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Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils  
working together to improve your local transport

# West of England Joint Local Transport Plan Questionnaire

Complete this questionnaire online at [www.transportmatters.org](http://www.transportmatters.org)

The West of England councils are working together to produce a new transport plan for the area. Transport is an important issue, affecting everyone, and we want your views on it.

Our Plan sets out our transport related goals, which aim to improve transport and our quality of life, and how we intend to achieve these goals between 2011 and 2026. If you would like more details on our transport plan, or to make more comments about it, read it online at [www.transportmatters.org](http://www.transportmatters.org)

## Our current plan

We produced our first transport plan together in 2006. This was the first phase of our vision. As a result we are currently delivering the £70 million Greater Bristol Bus Network; three major transport schemes have first phase approval for Government funding totalling £49 million for a package of improvements in Bath, £43 million for the Ashton Vale Rapid Transit route and £11 million for a package of improvements in Weston-super-Mare. In Spring 2010 we submitted two more bids to Government for £47 million for the South Bristol Link, and £168 million for the North Fringe to Hengrove package.

Find out more about these schemes at [www.transportmatters.org](http://www.transportmatters.org)

## How you can help us

Please return this questionnaire by **4 October 2010** or if you'd prefer, go to [www.transportmatters.org](http://www.transportmatters.org) to complete an online version.

The results of this questionnaire will help inform the policies and action plan of our new transport plan and will be published in November 2010. Our final transport plan for 2011-2026 will be published in March 2011.

For comments, questions and information on our next transport plan:

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## Question 1:

Which of these five goals would you focus on in the first three years, and which is most important for our future?

### Our Key Goals

Our Plan is based around five key transport goals which take account of transport's wider impact on climate change, economic growth, equality, health, quality of life and the natural environment.

<b>Our plan's five key goals</b>	<b>Which would you focus on in the first three years?</b> please tick one	<b>Which is most important for our future?</b> please tick one
<b>Reduce carbon emissions</b> Promoting low carbon travel choices, reducing traffic and adapting to the effects of climate change by increasing the transport network's ability to cope with extreme weather events.		
<b>Support economic growth</b> Tackling congestion, improving reliability and journey times and improving links to existing, and new, homes and jobs.		
<b>Promote equality of opportunity</b> Improving accessibility for all residents to local services, assisting neighbourhood renewal and regeneration, and addressing the needs of people with mobility problems.		
<b>Contribute to better health, safety and security</b> Improving road safety, air quality and personal security on the transport network. Also, promoting more physically active travel e.g. walking and cycling.		
<b>Improve quality of life and a healthy natural environment</b> Reducing the impact of transport on the environment, reducing noise pollution and enhancing our streetscape and public spaces. Also, promoting better access to leisure activities and the countryside.		

So we can be sure we have covered the whole of the West of England area, please give us the first part of your postcode:

## Question 2: Where do you think it is most important to focus investment?

### Transport costs

The four councils currently have a combined budget of £13 million to spend on smaller scale transport projects and £14 million for maintenance each year. It's important to think carefully about where we invest, and what we invest in, especially over the next three years, as council spending comes under increased pressure.

### Examples of transport costs:

Pedestrian bridge over a road – about £2 million.

New railway station – about £5 million.

Traffic lights with pedestrian controls – about £150,000.

The West of England Councils also spend over £20 million supporting bus, rail, Park & Ride travel and concessionary fares.

### Moving forwards

We have a 3-year action plan that sets out how we will progress work towards the five goals and we'd like your views on these. Bearing in mind the increased pressure on council spending, **please select three areas where you think it is most important to focus investment over the next three years, and one area which you think is the least important.**

	Most important tick three	Least important tick one
<b>Cycling</b> Promoting cycling as a means of travel through education, training, publicity and improvements to cycling facilities and routes.		
<b>Network management</b> Management and maintenance of the local network of roads and footways to provide for all users e.g. engineering schemes, traffic control centres, traffic signal schemes - including possible removal, 20 mph zones, new roads, maintenance programmes and event, street works and incident management.		
<b>Freight</b> Measures such as recommended lorry routes, freight consolidation centres with smaller local deliveries, access controls and safe and fuel efficient driver training.		
<b>Parking</b> Measures such as providing and managing on and off street parking, enforcement of regulations, residents' parking schemes, disabled parking provision, Park & Rides and parking for coaches, lorries, motorcycles and cycles, innovative parking controls.		
<b>Public transport</b> Measures to enhance reliability, frequency of and access to travel by bus, coach, rail, Park & Ride, community transport, taxi and water transport and development of rapid transit.		
<b>Road safety</b> Measures such as speed management, engineering schemes, education, training and child safety schemes.		
<b>Rural transport</b> Measures to increase rural residents' access to services and transport options, reducing the impact of traffic on rural villages, supporting tourism and leisure activities, increasing the role of community transport.		
<b>Smarter choices</b> Measures to encourage sustainable travel e.g. better travel information, car sharing, travel planning and promotion of sustainable travel modes such as walking, cycling, public transport.		
<b>Walking</b> Promoting walking as a means of travel through better facilities, information and routes, Rights of Way Improvement Plan.		

More information on each of these areas can be found in the "Supplementary Documents" of the draft plan at [www.transportmatters.org](http://www.transportmatters.org)

### Question 3: About you

#### i) What is your main form of transport today?

Select one

- Foot  Cycle  Train  
 Motorbike  Car  Bus  
 Other (please state)

#### ii) Where did you pick up this questionnaire?

- Council office  Library  Local shop  
 Other (please state)

#### iii) How did you find out about this questionnaire?

- Poster at work  Council newsletter  Council website  
 Newspaper  Road sign  Petrol pump  
 Other (please state)

#### iv) Optional questions about you

- Female  Male  
 Under 18  19-29  30-44  
 45-59  60-74  Over 75

Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

- Yes  No

If yes, please tell us how this affects the way that you access public transport

Please tell us your ethnic origin

Please tell us your religion

Any personal details on this form are confidential and will not be passed to a third party. Personal details will not be attributed to the views and comments expressed on this form.

**v) Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. If you would like to be entered into our prize draw to win a day out at a local attraction please give your name and contact details:**

**Name**

**Address**

**email**

Please use this space for any other comments you have

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