

Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure, Investment & Inclusive Growth)

Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme Update – January 2022

The Connecting Leeds - Leeds Public Transport Improvement Programme (LPTIP) is approaching completion in Summer 2022. The programme has and continues to deliver transformational change to the bus infrastructure, the transport network and connectivity in Leeds.

A total of £183.43m investment through LPTIP, comprising **£173.50m** grant from the DfT and local contributions of £8.93m from LCC and £1.00m from the Combined Authority. In addition, during the delivery the team have successfully secured further external funding of £34.91m through other programmes and grants, thus taking the Connecting Leeds programme investment to **£218.335m**. Spend to the end of November 2021 was £188m, with overall expenditure by 31 March 2022 expected to be £212m, leaving just under £6m for 2022/23.

Major highlights of delivery are as follows

- Completion of works to provide high quality City Centre bus gateways on the Headrow, Park Row and Infirmary Street
- Cookridge Street pedestrianisation, cycling and public realm works
- Elland Road Park & Ride extension
- Implementation of the “tube style” Leeds Core Network colour coded map and infrastructure and extensive real time information screens across the City
- Opening of Stourton Park & Ride, including 5 electric double decker busses and completion of bus priority works on along the A61 (south)
- Operation of demand responsive FlexiBus East Leeds service which includes 7 electric minibuses

The following schemes are under construction and will come into operation in early 2022

- Bus priority through signal upgrades at key junctions along the A660, A61 & A65.
- City Centre bus gateway at the Corn Exchange, Lower & New Briggate and Meadow Lane.
- Temple Green Park & Ride extension
- Upgrading of Leeds Bus Station
- Local schemes to transport hubs at Bramley, Compton Road and Middleton together with active travel schemes at Robin Hood, Pudsey and Lincoln Green areas
- The final scheme within the programme will be the bus priority, cycling & walking works along the A647 which is expected to complete in summer 2022.

Throughout development of the programme, LCC adopted an over-programming approach to the bus infrastructure package to provide resilience for scheme substitution in order to guarantee spend by the funding end date. This approach has help secure the additional complementary funding towards schemes that remain within the programme, increasing available budget and serving to facilitate the development of pipeline schemes, enabling LCC to capitalise on future funding opportunities that are likely to demand the availability of ‘shovel ready’ projects.

The final scheme in the programme is expected to complete in summer 2022, following which, once all costs and closure activities have been completed, a more comprehensive report will be prepared and presented at a future II&IG Scrutiny board late summer / early autumn 2022.

