



Department
for Transport

Transport – an engine for growth



- We need good transport – to make our economy stronger and our lives easier. Our competitors are improving their roads, rolling out high speed railways and expanding their airports. We must too.
- We're taking investment to record levels, and making sure all forms of transport gain. It's a big, bold programme to get our country up to speed.
- This is backed by long-term funding, to be locked into law for roads. This means industry can build up jobs and skills without the cost of uncertainty.

This leaflet sets out what we are doing now and what we will achieve by the end of the next Parliament to transform Britain's transport network.

The biggest upgrade of our **road network** for half a century

Smoother, safer journeys:

- **Investing more than £6 billion** in this Parliament and **£12 billion** in the next in **road maintenance. Enough to resurface 80%** of the national road network and fill **19 million potholes a year** on local roads.

Tackling congestion to reduce delays and stimulate economic growth:

- Trebling funding for major road schemes and building 52 major road projects by 2020/21, subject to value for money and deliverability.
- Adding 400 lane miles of capacity to our busiest motorways.
- Identifying and funding solutions to fix the worst congestion hotspots.

The most radical change to the management of our highways in nearly half a century:

- Transforming the Highways Agency into a publicly-owned strategic highways company, together with long-term funding deals underpinned by legislation will improve efficiency and ensure best value for taxpayers.

Protecting the environment:

- Working with local partners to improve the **quality and environmental performance** of our roads such as through better **design**, the latest **materials**, **smart lighting** and **quieter surfaces**.
- Continuing to support the uptake of **low emission vehicles** with **£500 million** in the next Parliament, to **stimulate innovation** and **strengthen the UK's leading position** in this market.

Modernising our **rail network**

Investment in our railways is at record levels:

- We will provide room **for an extra 140,000 commuters** into 10 of our biggest cities by 2020.
- In the north of England, station upgrades, extra platforms and electrification will provide capacity for up to 700 more trains per day. This means faster more **frequent services** for passengers and freight, and far quicker links over the Pennines between Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds.

- From 2017, we will provide **new trains** for the East Coast and Great Western main Lines, **improving quality** through increased capacity, better reliability, improved mobile signals and more leg room without losing luggage space. **Journeys** between key cities will be **cut by up to 22 minutes**.
- We are **upgrading 163 railway stations**, providing better passenger facilities and improved accessibility.
- We will electrify 850 miles of track, enabling the use of **faster and more environmentally friendly electric trains**.

Developing HS2:

- We have secured the future of HS2 with an investment package of £16 billion over the next Parliament.
- HS2 will redraw the economic geography of Great Britain, linking 8 out of 10 of our largest cities and bringing two thirds of the population of northern England within two hours of London.
- Parliament will start work on legislation in this parliament and construction will begin in the next.

Improving **local transport**

Giving local areas the power to decide how best to improve local transport:

- In 2015/16 we will contribute £1.1 billion to support local transport projects through the Local Growth Fund, along with a further £5 billion contribution up to 2020/21 to enable long-term planning of priority transport investments in local areas.
- We are continuing investment in London's transport network, allowing planned tube upgrades and other investments to go ahead, **through a Transport for London grant of £1.55 billion in 2015/16**.

Protecting local buses:

- We have protected funding for buses and are pressing ahead with reforms which will encourage the uptake of low carbon buses, support the UK bus manufacturing industry and its wider supply chain, encourage greater bus use and help to ease congestion and improve local air quality.

Continuing to fund innovative transport improvements:

- Continuing to fund innovative smaller schemes that improve local economic growth and reduce CO₂, including walking and cycling, public transport infrastructure, real-time information, car clubs, and electric vehicle charging points.
- Making travel more convenient through our support for easier to use smart digital tickets.

Globally competitive international gateways

Continuing to support thriving private sector-led investment in our international gateways and their supporting industries:

- The air transport sector directly contributes £9.8 billion a year to the UK economy. **Direct air links to over 360 international destinations enable the UK to be a global trading state.** By 2035 we could see a 60% rise in air passenger demand. To ensure that we can maintain our world class links we have established an independent Airports Commission to drive consensus on how to maintain the UK as a globally-competitive international aviation hub.
- The maritime sector directly generates **at least £8.8 billion for the UK economy**, employing over 200,000 people. As an island nation with connections around the world, the UK relies on shipping for about 95% of its imports and exports by volume. We have a thriving maritime sector, including the world's largest concentration of maritime services. To ensure we can continue to grow this sector we are working with industry to support training and skills and cutting regulation to support private sector-led investment.
- We are improving **surface access** to our international gateways, for example by building new western rail access to Heathrow and a strategic rail freight network which will benefit users of ports around the country.

Meeting our commitments

We are already making progress. By 2015:

- We will have transformed investment in our national roads by introducing funding certainty through legislation.
- Completed 123 pinch point projects on our national roads.
- Spent £190 million tackling congestion hotspots through the local pinch points fund.
- 53 local major schemes will either be complete or under construction including Midland Metro Birmingham Extension and the A43 Corby Link Road.
- Completed or begun construction on managed motorway schemes that will add 200 miles of additional lanes to the national road network.
- Completed 163 station upgrades.
- Supported 96 local sustainable transport projects that boost growth, cut carbon and improve safety.

During the next Parliament:

- We will complete work on Crossrail by 2018, bringing 1.5 million more people within a 45-minute commute of London.
- Spending on major road projects will triple, we will resurface 80% of the network.
- We will add another 221 miles of extra capacity to our busiest motorways.
- Three-quarters of all rail passenger journeys in England and Wales will be made on electric trains.
- We will begin the construction of HS2.
- All sub-surface London underground lines will have been upgraded, providing a third more capacity and new air-conditioned trains.

Selected transport projects under construction and projects confirmed or announced in the 2013 Spending Round

Rail		Road	
	HS2 Station		Schemes under construction
	Other Station		Schemes starting in 2013/14
	HS2 Network (Phase One & Two)		Schemes starting 2014/15
	HS2 services on West Coast Main Line		Schemes to start works by March 2015
	HS2 services on East Coast Main Line		Non Managed Motorway Upgrades
	Existing Lines		Managed Motorway
	Electric Spine announced in HLOS		Pinch Point Schemes
	Other new Electrification		Local Authority Major Schemes
			Top 25 Maintenance Projects
			Strategic Road Network

This is a schematic map and is not intended to be geographically accurate

SCOTLAND

Roads and local transport are devolved responsibilities
Scotland will benefit from HS2 and the new InterCity Express rolling stock

NORTH WEST

Already announced:

- North West Rail Electrification
- Northern Hub project
- Trafford Metrolink

Announced at SR13:

- Feasibility study to consider problems and solutions on trans-Pennine routes.
- M60 J24-27 and 1-4, the M62 J10-12, the M56 J6-8, and the M6 J16-19 and 21a-26 managed motorway schemes
- Mersey Gateway Bridge

WEST MIDLANDS

Already announced:

- Electric Spine – linking the East and West Midlands to the ports in the South East
- Upgrades to Birmingham New Street station - 3,900 extra passengers into Birmingham across the three hour morning peak

Announced at SR13:

- Managed motorway schemes on M5 J4a-6 south of Birmingham, M1 J13-19 Rugby, M6 J2-4 and J13-15
- M54/M6 link road Wolverhampton

WALES

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Already announced:

- Exploring M4 funding options alongside response to Silk Commission
- Great Western Mainline Electrification extended from Cardiff to Swansea
- Welsh Valleys electrification
- New InterCity Express rolling stock

SOUTH WEST

Already Announced:

- Electrification of Great Western Mainline
- New InterCity Express rolling stock
- Capacity upgrade to Bristol Temple Meads station
- New Heathrow link from the Great Western Mainline

Announced at SR13:

- Feasibility study for the A303/A30/A358 corridor

SOUTH EAST

Already announced:

- Thameslink
- Crossrail
- A direct East – West rail link from Oxford to Bedford, via Aylesbury, Bicester and Milton Keynes

Announced at SR13:

- M4 J3-12 London to Reading managed motorway scheme
- M23 J8-10 managed motorway scheme near Gatwick
- Managed motorway schemes on the M20 J3-5 Maidstone, M27 J4-11 and the M3 J9-14 near Southampton
- A21 upgrade Tonbridge to Pembury
- A27 Chichester Bypass improvements
- M20 J10a
- A2 Ebbsfleet Junction
- A2 Bean
- Lower Thames Crossing development work

NORTH EAST

Already announced:

- Increased rail capacity on East Coast Mainline and Newcastle
- New Inter City Express rolling stock
- A1 upgrade works at Lobley Hill

Announced at SR13:

- A19 Testos flyover construction
- A19/A1058 coast road near Newcastle improving access to Port of Tyne and major employment sites
- Feasibility study to consider problems and solutions for A1 North of Newcastle; and A1 Newcastle Gateshead Western By-Pass

YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

Already announced:

- Transpennine electrification
- A1 Leeming to Barton – converting dual carriageway into 3 lanes
- Additional rail capacity in Sheffield and Leeds
- The 'electric spine' rail enhancement programme

Announced at SR13:

- A63 Castle Street access improvements to the Port of Hull to relieve congestion and improve safety
- A160/180 Immingham dualing scheme

EAST MIDLANDS

Already announced:

- M1 J28-31 accelerated delivery pilot
- The 'electric spine' rail enhancement programme

Announced at SR13:

- A38 Derby junction improvements
- M1 J24-25 managed motorway scheme at Long Eaton

EAST OF ENGLAND

Already announced:

- A5-M1 New link road
- M25 J30 Improvement works

Announced at SR13:

- A14 Huntingdon to Cambridge
- Lower Thames Crossing

Already announced:

- Upgrades to the sub-surface tube lines
- Thameslink upgrade
- Improvements to London Waterloo station
- Increased capacity across London, including at London Bridge, Victoria, and St Pancras stations

Announced at SR13:

- Gospel Oak to Barking electrification
- Crossrail 2 examining funding and financing options