

Bognor Regis and Littlehampton; Chichester

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 Bognor Regis and Littlehampton, Chichester and the surrounding area; the schemes within the Strategic Investment Plan will be delivered from now to 2050.



Figure 1: Bognor Regis and Littlehampton; Chichester 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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Figure 2: Bognor Regis and Littlehampton; Chichester scheme descriptions and phasing

Map Ref.	Intervention name	What is the scheme?	What will the scheme do?	Phasing
F1	West Coastway Strategic Study	Delivery of recommendations from the West Coastway Strategy Study, including increased service frequencies and timetable optimisation for local and strategic movements between Southampton, Havant, Chichester and Brighton.	Reduce wait times and the effective journey times of rail users.	Medium term (2030s)
F2	West Worthing Level Crossing Removal	Removal of the West Worthing level crossing.	Improve safety and reliability for new and existing rail users along the West Coastway Line.	Medium term (2030s)
G5	Sussex Coast Mass Rapid Transit	Mass Rapid Transit enhancements connecting hubs along the Sussex coast by increasing service frequencies, extending operating hours and delivering timetable integration, together with segregated infrastructure where appropriate.	Improve journey times and reliability for public transport on the Sussex coast.	Medium term (2030s)
H1	Sussex Coast Active Travel Enhancements (including LCWIPs)	Inter-urban cycling enhancements along the Sussex coast, including by utilising the National Cycle Network.	Improve access to points of interest via segregated active travel.	Short term (2020s)
I8!	A27 Chichester Improvements (RIS3 Pipeline)	Upgrades to the A27 Chichester Bypass in West Sussex.	Increase safety for all road users, reduce congestion and improve connectivity.	Medium term (2030s)
I14	A259 Bognor Regis to Littlehampton Enhancement (MRN)	Major upgrades to junctions along the A259 and major renewal to a road bridge over the River Arun.	Help maintain network resilience and thereby improve journey time reliability, particularly for commuters.	Short term (2020s)
I16	A259 Chichester to Bognor Regis Enhancement (MRN Pipeline)	Upgrades to junctions along the A259.	Build on previous schemes to address capacity issues on the A259 and maintain network resilience between Chichester and Bognor Regis.	Short term (2020s)
I18	A29 Realignment including combined Cycleway and Footway	Improvements to the A29, including realignment options to accommodate active travel corridors.	Increase the safety and attractiveness of cycling, encouraging take-up and facilitating a reduction in short-distance car trips.	Short term (2020s)
I20!	A27 Tangmere Junction Enhancements	Improvements to the A27 Tangmere Junction.	Increase the safety of all road users and safeguard journey time reliability.	Medium term (2030s)

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I22!	A27 Worthing (Long Term Solution)	Improvements to the A27 Worthing Junction. A number of tunnel options have been considered to deconflict strategic and local traffic.	Increase the safety of all road users and safeguard journey time reliability.	Long term (2040s)
L12	A29 Corridor Rural Bus Service Enhancements	Inter-urban bus enhancements along the A29, including bus priority measures where appropriate.	Increase bus service frequencies, reduce journey times and improve reliability for residents between Arundel, Billingshurst, Horsham and nearby centres.	Short term (2020s)
M10*	West Sussex Inter-urban Active Travel Infrastructure	Inter-urban walking and cycling enhancements across West Sussex, utilising and enhancing the National Cycle Network.	Connect points of interest and provide safer, faster and more accessible segregated cycle infrastructure. This will encourage active travel and help to diversify residents' travel options.	Short term (2020s)
M12	New Crawley - Chichester National Cycle Network Corridor	A new inter-urban cycling corridor between Crawley and Chichester, enhancing the National Cycle Network.	Connect points of interest and provide safer, faster and more accessible segregated cycle infrastructure. This will encourage cycling and help to diversify residents' travel options.	Medium term (2030s)
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)

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*Not shown on map.

Delivering interventions for Bognor Regis and Littlehampton and Chichester

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 CO₂ 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, along with other factsheets.

For more information contact TfSE at tfse@eastsussex.gov.uk or [0300 3309574](tel:03003309574).

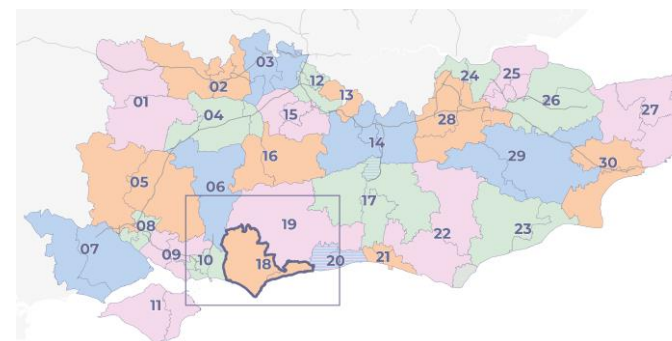


Figure 3: Map of factsheet locations and numbers