

## FAQs

### 1. What is a Local Transport Plan?

The Transport Act 2000 introduced a statutory requirement for local transport authorities to produce a Local Transport Plan and to keep it under review. The Local Transport Plan is intended to set out the authority's plans and strategies for maintaining and improving all aspects of the local transport system over the period to 2050. The Local Transport Plan sets out the following:

- The current and future transport needs of people and freight, across transport modes
- The vision and objectives for transport in the area alongside a programme for achieving them
- Policies and delivery plans relating to transport, explaining how they contribute to the delivery of local strategic priorities

A Local Transport Plan should also consider the maintenance, operation and best use of the assets necessary for transport delivery, within the context of increasing environmental constraints.

### 2. Why is it needed?

The devolution deal agreed with Central Government in 2017 gave the Mayor and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority power over certain transport functions, with the combined authority taking over the role of the Local Transport Authority from Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council. One of the key responsibilities of the Local Transport Authority is the development of a new Local Transport Plan.

An ambitious plan will help us to establish a fully integrated, multi-modal transport system in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The Local Transport Plan is a critical tool in developing a transport system that supports the Mayor's strategic priorities of economic growth and opportunity, equity and environmental responsiveness. It will inform our work with communities and other organisations, ensuring that we respond to local needs and deliver investments with good value for money. The Local Transport Plan will also assist Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to secure investment from central government and other organisations to deliver transport schemes.

### 3. How does the Local Transport Plan relate to other strategic documents and schemes?

The Local Transport Plan will be integrated with a range of other documents to ensure alignment with local, regional and national strategic priorities. Relevant documents include:

- Interim Local Transport Plan (2017): We are evaluating the vision and delivery plans set out in the interim Local Transport Plan, assessing which objectives and schemes are still relevant. The new Local Transport Plan will address the shortfalls in the existing Local Transport Plan, to ensure full alignment with the Combined Authority's bold and ambitious transport aspirations.
- Mayoral Interim Transport Strategy Statement (2018): We are incorporating the ambitious vision set out by the Mayor into the Local Transport Plan, ensuring that the key features and strategic framework that will emerge from the Local Transport Plan will work towards achieving this vision.
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER) (2018): We are incorporating the findings from the CPIER into our own evidence base, which will be used to carry out further analysis on how the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough economy interacts with transport.

- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Strategic Spatial Framework (Non- Statutory) (2018): We are incorporating the planned development numbers and locations provided in the report into our analysis of whether transport can support the planned growth of the area.
- Strategic Bus Review (2019): this document will guide the work done by the Bus Reform Task Force and will inform our policy on public transport in general and buses in particular.

## **5. What is the function of the Local Transport Plan for the CPCA?**

- To support the growth within the current Local Plans and the Local Plans being updated, including South Cambridgeshire and City, Huntingdonshire and Fenland
- To provide a platform for the development of a transport network and policy framework that can support the level of growth identified in the CPIER and Growth Ambition Statement
- To provide the policy foundation for the Combined Authority's priority projects identified within the 2019/20 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Business Plan
- To provide the policy foundation for development of the Non-Statutory Spatial Framework Phase 2

## **4. Which transport schemes will be included?**

The Mayoral Interim Transport Strategy identified several strategic transport projects and studies that the Combined Authority will consider for inclusion in the LTP. These are:

- Cambridge Autonomous Metro
- A10 Upgrade
- M11 Extension
- Ely Rail Improvements
- Soham Station
- Cambridge Rail Capacity Study
- Huntingdon Third River Crossing
- A47 Dualling
- Wisbech Rail
- Wisbech Access
- Wisbech Garden Town
- Oxford to Cambridge Expressway (A428)
- Cambridge South Station
- A505 corridor
- East-West Rail
- Bus Reform Task Force

These projects are at different levels of development and will be considered in further detail within the Local Transport Plan. A pipeline of other schemes will also be explored, with an options sifting process to identify alignment with the objectives and vision of the Local Transport Plan.

## **5. When will it be available?**

The development of the Local Transport Plan is currently underway, with a view to complete in Winter 2019.

A public consultation period on the draft Local Transport Plan will run from June 2019 to September 2019.

## 6. What will be consulted upon?

The statutory public consultation period will commence on June 17 and close on September 29. The consultation will be based upon a full draft of the Local Transport Plan<sup>1</sup> and will be supported by a series of structured questions seeking feedback on the draft material.

The following promotional and supporting materials will be produced to inform an online consultation (with more traditional document-based options being available to those without online access):

- an online copy of the LTP document described above;
- a concise 'consultation leaflet', suitable as a high-level introduction to the draft document, or as introductory text online, and including details of how to respond to the consultation;
- a series of consultation questions to help frame and channel public responses to any specific areas of focus. -

The consultation launch will need to be supported through a range of communication channels including:

- communications with statutory consultees seeking views;
- distribution of a consultation leaflet, including consultation response form

Media releases and social media content to raise awareness of the consultation and exhibitions<sup>2</sup>.

## 7. How can I get involved?

Full details on how to participate in the consultation are available on the Local Transport Plan webpage:

<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/ltp>

Engagement is available at a range of consultation events held throughout Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in June, July and September. Details on how to engage online are available via the above weblink.

. If you wish to contact us regarding any aspect of the Local Transport Plan please send us an email to

[LTP@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk](mailto:LTP@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk)

## 8. What's next?

Consultation responses will be collated and anonymised by the Combined Authority before analysis and summary.

Between the end of the statutory consultation period and the launch of the LTP, we will engage with key stakeholders to discuss the key findings from the consultation period and proposed amendments, and to engage on the delivery plans.

Finally, the revised LTP will be launched via the website, supported by a communications campaign. Alongside the LTP document itself will be provided information concerning the outcome of the consultation process. The aim of this is to demonstrate the value placed on stakeholders' views, and how these helped to shape the LTP.

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<sup>1</sup> Constituting 2050 Vision and 2036 Local Transport Plan (Long Term Transport Strategy)