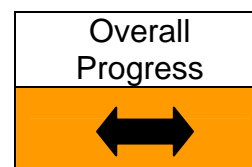


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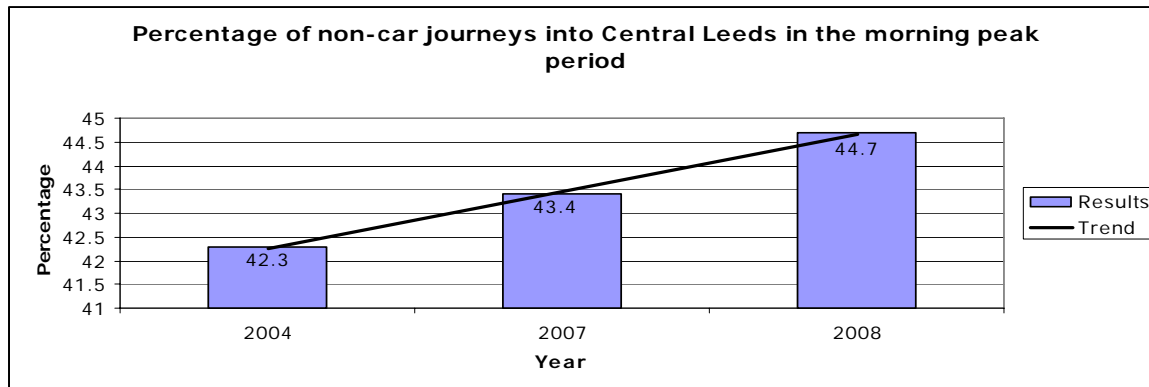
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Why is this a priority?

Public transport is a major concern for local people. Consultation performed to identify priorities indicated that improving the quality, accessibility and use of public transport was a priority for all groups. Improvements in public transport will also help ensure that the city is a place where people want to live and work.



Overall Progress to date and outcomes achieved

Overall Summary

Good progress is being made with specific projects, such as bus priority schemes (bus lanes and priority at traffic signals) but there are continuing issues with the availability of data from Metro. Recent issues with taxis on the Headrow are being addressed. Progress in some areas is dependent on DfT approval.

Achievements since the last report

- **Bus Prioritisation** - schemes continue to be developed; supporting schemes are being developed to try and encourage further mode shift to buses. A Traffic Signal Priority Group has been set up to improve the development and delivery of bus priorities at signals across West Yorkshire. The main priority schemes progressed are Roundhay Road, A647 Phase One, Scott Hall Road, Chapeltown Road, Easterly Road, Dewsbury Road/Tommy Wass junction, and the A660 traffic priority scheme.
- **New Generation Transport (NGT)** - Work has continued on the development of the Major Scheme Business Case (MSBC) for NGT. Executive Board approved the case for submission to the DfT in October 2009. Programme Entry status is expected early in 2010.
- **Pudsey Bus Station** - The contract for Pudsey Bus station has been awarded and work is to start on site in October 09. Work due for completion in Spring/Summer 2010.
- **Leeds Bus Partnership** - Bus priority schemes are being taken forward as identified above. Meetings are being held with taxi representatives to address congestion problems caused by queuing taxis on the Headrow. Bus Lane camera enforcement is being progressed.
- **A65 Quality Bus Initiative** - Work has continued on the detailed design of the scheme. Issues around the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) inquiry have been resolved. An MSBC will be submitted to the DfT for approval in November. The target cost is being prepared and should be available in November.
- **Leeds Station Southern Access (Metro)** - Working with Network Rail, a preferred option has been developed. Pre-planning application consultation was undertaken in August and September 2009. The planning application and MSBC are both due for submission in October 2009.
- **East Leeds Parkway (Metro)** - Progress towards agreeing a single option with Network Rail for development and development of a draft MSBC.
- **YORCard (Metro)** - Trial came to an end in September. Metro are now reviewing how to take the scheme forward in light of the recent DfT review of bus service operator grant conditions.
- **Strategic Park & Ride (Highways Agency)** - Enhancements on the Strategic Road Network which are being developed should increase capacity for all traffic, including public transport. In addition the HA have started a study on a Strategic Park & Ride scheme in the region.
- **Go Greener Campaign (Highways Agency)** - Marketing Go Greener (funded by the Congestion Performance Fund) was launched in July. The campaign involved on-street targeting of organisations on congestion routes. Car drivers were encouraged to swap to public transport through the promise of free MetroCard in August.

Challenges / Risks

- **Bus Prioritisation** - Delays have occurred on some schemes, as a result of revised cost estimates due to contracting issues. This is being managed by Highways & Transportation Contracts Team.
- **A65 Quality Bus Initiative** - Progress will be dependent on DfT approval.
- **Leeds Station Southern Access** - Obtaining planning approval and DfT approval of MSBC.

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- **East Leeds Parkway** - Alignment between regional Funding Allocation timescales and Network Rail timescales.
- **YORcard** - Delay of review.
- **Bus usage and passenger satisfaction** - the CAA lead assessor has highlighted a concern that usage and satisfaction has not risen since 'public transport' was identified by the public as 'the most important things for the future of Leeds' in 2004.

<u>Council / Partnership Groups</u>			
<u>Approved by</u> <i>(Accountable Officer)</i>		<u>Date</u>	
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Key Actions for the Next 6 Months				
	Action	Contributory Officer / Partner	Milestone / Actions	Timescale
1	Progress bus priority schemes identified for Leeds to meet bus patronage target.	Dave Gilson	Roundhay Road on site (if scheme costs justified) Chapeltown Road on site. Scott Hall scheme complete if Operator in agreement Statutory Undertakers Orders placed for Tommy Wass - Dewsbury Road scheme	Jan 10 Jan 10 Mar 10 Mar 10
2	Submit NGT MSBC to DfT. Progress design.	Dave Gilson	MSBC submitted to DfT. Transport and Works Act Order submitted.	Nov 09 Mar 10
3	Works on Pudsey Bus Station commence and meet schedule for opening.	Dave Gilson	Work commences. Construction works on schedule for spring/summer 2010 opening.	Oct 09 Mar 10
4	Progress on the Leeds Bus Partnership continues.	Dave Gilson	Joint Punctuality Improvement Plan (PIP) and Annual Report submitted by Partnership. Year 2 Action Plan delivered for A660, and Year 1 Action Plan for Route 51. Review of hours of operation of existing inbound bus lane on A660, implementation of Clarendon Road junction. Completion of Churwell Hill Feasibility study on Route 51.	Dec 09 Dec 09 Mar 10
5	Seek approval to the A65 QBI scheme from the DfT to allow works to commence in Feb 2010.	Andrew Wheeler	DfT give their approval to the project.	Jan 2010
6	Submit MSBC for Kirkstall Forge as part of the Leeds City Region Rail Growth Package	Rebecca Cheung	Approval granted.	Nov 2009
7	Submit planning application, MSBC and procure detailed design work for the Leeds South Station Access	Ben Whitaker	Planning application submitted. MSBC submitted. Detailed design work procured.	Oct 2009 Oct 2009 Nov 2009
8	Work continues with Metro regarding data sharing. Metro have purchased new software to process and analyse bus ticket machine data. They expect to be able to start generating district level stats before the end of the financial year and develop a baseline for 2009/10	Dave Gilson	Obtain baseline and agree targets Scope of further work to be identified	March 2010 Sep 2010

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Performance Indicators										
Performance indicators aligned to the Improvement Priority										
Reference	Title	Owner	Frequency & Measure	Rise or Fall	Baseline	2008/09 Result	2009/10 Target	2009/10 Quarter 2	Current Predicted Full Year Result	Data Quality
LSP-TR1b(i)	Percentage of non-car journeys into central Leeds in the morning peak period	Transport Policy	Annually %	Rise	42.3% (2004)	44.7% (2008)	44.7% (2009)	Awaiting data.		
LSP-TR1b(ii)	Local bus passenger journeys originating in the authority area	Transport Policy	Annually Number	Rise	78,800,000 (2007)	Data provided by METRO. Currently unavailable. When the data will be available is unknown at present.				