

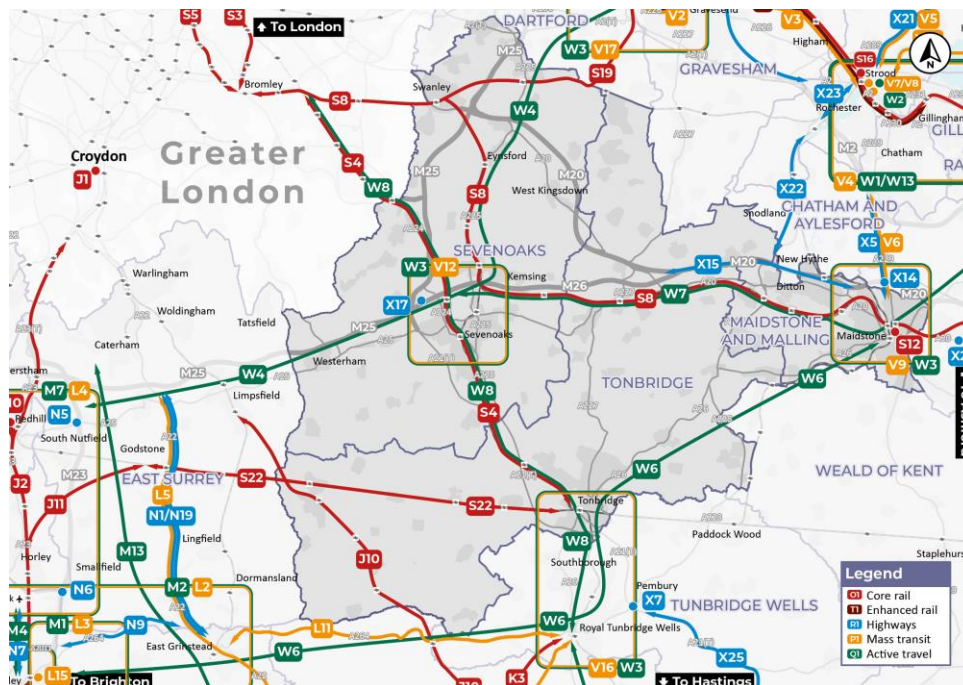
# Maidstone and Malling; Sevenoaks; Tonbridge

Transport for the South East (TfSE) submitted its Strategic Investment Plan to government in 2023. This plan determines the investment needed to grow the South East's economy and deliver a high-quality, safe, sustainable and integrated transport system that makes the South East more productive and competitive, improves the quality of life for all residents, and protects and enhances its natural and built environment.







Since 2017, TfSE, the sub-national transport body for the South East, has become a powerful and effective partnership for the region, bringing together local transport authorities, business organisations, district and borough councils, transport operators and strategic network owners to speak with one voice on our region's strategic transport needs.

Central to the development of this plan has been engagement and consultation with all stakeholders to ensure what we put forward aligns with both their needs and their expectations in a sustainable and financially responsible manner. It is a plan developed by the South East, for the South East.

To the right, we have mapped the prioritised schemes for Maidstone and Malling, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and the surrounding area; the schemes within the Strategic Investment Plan will be delivered from now to 2050.



**Figure 1:** Maidstone and Malling; Sevenoaks; Tonbridge schemes from TfSE's Strategic Investment Plan

- In addition to place-specific schemes, a number of wider policy interventions have been identified. These include:
-  **Decarbonisation:** faster delivery on net zero carbon, including through the use and adoption of green technologies
  -  **Public transport fares:** support for public transport, including subsidies for reduced fares
  -  **New mobility:** capturing the benefits for new modes of travel, new ways of paying for our travel, and new technologies
  -  **Road user charging:** support for a national scheme, and one that local areas can integrate with for additional measures (e.g. Clean Air Zones)
  -  **Virtual access:** making best use of technology to reduce the need to travel and help plan better, more sustainable journeys
  -  **Better integration:** at stations, hubs and between modes, but also better integration with spatial planning and service delivery

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### No. 28 Maidstone and Malling; Sevenoaks; Tonbridge

**Figure 2:** Maidstone and Malling; Sevenoaks; Tonbridge scheme descriptions and phasing

Map Ref.	Intervention name	What is the scheme?	What will the scheme do?	Phasing
J10	Uckfield Branch Line - Hurst Green to Uckfield Electrification	Electrification of the railway from Uckfield to Hurst Green via Edenbridge.	Support the decarbonisation of the rail network and improve its cohesion.	Long term (2040s)
S2*	London Victoria Capacity Enhancements	Additional capability at London Victoria station, taking advantage of a major track renewal in CP8/9, as well as digital signalling on lines approaching the station from the South East in the longer-term.	Enable more services between London and Kent, Medway and East Sussex, reduce headways and improve journey time reliability.	Medium term (2030s)
S3	Bakerloo Line Extension	Extension of the Bakerloo Line from its current terminus at Elephant and Castle to Hayes via Lewisham.	Increase capacity for services between London and Kent, Medway and East Sussex.	Medium term (2030s)
S4	South Eastern Main Line - Chislehurst to Tonbridge Capacity Enhancements	Improvements to the South Eastern Main Line between Chislehurst and Tonbridge, including signalling upgrades.	Facilitate increased capacity and service frequencies on the line.	Medium term (2030s)
S5	London Victoria to Shortlands Capacity Enhancements	Improvements to the South Eastern Main Line between London and Tonbridge.	Facilitate increased capacity and service frequencies on the line.	Medium term (2030s)
S8	Thameslink - Extension to Maidstone and Ashford	Extension of Thameslink services from Otford to Maidstone East and Ashford.	Improve onward connectivity for existing users and attract potential new users within rail catchments in Maidstone and Ashford.	Short term (2020s)
S12	Integrated Maidstone Stations	Improvements to the pedestrian link between Maidstone Barracks and Maidstone East.	Provide easier interchange between the Medway Valley Line and the Maidstone Line and contribute to an improved rail offer for Kent and Medway.	Medium term (2030s)
S17*	Rail Freight Gauge Clearance Enhancements	Delivery of W12 gauge clearance between the Channel Tunnel and the West Coast Main Line via Maidstone and/or Tonbridge.	Support the growth of rail freight, contributing to decarbonisation and helping to realise the aspirations of the Network Rail Freight Strategy.	Medium term (2030s)
S19	High Speed 1 / Waterloo Connection Chord - Ebbsfleet Southern Rail Access	Construction of a new rail chord south of Ebbsfleet.	Enable direct access between High Speed 1 and local lines, unlocking new rail corridors such as Ebbsfleet to South East London.	Medium term (2030s)
S22	Gatwick - Kent Service Enhancements	Enabling of direct rail services between Gatwick Airport and Kent.	Provide an alternative to private car for trips between Gatwick Airport and Kent and reduce journey times.	Short term (2020s)
V6	Medway to Maidstone Bus Priority	Mass Rapid Transit enhancements connecting centres in Medway and Maidstone, including segregated infrastructure where appropriate.	Improve journey times and reliability for public transport by increasing service frequencies, extending operating hours and delivering timetable integration.	Short term (2020s)

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V9	Maidstone Bus Enhancements	Urban bus enhancements within Maidstone and adjacent economic hubs, including bus priority infrastructure where appropriate.	Improve journey times and reliability for public transport by increasing service frequencies, extending operating hours and delivering timetable integration.	Short term (2020s)
V12	Sevenoaks Bus Enhancements	Urban bus enhancements within Sevenoaks and adjacent economic hubs, including bus priority infrastructure where appropriate.	Improve journey times and reliability for public transport by increasing service frequencies, extending operating hours and delivering timetable integration.	Short term (2020s)
V16	Royal Tunbridge Wells/Tonbridge Bus Enhancements	Urban bus enhancements within Royal Tunbridge Wells / Tonbridge and adjacent economic hubs, including bus priority infrastructure where appropriate.	Improve journey times and reliability for public transport by increasing service frequencies, extending operating hours and delivering timetable integration.	Short term (2020s)
W3	Kent Urban Active Travel Infrastructure	Urban walking and cycling enhancements across Kent.	Facilitate local active travel movements and provide safer, faster and more accessible segregated trips.	Short term (2020s)
W4	Kent Inter-urban Active Travel Infrastructure	A series of Inter-urban walking and cycling enhancements across Medway and Kent, utilising and enhancing the National Cycle Network.	Facilitate strategic active travel movements (for example Ebbsfleet – Swanley – Sevenoaks – Oxted – Redhill) and provide safer, faster and more accessible segregated cycle infrastructure.	Short term (2020s)
W6	Tonbridge - Maidstone National Cycle Network Enhancements	Enhancements to the inter-urban cycling route between Maidstone and Tonbridge (and onwards towards East Grinstead and Crawley), utilising and enhancing the National Cycle Network.	Connect points of interest and provide safer, faster and more accessible segregated cycle infrastructure.	Short term (2020s)
W7	Sevenoaks - Maidstone - Sittingbourne National Cycle Network Enhancements	Enhancements to the inter-urban cycling route between Sevenoaks, Maidstone and Sittingbourne, utilising and enhancing the National Cycle Network.	Connect points of interest and provide safer, faster and more accessible segregated cycle infrastructure.	Short term (2020s)
W8	Bromley - Sevenoaks - Royal Tunbridge Wells National Cycle Network Enhancements	Enhancements to the inter-urban cycling route between Bromley, Sevenoaks and Royal Tunbridge Wells, utilising and enhancing the National Cycle Network.	Connect points of interest and provide safer, faster and more accessible segregated cycle infrastructure.	Short term (2020s)
X5	A229 Bluebell Hill Junction Upgrades (LLM)	Upgrade of Bluebell hill by remodelling the junctions at either end (A229/M2 J3 and A229/M20 J6) to ensure free flow traffic.	Build resilience to the strategic highway freight network.	Short term (2020s)

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X9*	A20 Enhancements for Operations Stack & Brock	New smart traffic management systems.	Build greater resilience when there is disruption at the Port of Dover or the Eurotunnel, relieving Operations Stack and Brock by increasing capacity on the A20 for freight parking.	Short term (2020s)
X10*	Kent Lorry Parks (Long Term Solution)	New smart traffic management systems.	Build greater resilience when there is disruption at the Port of Dover or the Eurotunnel, relieving Operations Stack and Brock by considering long-term solutions.	Short term (2020s)
X15	M20 Junction 3 - Junction 5 Smart Motorway	Smart motorway initiatives along the M20 between Junctions 3 and 5.	Build resilience by increasing capacity, supporting strategic freight movements.	Medium term (2030s)
X17	M25 Junction 5 Enhancements	Improvements to M25 Junction 5.	Build resilience by increasing capacity, leading to improved journey times, reliability and junction safety.	Medium term (2030s)
X22	A228 Medway Valley Enhancements	Enhancements to the A228.	Build resilience by increasing capacity and support access to new developments on the Medway Valley, supporting all modes including bus and active travel.	Medium term (2030s)
Y1*	Lower Thames Crossing	A second highway crossing of the Thames Estuary alongside supporting infrastructure.	Relieve the existing Dartford Crossing to support strategic freight movements between Kent and the rest of the country.	Medium term (2030s)

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## **Delivering interventions for Maidstone and Malling, Sevenoaks, and Tonbridge**

Working with our partners we will now begin delivery of the nearly 300 interventions within the Strategic Investment Plan. Appropriate scheme and business case development will be required for each intervention, along with stakeholder engagement. Delivery will be dependent on each individual intervention and its local context, the complexity of the scheme, the stage of the scheme and business case development, as well as funding.

TfSE's role will be to support the appropriate delivery partners as we progress each scheme and secure funding for scheme development and delivery.

Along with local transport authorities, central government and its agencies, and other delivery partners, we will establish appropriate governance to oversee the development, delivery, and benefits realisation arising from interventions included in this strategy as we work to achieve the vision set out in our Transport Strategy.

### **By 2050, delivery of the Strategic Investment Plan will achieve for the South East:**



21,000 additional new jobs



500,000 more rail trips each weekday



an additional £4 billion in GVA each year by 2050



1.5 million more bus, mass transit and ferry trips each weekday



1.4 mega tonnes less CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emitted each year and a pathway to net zero identified



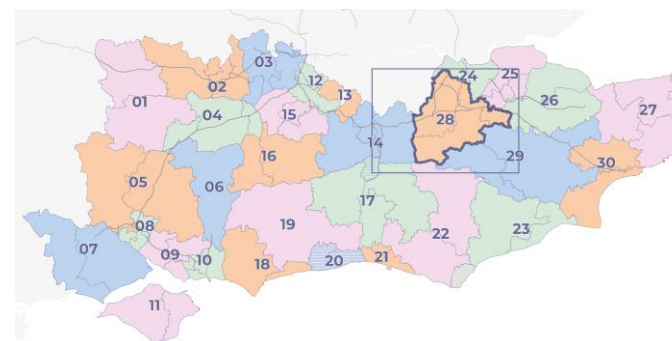
4 million fewer car trips each weekday

### **Help us to secure investment in the region's transport network**

Please promote this investment plan in your local communities. We have submitted this plan to government and asked them to consider it when making future investment decisions for the region. Collectively we can deliver this ambitious plan and deliver a high-quality, safe, sustainable and integrated transport system that makes the South East more productive and competitive, improving the quality of life for all residents.

You can find the Strategic Investment Plan, the technical work behind it and our Transport Strategy on the TfSE website - [www.tfse.org.uk](http://www.tfse.org.uk), along with other factsheets.

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**Figure 3:** Map of factsheet locations and numbers