

# Liverpool City Region Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) FAQ

## What is the Local Transport Plan:

The Local Transport Act 2008 requires the LCRCA, as the local transport authority, to produce a Local Transport Plan (LTP) as a statutory requirement. The legislation requires that LTPs contain policies and implementation plans for the delivery of their policies. With a clear vision, ambition and goals, the proposed Local Transport Plan provides a strategic blueprint to 2040 and beyond for making the transport network safer, more integrated, more attractive, sustainable, inclusive and accessible to all – which are the key pillars of Liverpool City Region Mayor Steve Rotheram’s vision for a London style transport system but bigger and better.

The LTP is a statutory document with a clear vision and goals, and a purpose of continuing to support communities and improving transport for everyone, aligning with wider CA ambitions.

## What are its Vision and Goals:

The vision of the plan is:

“To plan and deliver a future-facing, clean, safe and accessible transport system built to last. It will focus on moving people, goods and freight around the region in a way that delivers our local ambitions. A particular focus will be on a net zero carbon emitting city region by 2035.”

Summarised as: “Clean, safe and accessible transport for moving people and goods.”

### **GOAL 1: Support good, clean job growth and opportunity for all.**

Make sure transport supports local growth. This means equal opportunities for all to access affordable transport systems that connect people to jobs and services – all while keeping the environment in mind.

### **GOAL 2: Achieve net-zero carbon and an improved environment.**

Reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2035, whilst protecting and improving our local environment.

### **GOAL 3: Improve health and quality of life.**

Improve health and quality of life. Improve the health and quality of life for our people and communities. Make sure transport is safe, clean and good for the environment around us.

#### **GOAL 4: Transport that's well maintained and tough.**

Make sure our transport network and assets are well maintained, long lasting, and tough to the effects of climate change.

#### **GOAL 5: Plan and respond to uncertainty and change and be innovative.**

Become a forward-thinking region. Use innovation and new technologies, plan for uncertainty and change, and improve future travel in the region.

### **What is this consultation about:**

A first public consultation on the initial vision and goals took place in 2022. Subject to Combined Authority approval, the latest plans and preferred strategy will be shared for open consultation from early October 2024 until early December 2024.

#### **General:**

- The LTP is a statutory document, which means we must produce one. The LTP helps us speak with one voice on Transport for both passengers and freight
- The existing plan was done in 2011 which means a new up to date version is needed to reflect the world we live in today.
- We want to make it easier, safer and more pleasant to walk, cycle and travel around our city region and for people to be supported to make better informed travel choices
- We'll do this by introducing new low speed zones, prioritising road space for walking and cycling and making it cheaper and easier to travel by public transport. It is about better information and travel choices including the right mode for the right journey.
- We'll also be looking at how we can give people more choices, and we are not anti-car and recognise that some journeys may still need the car so we want to provide real alternatives to owning a car through access to a car instead– such as car clubs.
- The draft Local Transport Plan sets out how we'll do this and the investments we'll make between now and 2040 for both passengers and freight
- We'll finalise the plan in 2025 and we want to know – what do you like, what would encourage you to walk and cycle more, what would make you leave the car at home and use public transport more? and what can we do to ease your worries and concerns
- We want your views, whether you use public transport or not. If not then why?

- This plan is focused on people and places so your expertise and knowledge from your daily lives is invaluable to inform the plan and ensure that our interventions will work.
- We want to create a transport system that works for everyone, not just the city centre
- The plan is about moving both passengers and freight in a holistic way. Freight is critical to support our LCR economy and its key industries and its vital role as a major port city. Nationally the Government has set a rail freight growth target of 75% by 2050, so modal shift of freight to more sustainable modes like water and rail will be important and where road transport is still required then need to prioritise use of zero emission transport.
- There are 21 policies in our plan, we're asking what you like and if there's anything we haven't thought of or areas that can be improved.
- Also are we being bold enough and are there areas we could improve or raise our ambition? Especially on fairness and inclusion aspects.

This consultation is not explicitly about our phased Delivery Plan covered by CRSTS 1 and 2 funding programmes. See this link for our CRSTS 1 delivery programme: <https://api.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/LCR-SustainableTransport-Settlement-Prospectus.pdf>

The development of the delivery programme is subject to separate processes and consultation arrangements. Instead, through setting the clear vision and strategic ambition and its principles and policies for the future of transport in the LCR to 2040, the LTP will strongly guide and inform how the delivery programme is taken forward. It will help us to negotiate future devolved funding settlements that are vital to support delivery. Funding for delivery will be subject to the forthcoming Budget Statement by the Government in late Oct 2024. In due course in 2025 we will publish a prospectus for our CRSTS 2 delivery programme.

## What happens next:

After the consultation closes in December 2024, we will then collate all the feedback together and amend the Local Transport Plan accordingly to reflect the comments received adapting our policies, improving things and raising the ambition as necessary. Then in Spring / Summer 2025 we will take the finalised Local Transport Plan through the Combined Authority's approval process for adoption and final publication. We will also publish a Consultation Report summarising the feedback received and what improvements to the plan were done as a result.

The finalised Local Transport Plan then will become part of our statutory policy framework for the LCR and guide delivery and other initiatives.

Any other questions then please contact the transport policy team at [transportpolicy@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk](mailto:transportpolicy@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk)



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