

Meeting: **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**

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TRANSPORT ISSUES UPDATE

Purpose of report

1. To update the Committee on cycle infrastructure proposals and highlight opportunities for joint working within the urban area.

Importance of cycling

2. At the September Joint Committee meeting a report was provided on the areas which will directly benefit from Local Growth Fund investment being coordinated through the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership as part of the Growth Deal with Government.
3. Investment in cycle infrastructure was recognised as a key feature in the Growth Deal because it supports economic growth, access to housing and the creation of new jobs as well improving health, social inclusion and access to work.

Committed funding for cycle infrastructure

4. This report specifically focuses on investment which will provide improved cycle infrastructure and the associated benefits. Funding has been committed from the following sources:
 - Cycle City Ambition Package - £6.1 million (2015/16 and 2016/17)
 - Nottingham Enterprise Zone Sustainable Transport Package £6m (2016/17 and beyond)
 - D2N2 Sustainable Travel Programme £5.8 million (share to be confirmed from 2016/17 and beyond)
 - Cycle Rail fund £600,000 for the upgrade of the cycle parking facility at Nottingham Station.

Proposed areas for cycle infrastructure investment (Appendix A – plan showing where investment will be made)

5. Cycle City Ambition Package

- North – south and east – west high quality branded cross city cycle corridors.
- Enhanced cycle routes in, around and through the City Centre.
- Routes through, around and to Nottingham's Parks.
- Multi-user path along the banks of the Leen creating a north – south corridor through the City.
- Improved cycle access in the neighbourhoods. Specific areas identified include St Anns Wells Road, Lenton and Bulwell.
- Expansion of the Citycard Cycles scheme.

6. Nottingham Enterprise Zone Sustainable Transport Package

Measures which will build and provide sustainable transport access to the Enterprise Zone and support future growth capacity. These measures will ensure good sustainable transport connections to key routes such as University Boulevard and the tram as well as the Big Track.

7. D2N2 sustainable travel programme

In total £5.8 million is available for the D2N2 area some of which is to be allocated to the Nottingham urban area. Allocations will be used for infrastructure measures that complement the £1.2 million Local Sustainable Transport Fund programme.

8. Cycle Rail Fund

£600,000 has been provided to East Midlands Trains to allow the expansion, a roof and enhanced facilities at the Nottingham Station Milk Dock cycle parking facility. Construction is planned to start in March 2015.

Wider investment and implementation

9. In addition to the direct investment into sustainable transport infrastructure cycling and walking connections are key priorities which are supported by the wider transport programme. In particular in the City Centre investment from the Broadmarsh/Southern Gateway and the Creative Quarter schemes will help deliver improved cross City connections and enable the north – south and east – west (and future cycle corridors) to be joined up and coherent through the City Centre.

The Ring Road Major will deliver significant improvements to the cycle route from the QMC through to the A60. This will include crossing facilities as all major junctions and smooth and continuous route across all minor side roads.

Longer term vision and funding

10. The City Council is working up a 10 year vision to 'Cycle Proof' the City. This will build on and expand the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and Cycle City programmes. In designing this vision and ensuring delivery extends to the full conurbation close working with the County Council will be essential as well as other partners.
11. Areas are also being invited to establish partnerships with the Department for Transport (DfT). This will include aligning the local vision and strategy for cycling with the Government's Cycling Delivery Plan. Discussions have begun with the DfT with final Expressions of Interest needing to be submitted in the New Year. This partnership will help develop design standards and funding opportunities.

Recommendation

12. Agree to closer working between the City and County Council to work up and deliver the longer term vision for the cycle network in the urban area.

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Appendix A – Areas to benefit from cycle Infrastructure Investment in 2015/16 – 2016 -17



