

We think local transport matters

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**We want you to help us shape the future of transport
for Greater Manchester.**

This leaflet explains how we are working
together to improve key aspects of travel
throughout the county.



Introduction

The ten District Councils of Greater Manchester (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan) along with Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority (the Authority) and Executive (GMPTE), are legally required to produce a Local Transport Plan every five years. The first draft of the second Local Transport Plan (LTP2) has just been submitted to the Government.

LTP2 sets out challenging but realistic targets for improvements to be achieved by 2011, including public transport patronage. It will have a big impact on how much funding local authorities will get from the Government. The draft Plan is accompanied by more detailed documents including walking, cycling and road safety strategies, and the bus strategy which aims to improve bus services in Greater Manchester in partnership with the bus operating companies. We have summarised the key points of the draft Plan in this leaflet.

The whole document can be found in libraries and at www.gmltp.co.uk

If you have any comments or queries about the document, please write to us at:

Greater Manchester Joint Transport Team, 9 Portland Street, Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester M60 1HX

or email us at mail@gmltp.co.uk

Priorities

Over the next five years we will concentrate on transport improvements which meet the four priorities agreed between the local authorities that make up Greater Manchester and the Government. These are called **shared priorities** and are listed below.

- Reduce **Congestion**;
- Improve **Accessibility**, making it easier for all residents and visitors to get where they want to be in Greater Manchester whenever they need;
- Improve **Road Safety**; and
- Improve **Air quality**.

Objectives

The Local Transport Plan objectives of the ten Greater Manchester Councils and the Authority and GMPTE have been set to meet these priorities. We will be working together to:

- Support busier and more prosperous city and town centres, as well as our local shopping and employment areas; and to improve their environment, attractiveness and accessibility.
- Improve road and community safety, particularly for the most vulnerable users of the transport network such as the young and the elderly and those in deprived areas, and to improve safety in town and local centres.
- To minimise the environmental damage caused by transport, particularly in terms of air quality, so improving quality of life and health for all of us.
- Ensure that new developments such as shopping centres and other facilities are easily served by public transport.
- Improve accessibility by ensuring that the county's transport system meets the needs of everyone in the community.
- Manage all traffic so as to reduce congestion, improve reliability, and reduce the percentage of trips made by car, but without affecting the regeneration of centres.
- Improve links with the wider travel to work area beyond Greater Manchester, the rest of the country, Europe and the rest of the world, for both passengers and freight, in ways which are in keeping with the other objectives stated above.

We have also carefully considered what the people of Greater Manchester have told us. Consultation has been carried out with the public for the last couple of years, and we have been asking them how they would like to see transport improved in Greater Manchester. The table on the next page shows what you have said you would like to see over the next five years. Please use the questionnaire in the middle of this leaflet if you would like to add anything.

YOU SAID

- We want more Metrolink in Greater Manchester
- We want you to take into account changes in how people work, learn, shop and play
- We think improving public transport is the best way of getting people out of cars, and so relieving congestion.
- We would cycle and walk more often if there were improved facilities
- We want ourselves and our families to feel safe on or near the roads, especially near homes and schools
- We want ourselves and our families to feel safe on public transport
- We want buses to go where we want, when we want
- We want you to do something about the congestion hot-spots
- We want you to do something about bad air quality on some of our roads
- We want our roads to be well maintained

We have considered how best to meet these shared priorities and the wishes of the Greater Manchester public, and we propose the following (see next pages).

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to reduce congestion by:

- **Providing attractive public transport alternatives to the car.** This includes improving stops & stations as well as working with operators to improve reliability, vehicle quality and ticketing. Public transport is best able to provide alternatives to cars on trips to key centres and we are aiming to achieve a public transport network linking these centres which is reliable, attractive, high quality and of sufficient capacity to cater for the needs of Greater Manchester.
- Reducing reliance on the car at peak hours, for trips to and from work and school. Money will be invested in **Car clubs** and **publicity** for journey planning. More 'yellow school buses' will be introduced to improve the quality of school transport.
- Establishing partnerships on key transport corridors to deliver an integrated transport network that gives people **fast efficient public transport** access between outlying towns and the Regional Centre (Manchester City Centre and parts of Salford and Trafford). Within each corridor we propose an integrated public transport network where the different types of transport complement each other.
- Obtaining full funding for the Metrolink Phase 3 expansion package to Oldham/Rochdale, East Manchester/Ashton-under-Lyne, and South Manchester/Manchester Airport, and for the Leigh to Salford Guided Busway. The present **Metrolink** system has demonstrated that trams can reduce the use of cars. We believe Phase 3 will build on this success in the corridors identified for the partnership approach.
- Investing in traffic light software at signal controlled junctions to improve the movement of public transport, freight and general traffic through congestion hotspots and installing real time variable message signs, input to local radio bulletins and transmission of mobile phone and computer text messages.



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to increase accessibility by:

- Continuing to work with public, community and voluntary sector specialist transport providers to **improve access to places of work,, healthcare, learning and food shopping, for all members of the public, especially those without access to a car.** Also improving services for those with special health, education and social needs. Demand responsive transport, such as Ring and Ride, will therefore have a greater role to play in meeting such needs.
- Encouraging bus operators to invest in more **low-floor buses.**
- Achieving more local trips on foot and by cycle, **by providing facilities and improved routes where a lot of people live close to the places they want to reach.**
- Improving access for people with mobility problems including **dropped crossings, tactile paving, and also footpath access to rail stations.**
- Working with operators and the police to reduce anti-social behaviour and vandalism on public transport, and to increase perceptions of safety in town centres. Personal safety is also being improved by **increasing the number of stops with shelters and upgrading remaining old-style shelters to modern, transparent and well lit versions.**

Pull out questionnaire

Your chance
to have a say

or use the online questionnaire at
www.gmltp.co.uk.

The closing date is 21 November and the first person whose name is drawn out of the hat on 25 November will win **£100** and the next three will win **£50** each.

Your chances of winning do not depend on the answers given in the survey. Data Protection and Prize Draw details:

- 1) GMLTP is the Data Controller; GMLTP, 9 Portland Street, Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester, M60 1HX.
- 2) The Prize Draw is open to anyone age 14 or over excluding employees of GMLTP/GMPTE.
- 3) Only 1 entry per household all entries to be received using the official entry form.
- 4) The closing date for entries is 21 November 2005 and the draw will be held on 25 November 2005.
- 5) Winners will be notified by post and may be required to take part in publicity.
- 6) The prizes comprise of one £100 and three £50 cheques. The prizes are as stated and no cash alternative will be offered.
- 7) Personal details will be used solely by GMLTP for the purpose of public consultation.



Have your say on how we should prioritise our proposals

Please tick one box on every line

	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Not a priority
Reducing Congestion				
Invest in Car Clubs and publicity for journey planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve public transport to the regional centre and other town centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure full funding to deliver new Metrolink routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enhance existing Metrolink and rail routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Invest in hi-tech traffic signals to reduce congestion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install roadside signs to give up-to-date travel advice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Increasing Accessibility

Improve public transport access to local amenities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourage investment in low-floor buses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve local walking and cycling routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install dropped crossings, tactile paving etc on footpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve footpath access to rail stations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expand CCTV coverage on public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase the number of dedicated teams tackling crime on public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve bus stops and bus shelters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Improving Road Safety

Encourage drivers to reduce speed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop School Travel Plans and safer routes to schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introduce more traffic calming in residential areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introduce speed management measures on main roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain safe road surfaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide more pedestrian crossings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introduce more speed and red light cameras	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

High priority Medium priority Low priority Not a priority

Improving Air Quality

Promote Metrolink expansion and rail service improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create more bus lanes and busways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Actively promote walking and cycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourage transfer of freight from road to rail and water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promote use of fuel-efficient technologies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What have we missed? Is there anything else we should include in the Transport Plan? Please use this space to give us your suggestions. Also if you have any comments on the provisional targets please write them here.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

In the past people have told us that they do not feel well informed about local transport issues. How do you think we should keep people better informed?

Please tick any of the following you think we should use

Newsletters like this one distributed to public buildings eg libraries	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newsletters distributed to supermarkets	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newsletters delivered to every home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertisements in local free newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertisements in local newspapers you have to buy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertisements and features on local radio	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Internet	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
(please specify)	

Personal Details

In order for us to make sure that we get the views of a representative sample of the community, it would help if you gave us some personal details. The information will be stored on computer but will only be used for the purposes of this Local Transport Plan consultation. It will not be used for the identification of individuals and will not be made available to third parties.

Your postcode _____

Which Age Group are you in? Under 16 16-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 Over 65

Gender? Male Female

Do you have use of a car? Yes No Sometimes

Many thanks for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please detach from leaflet, put in an envelope and send FREEPOST to:

Greater Manchester Joint Transport Team
FREEPOST MR 7116
Manchester
M1 9QL

If you would like to enter the Prize Draw please give us your name and address below

Name _____

Address _____

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to improve road safety by:

- Encouraging drivers to reduce their speed through **physical measures and education, training and publicity.**
- Working with schools to develop **School Travel Plans and safer Routes to School** to improve the safety of vulnerable road users such as children.
- Introducing traffic calming in residential areas to make these areas safer for **child pedestrians and cyclists.**
- Introducing **speed management measures** on main roads, such as road marking changes to provide a safer environment for all road users.
- Ensuring appropriate **maintenance** occurs on the roads to avoid potentially dangerous conditions.
- **Providing pedestrian crossing facilities** on busy roads and, where necessary, improving the **street lighting on roads.**
- Where appropriate, **introducing speed and red light cameras.**



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to improve air quality by:

- **Promoting the expansion of the Metrolink system** and improvements to the heavy rail system, which have a proven record of reducing traffic pollution by encouraging a switch from the private car to public transport.
- Creating **more bus lanes and new busways** to enhance the appeal of buses to motorists.
- **Providing better walking and cycling facilities** as substitutes for using cars for short journeys.
- Promoting a **switch of freight** from road to **rail and water transport** by encouraging the provision of suitable sites where this transfer could occur.
- Arguing for the greater use of **fuel-efficient technologies and practices**, such as grant-aiding particulate traps for bus exhausts, and enabling the development of new technology solutions, low emission fuels and driver and awareness training.
- Continuing partnerships with the **Highways Agency and Manchester Airport** to address road traffic air quality issues outside the direct control of the Greater Manchester authorities.

Funding

Over the period of 2006 to 2011, the early indications are that Greater Manchester will receive £185m of funding from the Government to be spent on transport. This money has to be spent on things 'on the ground' or what's known as 'Capital Expenditure'. In other words, although we can spend money on new bus shelters or new bus lanes; the LTP can't spend money on ongoing, or what are known as 'revenue', proposals such as paying for more bus services. We have given the Government proposals on how we would spend the money we receive from them and these are shown below. At present they are only approximate, and we shall be developing them in more detail before we submit the final Plan.

	£m
Bus priority schemes	16.486
Bus facilities	8.957
Public Transport Interchanges	33.503
Park and Ride schemes	2.252
Light Rail schemes*	0.080
Cycling schemes	10.624
Walking schemes	11.964
Travel Plans	3.840
Safer routes to schools	2.992
Local safety schemes	40.831
Traffic management and calming	14.672
Road crossings	5.134
Local road schemes	2.601
Other schemes**	30.409

* There will be substantial expenditure on Metrolink from other sources for refurbishment of the current system and construction of Phase 3 extensions.

** There will also be a small number of major road schemes (those costing over £5M) which are funded from other sources, and these will be designed to overcome environmental problems or help regeneration of communities. However, these sources will be restricted over the Plan period.



Targets

These are some of the provisional targets we have set for 2010/2011:

- **Road safety:** A 50% reduction in the number of people killed and seriously injured, compared with 1994-8, and a 55% reduction in the number of children in this category.
- **Public Transport:** 10% more passengers compared with 2001; 60% satisfaction with buses by 2009/2010; and 90% punctuality for timetabled bus services by 2012/2013.
- **Traffic:** No change in vehicle-kilometres on local roads
- **Cycling:** !0% increase in trips from 2005/06.
- **Walking:** Reduce the current rate of decline to 15% from 2005/06
- **School journeys:** Reduce trips by non-car modes to local authority schools, to 66% for primary schools and 88% of trips to secondary schools.
- **Air Quality and Climate Change:** 30% cut in particulates and nitrous oxides emitted by road traffic, compared with 2004/05; 12.5% cut in carbon dioxide emissions from 1990.
- **Travel to the Regional Centre:** 65% by non-car modes during the morning peak-hour.
- **Travel to other key centres:** Maintain at 42% by non-car modes.
- **Travel to Manchester Airport:** 40% use of public transport and other non-car modes by the time airport passenger totals reach 40 million.

There are important reasons for each of these targets. If you wish to comment on them, please first look at the full LTP2 document on our website www.gmltp.co.uk

Making sure our plan doesn't harm the environment

We are using what is known as a 'Strategic Environmental Assessment' to ensure that LTP2 will respect and improve the environment. We have agreed that the most important issues are:

- Tackling climate change by keeping carbon dioxide emissions as low as possible.
- Less pollution so that we can meet National Air Quality Standards.
- Improving general health by promoting more walking and cycling.

Other key issues include reducing annoyance from traffic noise, avoiding damage to wildlife habitat and protected species, and improving access to health facilities and other key services.

We will now look at how the different policies and projects that we could include in the final LTP2 could affect the environment. The findings will be published in an 'Environmental Report' which sets out the significant effects of the draft LTP2 and what we can do to reduce them. All documents will be available through the LTP website and we welcome comments on them.



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