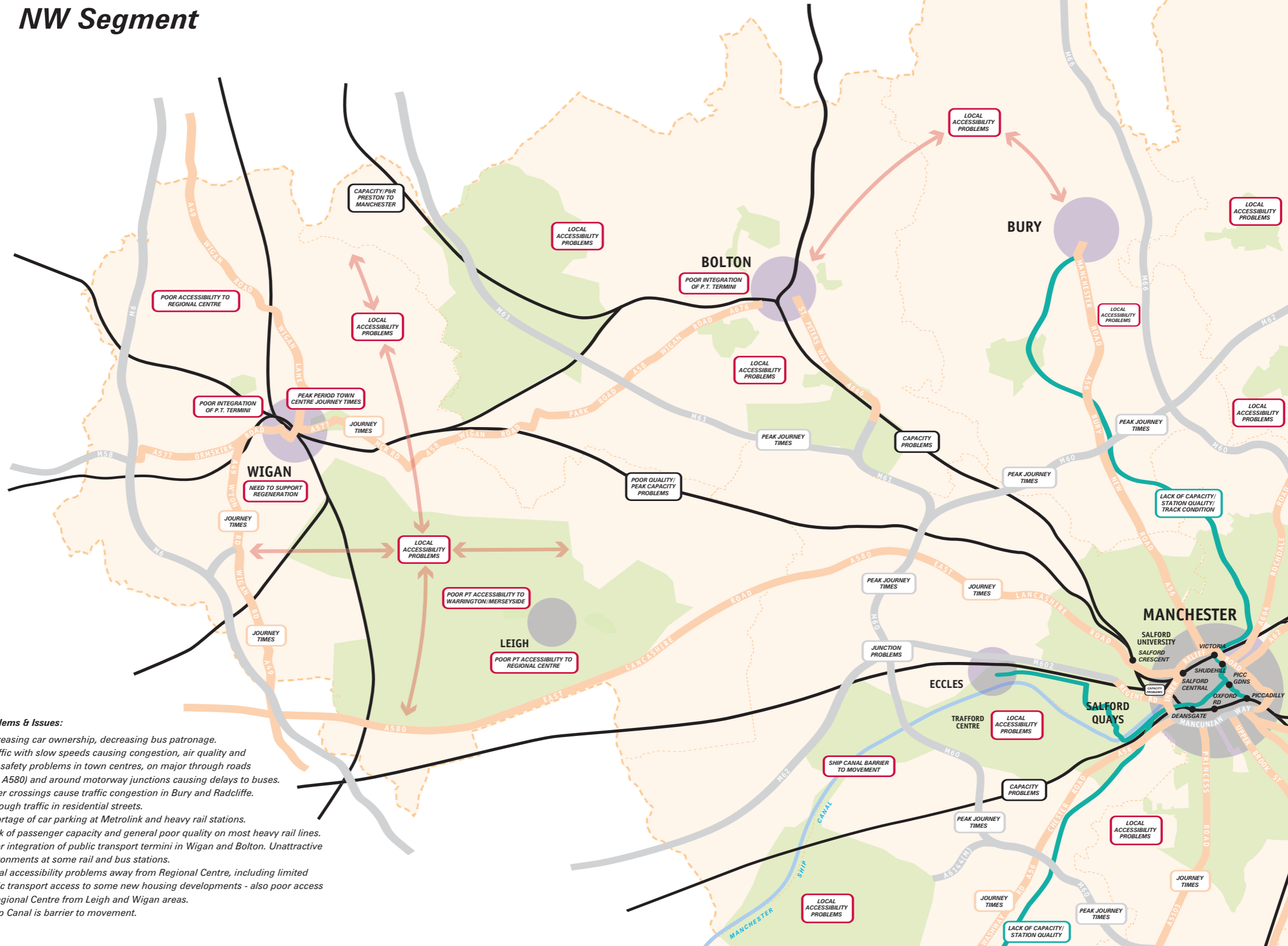


INTEGRATED TRANSPORT STRATEGY PROBLEMS & ISSUES NW Segment



Problems & Issues:

- Increasing car ownership, decreasing bus patronage.
- Traffic with slow speeds causing congestion, air quality and road safety problems in town centres, on major through roads (esp. A580) and around motorway junctions causing delays to buses.
- River crossings cause traffic congestion in Bury and Radcliffe.
- Through traffic in residential streets.
- Shortage of car parking at Metrolink and heavy rail stations.
- Lack of passenger capacity and general poor quality on most heavy rail lines.
- Poor integration of public transport termini in Wigan and Bolton. Unattractive environments at some rail and bus stations.
- Local accessibility problems away from Regional Centre, including limited public transport access to some new housing developments - also poor access to Regional Centre from Leigh and Wigan areas.
- Ship Canal is barrier to movement.