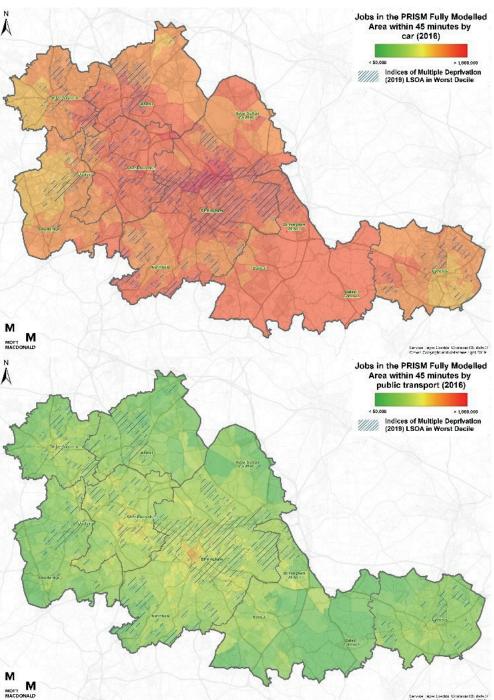
In the West Midlands, around 900 people are killed or seriously injured on our roads every year. TfWM, in partnership with our local authority partners and West Midlands Police, have released a refreshed Regional Road Safety Strategy.

The role of the refreshed strategy is to work with the Road Safety Partnership to build on long-standing local and sector-based road safety activity, and guide and coordinate regional action to reduce the social, health and economic losses associated with road collisions.

The goal of the strategy is to reduce the numbers of people killed or seriously injured on the roads of the West Midlands by 50% by 2030.

Currently, TfWM are developing a **Local Transport Plan** to provide a framework to make progress against these issues. CRSTS provides a significant opportunity to fund this progress.

Job accessibility in WM region with a car vs with public transport (2016)



Local Transport Plan

Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) is currently developing its 5th Local Transport Plan (LTP): **Reimagining transport in the West Midlands** which will set out the overall strategy and policy framework for transport and seek to make progress against the issues outlined in the transport context section of this document. The overall vision for travel in the West Midlands for a place **where people can thrive without having to drive or own a car.**

At the heart of the LTP is the West Midlands Combined Authority's (WMCA's) ambitions for Inclusive Growth which means that all citizens can shape, contribute and benefit from advancement in the region. The LTP is being developed to support this by delivering equitable improvement of access to opportunity in a way that creates great places, healthy habits and low emissions.

Two key components in the development of the LTP are the **motives for change** (why we need to change the way we travel) and the six big moves (the changes needed to make progress against the motives).

Motives for change

In 2021, to support the development of the LTP, TfWM published a Green Paper which set out five Motives for Change. These are reasons why we should consider changing the way we travel and are summarised in the figure on the right.

These motives for change form the basis for the objectives of the LTP. They capture a range of different, but related, issues including how we can sustain economic successes, how we can have a more equitable transport system, how we can ensure transport supports better quality of places and a healthier population, and how we can support global efforts to decarbonise.

These motives overlap with the national priorities for the CRSTS programme and have helped shape our CRSTS programme.

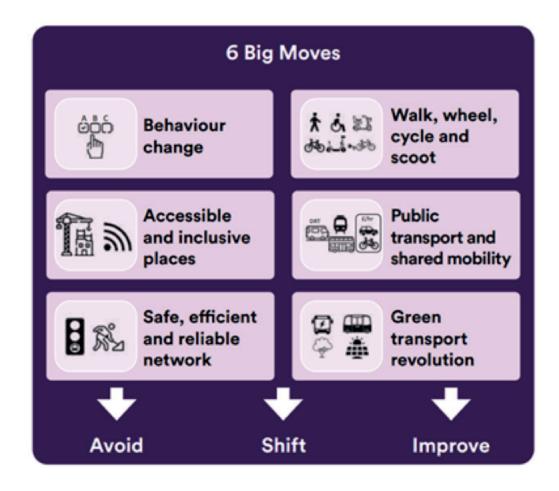


6 Big Moves

In 2023, TfWM published the proposed Core Strategy for the LTP. This document set out the 'avoid, shift, improve' framework which identified the behaviour changes needed to make progress against the motives for change:

- Avoid travel e.g. by accessing services online and consolidating trips
- **Shifting travel** e.g. to places more accessible by sustainable modes
- **Improve travel** e.g. by adopting zero emission vehicles

This framework has been used to develop six big moves which detail the principles, policies and in some cases specific interventions to achieve the goals of the LTP. These are shown in the figure on the right.



CRSTS Investment Themes

The CRSTS programme has been designed to meet the vision and objectives of the Local Transport Plan as well as deliver on national priorities around delivering jobs and growth, levelling-up deprived communities and meeting our decarbonisation targets. With this in mind we have identified six themes to guide investment through the CRSTS programme:

 Connecting our places - investment in public transport connectivity by boosting connections across key centres and corridors

- Supporting Inclusive Growth driving economic growth, levelling up and housing delivery in six priority corridors
- Healthy Streets and Spaces encouraging active travel and reducing volume of trips made by car
- Creating Resilient Networks and Communities junction and corridor route improvements to highways and the key route network
- Delivering a Green Revolution decarbonisation of the largest sources of carbon emissions
- Making behaviour change easy provision of frictionless access to sustainable transport across the region

The link between these investment themes and the objectives of the emerging LTP are summarised in the table below.

Motive for Change	LTP Objective	LTP Objective	Link to CRSTS theme
Sustaining economic	Inclusive economy	We will inclusively grow our economy by reducing the economic costs of transport's	Supporting Inclusive Growth
success		externalities, maintaining the network, and levelling up access to opportunities for those	
		less mobile.	
	Mobility market	We will position the West Midlands as a global leader in future transport by creating a	Making Behaviour Change Easy
	transformation	local transport market that enables innovation, development and deployment of transport	
		products and services.	
Creating a fairer society	Fair access	We will improve equity of access to opportunity by ensuring everyone has safe, usable and	Supporting Inclusive Growth
		affordable travel choices.	Connecting Our Places
	Fair impacts	We will reduce the impact of traffic on people's health and wellbeing by improving road	Creating Resilient Networks and
Supporting local		safety, reducing air pollution, and reducing noise.	Communities
communities and places	Local access	We will improve local sustainable travel connectivity and reduce severance within and	Healthy Streets and Spaces
		between neighbourhoods.	Connecting Our Places
Becoming more active	Streets for communities	We will reduce the dominance of motorised traffic in local neighbourhoods to enable	Creating Resilient Networks and
		repurposing of streets.	Communities
Tackling the climate	Physically active	We will enable safe, convenient and accessible walking and cycling opportunities, to	Healthy Streets and Spaces
emergency		increase active travel, improving health, wellbeing and productivity.	Creating Resilient Networks and Communities
	Transport	We will rapidly reduce transport carbon emissions at a rate consistent with WM2041	Healthy Streets and Spaces
	decarbonisation	ambitions.	Making Behaviour Change Easy
			Delivering a Green Revolution

Programme update

Introduction

Over the last financial year there have been significant changes to the structure of the CRSTS programme as a result of a formal change control application to DfT and a programme-wide re-baselining exercise to mitigate the impacts of inflation caused by the War in Ukraine and the energy cost rises that followed. Details of these changes are given below.

Change control

In February 2023 the WMCA Board approved the submission of a formal change control application to DfT which included bringing the Dudley Interchange project into the core delivery programme which was previously funded by Transforming Cities Fund (TCF). The change control also requested flexibility to address cost pressures emerging on Rail Package 1 (new services and stations at Willenhall and Darlaston) & Rail Package 2 (new services and stations at Moseley, Kings Heath and Pineapple Road). This application was made in early February 2023 and following consideration by DfT Officials and Ministers a response was received on the 5th May 2023 approving the entry of the former TCF scheme into the CRSTS programme (subject to confirmation of how the financial implications of this will be managed in the overall programme).

Following further negotiations with DfT officials, approval of the inclusion of Rail Packages 1&2 into the programme was received on 22nd November.

CRSTS Rebase

A number of CRSTS eligible MCA's **from across the country** raised that, given the high rate of inflation since the creation of the original programme, delivery of all the outputs forecast in the initial programmes developed over 2021 and submitted in January 2022 will be **challenging**. In acknowledgement of this, the DfT and HM Treasury agreed to permit a one-time only re-base of the CRSTS programmes across the country.

The following conditions were required to be met as part of this exercise:

- Projects can be removed from the programme or added but DfT have emphasised this should not be seen as an opportunity to introduce brand new initiatives.
- All projects must align with the objectives of the national CRSTS programme.
- The total funding envelope must remain the same.
- Overall, the target 15-20% local contribution must be met.
- The outputs can be reduced.
- The funding time horizons must remain the same (spend and delivery by March 2027).
- The re-based programme submitted to DfT will need to demonstrate that it still delivers good value for money.

Details of the West Midlands CRSTS rebase process and outcomes are summarised in the table to the right.

Financials

Baseline Programme £1,050.0m

Changes

Plus: TfWM imported pressures (WMCA Board Approved 9 June 2023) £160.2m

Less: Deduction on Hagley Road Rapid Transit -£15.0m

Plus : Retained by TfWM for critical / unavoidable cost escalations (e.g. Package 1) £15.0m

Rebased Programme £1,210.2m

SUMMARY OF NET £ NIL CHANGES

Lead Authority	Scheme	Decrease	Increase	Comments			
Birmingham	City Centre Active Travel Connections to Interchange	£5.0m		Funds switching to a project which has			
Diffilligitatii	One Station and Smallbrook Queensway		£5.0m	seen inflationary cost pressures.			
	East Birmingham to Solihull Corridor		£4.0m				
	Multi-modal Access to HS2 Enhancement	£1.0m		Reductions in development budget			
Solihull	Solihull Rail Station	£1.0m		allocations of some projects to support delivery of a project impacted by			
	UKC - Solihull - Dorridge Bus Priority	£1.0m		inflationary cost pressure			
	West Coast Mainline and M42 Public Transport and AT links to HS2 Hub	£1.0m					
Wolverhampton	A4400 Wells, Ossila and Bur, Canida	£1.2m		Funding to deliver a section of cycle			
Sandwell	A4123 Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor		£1.2m	route transferred to the delivery authority			
Walsall	A454 Wells, Cools and Day Comides	£3.7m		Funding transferring between the			
Wolverhampton	A454 Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor		£3.7m	various projects of the A454 programme to aid delivery			
	A449 Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor	£4.0m		Transfer of funds to an urgent delivery			
Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton City Centre Movement - Walk, Cycle and Bus Package		£4.0m	project which experienced inflationary cost pressure			
	Very Light Rail	£14.0m		VLR now a Research & Development project and the first route will now be a			
Coventry	Coventry South Sustainable Transport (GIGA Factory Links)		£4.0m	shorter demonstrator project. Funds shifted to allow for a more ambitious			
	Highways Maintenance		£10.0m	project for Coventry South and more highways maintenance.			
Dudley	Dudley Town Centre Interchange Sustainable Connectivity Package	£3.0m		Some elements of the Dudley Town Centre package to be delivered by			
WMCA	Dudley Interchange		£3.0m	TfWM as part of the Dudley Interchange project - funding transferred to enable			
TOTAL		£34.9m	£34.9m				

Key achievements

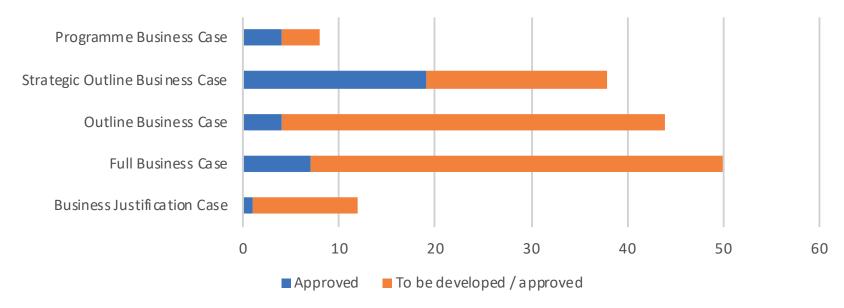
Development

The West Midlands CRSTS programme includes 75 schemes: 41 individual schemes and 37 schemes which are part of 13 packages. 9 of these schemes are classified as 'development only' and will not progress to the delivery / construction phase as part of round 1 of CRSTS, instead CRSTS will be used to fund activities such as design and development and business case preparation.

The business case process has been specified by HM Treasury. Specific guidance for transport schemes is provided by the Department for Transport. Scheme promoters are required to develop five cases (strategic, economic, commercial, financial and management) to demonstrate the value for money associated with the project. The process is generally sequential with scheme promoters first submitting a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC), then an Outline Business Case (OBC) and finally a Full Business Case (FBC). Less complex schemes may only be required to produce a Business Justification Case (BJC). Where multiple schemes form a 'package' a Programme Business Case (PBC) may be produced.

Some of the schemes had already progressed through some business case development stages prior to CRSTS funding allocated and therefore all schemes are not expected to pass through the standard business case process as part of CRSTS e.g. a scheme may proceed straight to FBC rather than being required to produce a new SOBC and OBC for CRSTS funding.

Progress in the development of business case documents is given in the figure below.



Recent development milestones

Over the laDevelopment milestones reached over the last year are listed below:

PBCs

• Dudley Port ITH – Phase 1 and 2 Development: £500k approved June 2023 to develop a BJC for delivery of infrastructure at Dudley Port to improve integration st financial year most activity has focussed on development and approval of SOBCs: 8 SOBCs were approved in 2023/24. and interchange between bus, rail and metro

SOBCs

- Coventry South Sustainable Transport: £574.8k approved May 2023 to develop an OBC for improved active travel infrastructure and bus priority measures along a key radial corridor to the South of Coventry.
- Mobility Hubs & E-bikes: £407k approved in July 2023 to develop an OBC for a full roll-out of mobility hubs providing a variety of mobility solutions e.g. cycle hire, cycle parking, travel information and micromobility
- A449 Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor: £1.2m approved in August 2023 to develop an OBC for bus priority measures and walking / cycling infrastructure (including allowances for contingency)
- A454 Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor Phase 3: £900k approved in September 2023 to develop an OBC for Phase 3 of a package of measures for a multi-modal corridor between Wolverhampton and Walsall
- Park & Ride Estate Development Tile Hill Delivery: £400k approved in September 2023 to develop the OBC for a package of measures aimed at improving access to Tile Hill station.
- Hagley Road Rapid Transit: £2.6m approved in November 2023 to develop an OBC for analysis of rapid transit options along the Hagley Road corridor
- Smethwick Birmingham Inclusive Growth Corridor Transport Package: £350k approved in December 2023 to develop an OBC for cycling, walking and public transport improvements on the Dudley Road Corridor
- A41 Moxley Iron Park to Walsall Town Centre Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor (Phase 1): £450k approved in December 2023 to develop an OBC for multi-modal junction and corridor improvements for walking, cycling and buses

OBCs

• City Centre Active Travel Connections to Interchange – Phase 1: £326k approved in November 2023 to develop an FBC for the upgrade, restoration and renovation of walking and cycling links across Birmingham City Centre, between key public transport interchanges

Delivery

Currently, 65 schemes are programmed to be delivered over the CRSTS funding period (this doesn't include development only schemes or ongoing work such as LNIPs and highways maintenance). As of the end of the financial year 2023/24:

- Construction / delivery had started for six schemes
- Construction / delivery had completed for one scheme

In addition to the above, Highways Maintenance delivery has been ongoing. Delivery milestones reached over the last year are shown below.



Metro Traction Power Delivery started

This scheme will provide additional power to support network extensions and continue to provide power to Line One whilst adding resilience and durability to the network.



WBHE Metro Phase 1 Delivery ongoing

Delivery is ongoing on the Wednesbury to Flood Street (Dudley) phase of the 11km extension of the metro line between Wednesbury and Brierley Hill. This has included the installation of a new bridge over Sedgley Road and the installation of track on Castle Hill in Dudley.



Metro Depot Delivery ongoing

This depot upgrade will support a more than doubling of tram fleet capacity and an increase in maintenance, welfare, office and storage capacity. It is key for supporting the Metro extension programme.



Metro Line 1 Renovation Delivery ongoing

Metro Line 1 is over 20 years old and therefore key components of overhead line equipment (OLE) and track are nearing life expiry and are due for renewal. The current OLE system is prone to repeated failures.



Rail package 1 Delivery ongoing

Construction of two new rail stations at Darlaston and Willenhall and provision of a rail service on an existing rail line which currently has no local passenger service.



Rail package 2 Delivery ongoing

Construction of three new rail stations at Moseley, Kings Heath and Pineapple Road and provision of a rail service on an existing rail line which currently has no local passenger service.

Local Network Improvement Plans

Local Network Improvement Pwlans work will continue throughout the CRSTS programme. Examples of key schemes using LNIP funding in 2023/24 are given below.



Places for People

Development and delivery of road safety schemes, school streets, ward level minor transport improvements, 20mph zones and speed reduction schemes in the Birmingham local authority area.



Castlecroft Road Safety Scheme

Provision of new formalised zebra crossing across Castlecroft Road to local amenities and for school children travelling to nearby schools



Wollescote Road / Springfield Avenue Road Safety Scheme

The junction had a history of speeding with speeds frequently exceeding 40mph in a 30 zone. The wide / sweeping junction layout enabled vehicles to carry significant speed through the junction and had poor visibility for pedestrians.



Chester Road Pedestrian Crossing

Chester Road is a busy, long, wide and straight road with limited opportunities to cross, creating severance for local residents.

This project installed a new pedestrian refuge crossing point.



The junction has been remodelled to tighten the turn, reducing speeds, increasing visibility and reducing crossing distances.



Queen Mary's Grammar School

The existing pedestrian refuge crossing was on a wide road with an adjacent bus stop restricting visibility.

The crossing has been upgraded with a build-out to reduce crossing widths and improve visibility.



Pensnett Road Safety Scheme

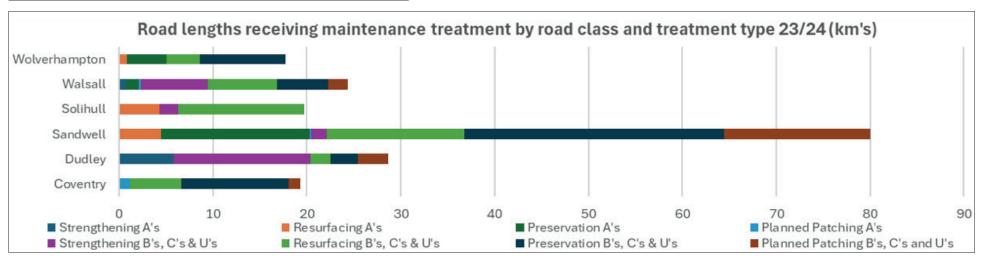
Replacement of a refuge crossing on a busy local distributor road with a two-stage zebra crossing. This reduces severance and risks of collisions for residents crossing to the local leisure facilities and shops.

Highway Maintenance

This slide presents statistics and data provided by the 6 constituent local authorities. The tables below show road condition, work done and public satisfaction for year ending March 2024. It is WMCA's intention to report the same statistics and data on an annual basis, therefore there will be a year-on-year comparison & view of condition against the estimated steady state condition for (A,B &C class roads) post investment period. The monies awarded via this portion of the grant are expended on maintenace of key assets including roads, footways, bridges & structures, street lighting and drainage. The tables and statistics below are for roads only. It should be noted that there is no data presented for Birmingham City Council as their funding is via a Private Finance Initiative arrangement, and not funded through CRSTS.

Funding Allocation

Local Authority	Highways Maintenace £
Birmingham	-
Coventry	4,086,400
Dudley	4,486,100
Sandwell	4,741,300
Solihull	3,872,100
Walsall	3,568,700
Wolverhampton	3,325,400
Annual Allocation from April 2022	24,080,000
Total for 5 years (same distribution)	120,400,000



Current Road Condition percentages in the West Midlands – March 2024

Legend
Improvement since
CRSTS
Steady State since
CRSTS
Decline since CRSTS

Road Condition Data 2024	England (22/23)	Coventry City Council (23/24)	Dudley MBC (23/24)	Sandwell MBC (23/24)	Solihull MBC (23/24)	Walsall MBC (23/24)	City of Wolverhampton Council (23/24)	Trend since CRSTS
% of principle 'A' roads where maintenance should be considered	4	1	2	2	3	1	2	Overall Improvement
% of non principle 'B' & 'C' roads where maintenance should be considered	6	2	2	2	2	1	2	Overall Steady
% of unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered	17	18	21	22	21	26	20	Overall Improvement

National Highways & Transport Network Public Satisfaction Survey Results 2023

Legend
Above National Average
Below National Average

NHT Results 2023 (% who are respondents who are very							
or fairly satisfied)	National Average	Coventry	Dudley	Sandwell	Solihull	Walsall	Wolverhampton
WCBI 02 Condition of pavements (Active Travel)	46	44	49	51	51	49	50
HMBI 01 Condition of Road Surfaces (HM)	25	32	24	37	32	33	29
KBI 23 Condition of highways	27	31	25	38	34	33	31
KBI 11 Pavements and Footpaths overall (Active Travel)	50	47	53	54	58	56	53
KBI 24 Highway Maintenance	43	44	42	45	49	45	45

Summary

- 1. West Midlands road **condition data for A, B & C roads is better than the national average**, maintained at either a steady state or improvement since CRSTS funding.
- 2. Condition data for unclassified roads is worse than the national average but has improved since CRSTS.
- 3. In general, public satisfaction for highway maintenance in the West Midlands is at or above the national average.



Programme Health Status

A health check RAG assessment has been undertaken for each project within the CRSTS programme regarding project delivery milestones, financials, risks and the project overall.

The graphs on the right show the health status for the overall CRSTS programme as of the end of the 2023/24 financial year.

Approximately half of projects are reporting amber status in terms of risks and milestones, whilst the majority are reporting green status in terms of financials. 49% of projects are reporting green status overall whilst 53% are reporting amber.

A more detailed breakdown of financials, risks and milestones are given in the remainder of this section.

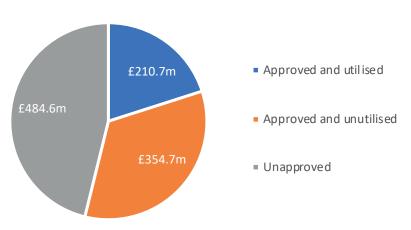


Funding update

Funding spent

The funding status for the overall programme is shown in the graph below. Up to this point, £565.4m of CRSTS funding has been approved through SAF (including Local Authority Highways Maintenance budgets, Local Network Improvement Programmes and the final year of TCF for Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro). The total spent to date is £210.7m, with £97.6m in 2022/23 and £113.1m in 2023/24. The remaining £484.6m of the budget remains unapproved. Funding approvals made over the 2023/24 financial year are summarised in the table below.

CRSTS Capital Funding



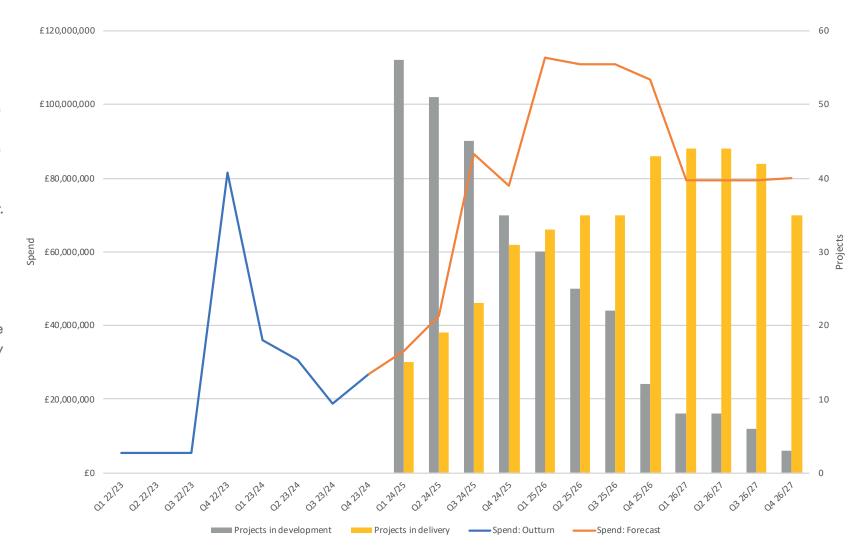
	Funding	Date	Funding use
Project / package	amount	approved	ruliuliig use
Coventry South Sustainable Transport Abbey Road	£550k	Dec-2023	Scheme Delivery
Smethwick - Birmingham Inclusive Growth Corridor			
Transport Package	£350K	Dec-2023	Preparation of Outline business Case
A41 Moxley Iron Park to Walsall Town Centre Walk,			
Cycle and Bus Corridor (Phase 1)	£450K	Dec-2023	Preparation of Outline business Case
Hagley Road Rapid Transit	£2.6m	Nov-2023	Preparation of Outline business Case
			land and property acquisition to support further
A454 Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor Phase 3	£900k	Sep-2023	development and delivery.
A454 Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor Tile Hill delivery	£400K	Sep-2023	Preparation of Outline business Case
A449 Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor	£1.2m	Aug-2023	Preparation of Outline business Case
Mobility Hubs & E Bikes	£407k	Jul-2023	Preparation of Full business Case
Coventry South Sustainable Transport (GIGA Factory		May -	
Links)	£574.8k	2023	Scheme Delivery

Funding forecast

The graph below shows the forecast funding spend as well as delivery profiles of the CRSTS schemes.

The highest forecast spend is predicted to occur between the first quarter of 2025/26 and the final quarter of 2025/26 with over £100m forecast to be spent each quarter.

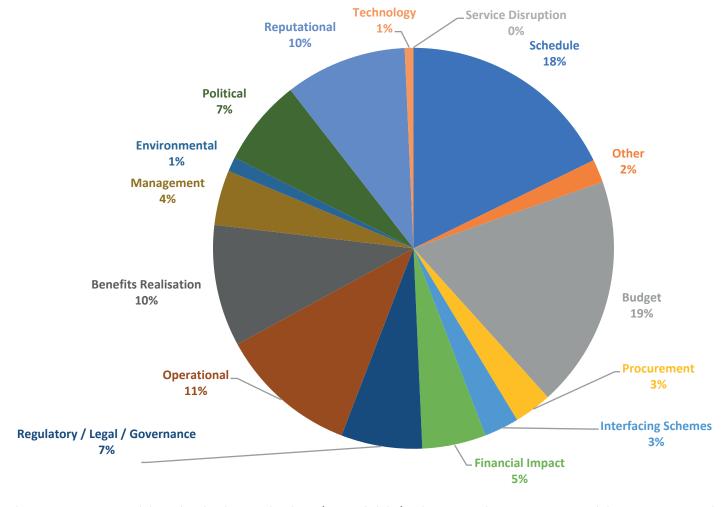
A significant amount of spend is predicted in the final year of the CRSTS programme with approximately £80m forecast to be spent in each quarter.



Programme risks

Risk categories

The figure below shows risks for all projects in the programme grouped into WMCA risk categories



The most common risks raised relate to budget (19% of risks). The second most common risks were categorised as schedule risks (18%).

Key risks

The key programme risks, and their mitigations, are shown below.

Risk	Description	Consequence	Mitigation
	Public objection to projects which reallocate road space or prioritise bus and active travel over cars	Design / scope changes and potential reduction in benefits	Undertake early engagement with the public to determine levels of support and adjust designs accordingly.
Clustered delivery	Significant delivery activity towards rear of programme	on the network at the same time	Development of a delivery plan with network mitigation / communications strategy.
Supply chain	Significant delivery activity towards rear of programme	Risks of lack of contractor availability due to competing demands from within (and external to) the programme	Early contractor engagement and coordination of project delivery
LTN 1/20	Highway constraints limit opportunity to deliver LTN 1/20 compliant infrastructure	Design / scope changes and potential reduction in benefits	Early and ongoing engagement with Active Travel England, seek departures where required
Affordability	Preferred Options for some schemes may exceed available funding envelope	Design / scope changes and potential reduction in benefits	Review costs at appropriate phases, if necessary consider phased delivery, explore opportunities to secure alternative funding
Political support	Schemes may not be supported by elected members	Delay to approvals process and / or changes to design / scope	Early and continuous engagement with elected members
Local governance	Length of approvals process	If approval process is lengthy then there could be delays to project delivery	Continuous communication with teams arranging approvals, teams informed in advance of decisions required. Teams arranging approvals to clearly explain processes and keep promoters informed of key dates
Utilities	Location of utilities uncertain at some sites	Increase in cost of schemes and delay to delivery	Liaison with utilities providers through development of schemes
Land	For some schemes there is uncertainty as to whether the necessary land can be acquired	Design / scope changes and potential reduction in benefits	Early engagement with land owners and limiting requirement for land acquisition where possible

Future development profile

Based on the information provided by scheme promoters we forecast that 62 business case documents will be submitted over the next financial year, 16 of which are predicted to be Full Business Cases and 8 of which are predicted to be Business Justification Cases.

The forecast profile of submissions over the next year is shown in the table on the right. The graph on the right shows the forecast of business case submissions for the remainder of the programme.

Full Business Cases forecast to be submitted over the next financial year are summarised below.

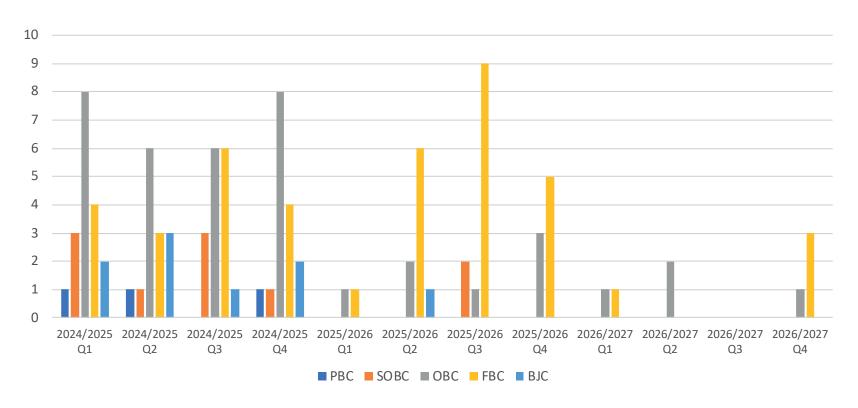
- City Centre Active Travel Connections to Interchange: Phase 1
- Very Light Rail: Innovation Centre (Dudley)
- Smethwick Birmingham Inclusive Growth Corridor Transport Package
- Chester Road Corridor Segregated Cycleway and Capacity Enhancement
- A41 Moxley Iron Park to Walsall Town Centre Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor (Phase 1)
- Wolverhampton City Centre Movement 0 Walk, Cycle and Bus Package
- A4123 Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor
- Ultra Rapid Charging Transit Stations (EVCATS)
- Mobility Hubs & E bikes
- Swift cEMV contactless payment broker
- East Birmingham to Solihull Corridor: Damson Parkway active travel / sprint improvements

- Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Extension Sustainable Access Measures
- Park & Ride Estate Development: Tile Hill Delivery
- A461 Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor
- ULEV Infrastructure: Black Country
- ULEV Infrastructure: Rest of West Midlands

Our current information forecasts that there will be a substantial level of Outline Business Case development over his financial year, with peaks in quarters 1 and 4. Full Business Case Development is forecast to increase in 2025/26 with a peak in the quarter 3. In the final year of the programme we are currently predicting a small amount of OBC and FBC development.

Forecast business case submissions over the next financial year

	Apr-2024	May-2024	Jun-2024	Jul-2024	Aug-2024	Sep-2024	Oct-2024	Nov-2024	Dec-2024	Jan-2025	Feb-2025	Mar-2025
Programme Business Case	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Strategic Outline Business Case	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1
Outline Business Case	2	3	3	2	3	1	3	0	3	2	3	3
Full Business Case	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	1	1	2
Business Justification Case	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	1





Summary

This report has set out the position of the West Midlands CRSTS programme as of the end of the financial year 2023/24 (the end of the second year of the CRSTS programme). It has provided the context for CRSTS investment including setting out the transport challenges faced in the area as well as the policy environment in which these issues will be resolved.

A summary of the key achievements over the last financial year has been provided including both development and delivery milestones. We have also provided an update on work done regarding our Local Network Improvement Plans allocation and our Highways Maintenance allocation.

This report has also presented a health check for the overall programme. Approximately half of projects are reporting amber status in terms of risks and milestones, whilst the majority are reporting green status in terms of financials. 49% of projects are reporting green status overall whilst 53% are reporting amber.

The funding update for the programme has shown that up to this point £565.4m of CRSTS funding has been approved with £210.7m spent. The forecast of future spending suggests that the period with the highest expenditure will be over the financial year 2025/26.

In terms of scheme development, it is forecast that 62 business case documents will be submitted over the next financial year including 16 Full Business Cases and 8 Business Justification Cases.

In terms of forecast delivery, 25 projects are projected to commence or complete delivery / construction over the next financial year.

The table overleaf presents the current forecast delivery dates for all of the CRSTS schemes along with the forecast dates included in the original submission.

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The table below summarises the forecast timescales vs the original timescales for packages of schemes

			Original	Original Forecast		cast Current Forecast		e (months)					
			Delivery	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery					
Package	Description	Sub-project	start	complete	start	complete	start	complete					
	Further research and development of VLR along with the construction	Coventry Demonstration Route			Aug-2024	Jan-2025							
Very Light Rail	of a route from Coventry Station to University Hospital Coventry &	Innovation Centre (Dudley)	Nov-2022	Sep-2025	Aug-2024	Aug-2025	21	-8					
	Warwickshire	R&D / Development			n/a	nla							
Metro Upgrades	Upgrades to Line 1 depot and traction power	Metro Traction Power	Oct-2022	Sep-2025	Jun-2023	Mar-2027	8	17					
netto opgrades	opgrades to time ruepot and traction power	Metro Depot	Started	Mar-2025	Apr-2022	Jul-2026		15					
A4123 Walk, Cycle and	Multi-modal corridor improvements, including LTN 1/20 compliant	Multi-modal corridor improvements, including LTN 1/20 compliant cycleway and bus											
Bus Corridor	cycleway and bus priority measures.	priority measures.	Jan-2025	Mar-2027	Jul-2025	Mar-2027	6	0					
Das Collidor	cycleway and bus priority measures.	Segregated cycleway from Burnt Tree to Lower City Rd			Jan-1900	Jan-1900							
East Birmingham to	Short to medium-term options for transport enhancements in the East	Bus Priority			Sep-2026	Aug-2027)26 14 27	0					
_	Birmingham to Solihull Corridor.	Damson Parkway active travel / Sprint improvements	Jun-2024	Mar-2027	Aug-2025	Dec-2026							
Soliriali Collidoi		First-mile / Last-mile			Apr-2026	Mar-2027							
		Phases 1 & 2			Jun-2025	Sep-2027							
	Multi-modal corridor between Wolverhampton and Walsall including	East Park active travel						i '		Jan-2026	Jun-2026		
	high quality walking and cycling infrastructure and improving bus	Phase 3	Sep-2024	Mar-2027	Dec-2026	Dec-2027	7	0					
Corridor	journey time relaibility.	Willenhall Core Walking Zone		mar-zuz r			,	۰					
	Journey time relability.	Bentley active travel			п	la .							
		Birchills active travel			Apr-2025	Mar-2027							
	Delivery of on-street residential chargepoints in areas with no off-street	ULEV - Rest of West Midlands	Apr-2023	Mar-2027	Dec-2024	Dec-2026	14	-3					
ULEV Infrastructure	parking, as well as other EV charging facilities around the West	ULEV - Black Country	Apr-2023	11ar-2021	Jun-2024	Sep-2025	14	-5					
Park & Ride Estate	Delivery of improved park and ride at Tile Hill accompanied by improved	P&R development	Aug-2024	Oct-2026	n/a	nla	9	1					
Development	access by bus and active travel. Development of park and ride sites at	Tile Hill delivery	Aug-2024	00(-2020	May-2025	Dec-2026	3	'					
Foleshill Transport	Junction improvements, PT priority measures and walking & cycling	Foleshill Rd Bus Gate & Cycleway			Jan-2025	Mar-2026							
Package	infrastructure.	A444 J2 Roundabout	Jul-2023	Dec-2024	Jul-2024	Jan-2025	8	14					
- ackage	milestatate.	J9 Radford Rd Cycleway			Nov-2022	Mar-2023							

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		Original Forecast		Current	Forecast	Differenc	e (months)
		Delivery	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
Scheme name	Description	start	complete	start	complete	start	complete
	Interventions at key junctions on the highways network to improve upon the schemes	Jan-2023	Mar-2027	Mar-2028	Mar-2032	61	59
Multi-modal Access to HS2 Enhancement.	proposed by HS2 including provision of LTN 1/20 compliant infrastructure.	Jan-2023	Mar-2021	Mar-2020	Mar-2032	01	55
	To deliver a 'broker' that will enable integrated cEMV contactless payment capping across	Nov-2022	Dec-2025	Feb-2025	Jun-2026	27	6
Swift cEMV contactless payment broker	operators and modes	NOV-2022	Dec-2025	reb-2025	Jun-2026	21	0
	Segregated cycleway connecting the large residential area of Dickens Heath to the south	Feb-2024	E-1 202E	Mar-2026	Mar-2027	25	24
Dickens Heath to Solihull Town Centre LCWIP Scheme.	of the borough with the town centre.	Feb-2024	Feb-2025	Mar-2026	Mar-2027	25	24
	Segragated cycleway connecting Solihull town centre to Knowle, a key settlement in the	F 1 2024	E 1 2025	м 2000	M 2027	05	24
Knowle to Solihull Town Centre LCWIP Scheme.	rural east of Solihull.	Feb-2024	Feb-2025	Mar-2026	Mar-2027	25	24
	Bus priority measures along with walking and cycling infastructure via reallocation of		0 0004			05	
A449 Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor	available highway space.	Apr-2023	Sep-2024	May-2025	Apr-2027	25	30
	Delivery of 10 EV charging stations located on or in close proximity to the Key Route						
Ultra Rapid Charging Transit Stations (EVCATS)	Network for the West Midlands and Warwickshire.	Aug-2023	Jun-2025	Jan-2025	Dec-2026	17	17
	Delivery funding for various LTN 1/20 compliant walk and cycle corridors within the Black						
Black Country Walking and Cycling Package	Country, as identified in the WMLCWIP.	Oct-2023	Mar-2027	Mar-2025	Mar-2027	17	0
	Further work and analysis of rapid transit options along this corridor followed by initial						_
Hagley Road Rapid Transit	stages of delivery.	Sep-2024	Dec-2026	Jan-2026	Dec-2026	16	0
	LTN 1/20 compliant high quality continuous cycle route and additional walking						
	infrastructure will be created through the city, creating a high quality walking and cycling	Mar-2023	Apr-2024	Jul-2024	Feb-2026	16	21
Wolverhampton City Centre Movement - Walk, Cycle and Bus Package							
months and a service in the many of the service and se	New station at Aldridge and reintroduction of passenger services to the station along a						
Aldridge Station*	short section of the existing Sutton Park rail line.	Jan-2025	Mar-2027	Apr-2026	Mar-2027	15	0
BSIP Retrofit Programme (120 buses to Euro 6)	Retrofitting of 120 older buses to get them to Euro 6 emissions standards.	Jun-2025	Mar-2026	Sep-2026	Sep-2026	15	5
Active Travel - A45 Segregated Cycleway	The provision of a segregated cycle way between Birmingham City centre and the Airport.	Mar-2025	Apr-2026	May-2026	Mar-2027	14	10
notive traver into degregated dycleway	Bus priority infrastructure on 8 radial routes into I out of Birmingham creating four cross-		· ·	- f	1101 2021	17	
BSIP Bus Priority X-city Routes	city routes.	Sep-2024	Sep-2026	Sep-2025	Mar-2027	12	5
Boil- Bus Filolity A-City Houses	Completion of the Selly Oak to Longbridge section of the high-quality A38 segregated						
Selly Oak to Longbridge Segregated Cycling	cycle route.	May-2025	Jan-2027	May-2026	Mar-2027	12	1
Selly Bak to congonage Segregated Cycling	Phase 2 enables completion of the full project include priority measures in the Black						
Sprint A34 Phase 2	Country.	Jun-2023	Nov-2024	May-2024	Sep-2026	11	21
Sprint A45 Phase 2	Phase 2 enables completion of the full project include priority measures in Solihull.	Jun-2023	Nov-2024	Apr-2024	Jul-2025	10	7
Coventry South Sustainable Transport (GIGA Factory Links)	Improvements along London Rd, including a LTN 1/20 segregated cycle link.	Jan-2023	Mar-2025	Apr-2024 Aug-2023	Mar-2027	7	24
Coventry South Sustainable Transport (GIGA Factory Links)	Delivery of LTN 1/20 compliant cycle infrastructure and a modest increase of highway	Jan-2023	Mar-2025	Aug-2023	Mar-2021	r	24
	capacity on a heavily congested section of the A452 Chester Road through Chelmunds	Jun-2025	Dec-2026	Jan-2026	Dec-2026	7	0
Chester Road Corridor – Segregated Cycleway and Capacity Enhance		Jun-2025	Dec-2026	Jan-2026	Dec-2026	ſ	٥
Bus, Cycle and Walk Access: Darlaston and Willenhall Train Stations		Apr-2024	Mar-2025	Nov-2024	Jul-2025	7	3
bus, Cycle and Walk Access: Dariaston and Willenhall Train Stations	Walk, cycle, bus & general highway improvements to help unlock	Apr-2024	Mar-2025	NOV-2024	Jul-2025	ſ	3
	Delivery of infrastructure at Dudley Port to improve integration and interchange between	Jan-2024	Dec-2024	Aug-2024	Mar-2027	7	27
Dudley Port ITH - Phase 1 and Phase 2 Development	bus, rail and metro.						
	Full roll-out of Mobility Hubs including different variants providing a variety of mobility	A	м	00004	M 0000		**
	solutions e.g. cycle hire and parking, travel information, micromobility, PT pick up and drop	Apr-2024	Mar-2027	Oct-2024	Mar-2026	6	-12
Mobility Hubs & E Bikes	off etc.					_	
Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Extension Sustainable Access Measures	Active travel upgrades on key links between trip attractors and new metro stops.	Jan-2024	Mar-2027	Jun-2024	Mar-2027	5	0

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The table below summarises the forecast timescales vs the original timescales for individual schemes

		Original Forecast		Current Forecast		Difference (months)	
		Delivery	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
Scheme name	Description	start	complete	start	complete	start	complete
	Walk / cycle connectivity project within Stourbridge town centre, improving perceptions of	Jun-2024	e 202e	Nov-2024	e 202e	5	0
Stourbridge Town Centre Sustainable Connectivity Package	safety and making permananent changes made for EATF.	Jun-2024	Sep-2026	Nov-2024	Sep-2026	5	U
	Upgrade of strategic walking routes between Birmingham New Street, Birmingham Moor	Oct-2025	Mar-2027	Jan-2026	Mar-2027	3	0
One Station and Smallbrook Queensway	Street, Birmingham Curzon Street and Birmingham Snow Hill	UC(-2025	Mar-2021	Jan-2026	Mar-2021	3	o o
	Improved walking and cycling access to and through Sutton Town Centre and associated	Mar-2026	Mar-2027	May-2026	Mar-2027	2	0
Sutton Gateway	changes to highway layouts to support regeneration.	11la1-2020	11a1-2021	11ay-2020	11la1-2021	۷	0
	New assets and improved IT systems to support wider Demand Responsive Transport	Sep-2025	Mar-2027	Nov-2025	Mar-2027	2	0
Demand Responsive Bus (inc diversification of Ring & Ride)	deployment across the region.	0ep 2020	1101 2021	1404 2020	1-1a1 2021	-	Ů
	Cross Solihull bus route, with priority infrastructure to connect the UKC Hub area with	Mar-2026	Mar-2027	May-2026	Mar-2027	2	0
UKC – Solihull – Dorridge Bus Priority	Solihull Town Centre, Cranmore and Blythe Valley Business Parks and Knowle / Dorridge.			,			
Smethwick - Birmingham Inclusive Growth Corridor Transport Package	Dudley Road corridor improvements, (cycling and walking / PT / Smart Mobility)	Mar-2025	Mar-2027	Mar-2025	Mar-2027	0	0
Dudley Town Centre Interchange Sustainable Connectivity Package	Walk / cycle connectivity project within Dudley town centre, improving perceptions of	Jan-2025	Mar-2027	Jan-2025	Mar-2027	0	0
	safety. Integration with WBHE Metro and Dudley Interchange urban realmenhancements.						
	Upgrade, restoration and renovation of walking and cycling links public realm across	Sep-2025	Mar-2027	Jan-2025	Mar-2027	-8	0
City Centre Active Travel Connections to Interchange	Birmingham City Centre, between key public transport interchanges.						
	Multi-modal LTN 1/20 compliant infrastructure improvements for active travel and bus	Mar-2025	Mar-2027	Jun-2024	Mar-2027	-9	0
A461 Dudley Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor	priority for various bus routes identified in the WMBSIP.						
	Multi-modal LTN 1/20 compliant infrastructure improvements for active travel and bus	Mar-2025	Mar-2027	Jun-2024	Mar-2027	-9	0
A461Sandwell Walk, Cycle and Bus Corridor	priority for various bus routes identified in the WMBSIP.					40	
	Multi-Modal junction and corridor improvements for walking, cycling and buses.	Apr-2026	Mar-2027	Mar-2025	Mar-2027	-13	0
WBHE Metro (Final Year of TCF)	Extension of the Metro to Brierley Hill	Started	May-2025	Mar-2020	Jan-2025	0	-4
Metro Line 1 Renovation costs	Asset renewal of Line 1 to enable continued reliable and safe operation	Started	Dec-2025	Nov-2022	Mar-2027	0	14
	Development of a multi-modal interchange incorporating increased capacity at the						
0 11 11 10 10	station, alongside significantly improved bus interchange facilities and enhanced public	Nov-2022	Mar-2027	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Solihull Rail Station	realm and provision / facilities for cyclists and pedestrians.						
	Improvements to the Snow Hill area of the city centre including the usage of the ring road.	Jan-2023	Sep-2026	n/a	n/a	n/a	nla
Snow Hill Growth Strategy	Project could see expansion of development areas for residential and employments sites.						
Library Committee on LMASD Library Committee Touristics	The construction of a bridge over the M42 to provide sustainable access to the HS2	Jan-2023	Mar-2027	n/a	n/a	n/a	nla
West Coast Mainline and M42 Public Transport and Active Travel bridge							
	Funding for the development of a number of new stations in anticipation of subsequent	Jan-2023	Mar-2027	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rail Development	delivery funding. Development funding for Walsall Town Centre Interchange, which involves Reconfigured						
Bus, Cycle and Walk Access: Walsall Town Centre Interchange	access to St Paul's Bus Station and delivery of town centre masterplan.	Jan-2024	Mar-2027	n/a	n/a	n/a	nla
bus, Cycle and Walk Access: Walsali Town Centre Interchange	Construction of three new rail stations at Darlaston and Willenhall and provision of a rail						
 Rail Package 1 (Willenhall & Darlaston)	service on an existing rail line which currently has no local passenger service	n/a	n/a	Sep-2021	Feb-2026	n/a	nla
hall Fackage I (willer mail & ballaston)	Construction of three new rail stations at Moseley, Kings Heath and Pineapple Road and						
	provision of a rail service on an existing rail line which currently has no local passenger	n/a	n/a	Mar-2022	Feb-2025	n/a	nla
 Rail Package 2 (Camp Hill Line: Kings Heath, Moseley & Pineapple Roa	j	illa	illa	1-1al-2022	1 60-2020	IIIa	IIIa
Train sorrage a toamp i ili aire. Trings Hearn, Proseley & Pilleappie Hoa	Re-build of Dudley Bus station to incorporate DIRO operations and provide better						
Dudley Interchange	interchange with Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro which has a stop adjacent to the site.	n/a	n/a	Feb-2024	May-2025	n/a	n/a
- Daniey i Keroriange	Onboard Energy Storage System (OESS) Service Agreement. Scope of works is for CAF to						
	renew the OESS when life expired on the 2G fleet of trams. Repairs to a viaduct over the	n/a	n/a	May-2021	Mar-2027	n/a	nla
CAF Battery / Viaduct	Dudley canal.			ridy 2021	1101 2021		1110
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