

## Overview briefing note for

# TfSE draft Strategic Investment Plan consultation

Transport for the South East will go out to public consultation on their draft Strategic Investment Plan on 20 June 2022. The consultation will close on 12 September 2022.

You can access the consultation here:

<https://transportforsoutheast.uk.engagementhq.com/transport-for-the-south-east-strategic-investment-plan-consultation>

## Key messages

### Transport for the South East (general)

- Transport for the South East (TfSE) is the Sub-national Transport Body for the South East of England, one of seven sub-national transport bodies in the UK
- Our purpose is to determine what investment is needed in the South East, to transform the transport system and drive economic growth.
- Made up of 16 local authorities, five local enterprise partnerships and representatives of district & borough authorities, protected landscapes and national delivery agencies.

### Recent work

- Launched our Transport Strategy in June 2020 – setting out our vision for the south east
- Since then, have published strategies on Future Mobility and more recently our Freight, Logistics and Gateways Strategy
- Carried out a programme of geographic area studies to explore issues, challenges and opportunities identified in our transport strategy in more detail and, ultimately, identify a shortlist of interventions

### Strategic investment plan

- The **draft strategic investment plan** is the culmination of five years of technical work and stakeholder engagement.
- It sets out our thirty-year vision for investment in strategic transport infrastructure across the South East region for the next thirty years
- It is a **long term, multi-modal plan which aligns with and supports government priorities** to decarbonise the transport system, level-up left-behind communities and facilitate sustainable economic growth in the South East.
- It is not about growth at any cost.
- It is about;
  - **making the best use of what we have**; existing assets and corridors and about making sure new and emerging technology is used to its full potential, to boost physical and digital connectivity.
  - **more joined up planning**, particularly between transport and housing, to help build more sustainable communities and enable more efficient business operations.
  - putting the strategic transport infrastructure in place that **enables communities to thrive**

- providing the infrastructure and interventions to accommodate the mode shift required to reach our vision of net zero by 2050.
- The South East needs **greater connectivity**, particularly from East to West, to boost connectivity between our major economic hubs, the international gateways and their markets.
- More **resilient and reliable transport network** that is better able to manage demand and more resilient to incidents and extreme weather.

Investing in the South East will make a positive contribution to levelling up in the other parts of the country by providing businesses from across the UK with reliable connectivity to our international gateways. This investment will also provide opportunities for inward investment within the region allowing the levelling up of pockets of deprivation that exist within the south east.

## Consultation events

### Parliamentary reception at Portcullis House

On Wednesday 22 June we are hosting an invitation only briefing on the strategic investment plan. The audience for this is MPs and TfSE board members from across the TfSE region.

### Connecting the South East

This whole day, in person event will take place at on 5 July 2022 at G Live in Guildford.

We are delighted to be joined by Baroness Vere, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Department for Transport. Baroness Vere will be opening the day with a keynote that will be followed by a programme of panels and discussions that will take place over the course of the day.

Register to attend at [www.connectingthesoutheast.com](http://www.connectingthesoutheast.com)

### Join us from home or work!

For anyone unable to join us in person, we will also be holding two webinars where presentations will be given on the strategic investment plan followed by a facilitated discussion.

11 July, 10-11.30am

12 July, 6-7.30pm

## What's next?

- The consultation will close on 12 September
- We will then take some time to analyse the responses, taking onboard comments and suggestions and where appropriate feed these into the final draft of the strategic investment plan
- The amended draft strategic investment plan will then go to the TfSE partnership board for approval, before local transport authorities will have the opportunity to take it through their own governance processes
- Following Board approval in March 2023 the SIP will be submitted to Government on behalf of our partners and our communities across the region, in support of our shared ambitions and as advice to the secretary of state.
- We aim to submit this plan to Government in spring 2023.

- If approved or adopted by Government, TfSE will continue to work with partners to accelerate the development of the interventions within the plan. In the meantime, work will continue as planned with the already established programme of work. You can read more about this in our [business plan for 2022-23](#).