

# **Regional Active Travel Strategy & Action Plan**











**Quarter 1 Newsletter** 

## What Are We Doing and Why?

Transport for the South East (TfSE) is developing the first phase of the Regional Active Travel Strategy & Action Plan (RATSAP). Our work commenced in July 2023 and is scheduled to be completed by Summer 2024.

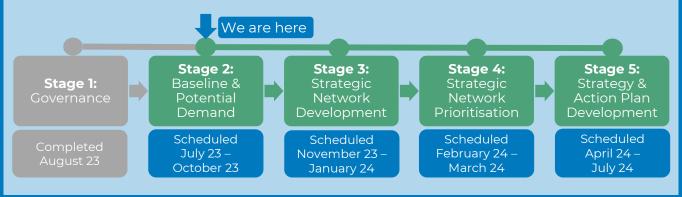
The RATSAP will aggregate, complement, and support work being undertaken by local authorities across the region.

The purpose of the RATSAP is to:

- Support delivery of economic, social and environmental goals in our Transport Strategy for the South East (2020), such as improving people's health and wellbeing across the region.
- Deliver upon our Strategic Investment Plan (2023) priorities such as decarbonisation, levelling up communities, regeneration, and growth.
- Respond to feedback we received during consultations which highlighted a desire for greater focus on active travel within our work.

### How Will We Develop the RATSAP?

- **Stage 1: Governance** Formalise the project and engagement approach.
- Stage 2: Baseline & Potential Demand Collate evidence on active travel across the region, and consider network conditions and usage.
- Stage 3: Strategic Network Development Identify a regional strategic network, with a focus on corridors and hubs that are cross-boundary and/or require joint working.
- Stage 4: Strategic Network Prioritisation Identify priority corridors and hubs.
- Stage 5: Strategy & Action Plan Development Collate Stages 1 to 4 into a clear and concise document that will be used to support our partners' delivery of active travel.



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#### What Will The Strategy & Action Plan Include?

- Clear and concise evidence base of active travel within the TfSE region.
- · Identification of a strategic regional active travel network.
- Prioritised list of corridors and hubs from the network.
- **Action Plan** which identifies clear roles for TfSE and partners to deliver the strategic network and further support active travel investment in the region.

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**Appendix A:**Evidence Base
Report

**Appendix B:**Strategic
Network Report

Appendix C:
Scheme
Prioritisation
Report

Appendix D: Engagement Summary Report

#### **How Will We Engage With People Across the Region?**

**Effective and transparent engagement is critical** to ensure we produce a successful RATSAP which reflects regional requirements and expectations.

Planned engagement includes regular liaison with a **dedicated Steering Group** made up of representatives from the 16 Local Transport Authorities and national strategic partners. We will also hold numerous 1-1 meetings, host topic-specific workshops, and liaise with stakeholders via our established standing meetings.

### What Have We Achieved This Quarter?

- ✓ We completed Stage 1 of the process in August 2023, including the Stakeholder Engagement Plan and assembly of the Steering Group.
- ✓ We are currently producing the Evidence Base Report. To date, we have completed a review of policies across the region and are currently consolidating active travel network data from Local Transport Authorities.
- ✓ We have **circulated an online survey** to all 16 Local Transport Authorities to understand their active travel plans and activities.
- ✓ We have begun to engage with stakeholders across the region, including presenting at numerous TfSE standing meetings.

## Walking, Cycling, and Horse Riding, Oh My!

We are looking for images across the region to use within the final RATSAP document. If you have any images of people walking, wheeling, cycling, running, or horse riding within the south east region that you would be willing to share (and hold permissions for) please send them to <a href="mailto:katie.lamb@eastsussex.gov.uk">katie.lamb@eastsussex.gov.uk</a>

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