

Report to: Partnership Board –Transport for the South East

Date of meeting: 21 July 2025

By: Chief Officer, Transport for the South East

Title of report: Delivery of the Strategic Investment Plan

Purpose of report: To provide an update on work to support the delivery of the Strategic Investment Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

The members of the Partnership Board are recommended to comment on the progress of a range of workstreams that support the delivery of the Strategic Investment Plan.

1. Introduction

1.1 This report provides an update on a range of workstreams that support the delivery of the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP).

2. Background

2.1 Delivering the SIP requires several partners, including Transport for the South East (TfSE), local transport authorities, National Highways, Network Rail and Department for Transport (DfT), to work closely together to develop and deliver the schemes and policy interventions it sets out. Several different approaches to bring forward schemes are also required, taking account of the different stages of development that schemes are at and the resources available to both TfSE and delivery partners to progress.

2.2 This report provides an update on work that supports delivery of the interventions in the SIP, ensuring the required analytical tools are available, our partners have the support they need as they develop and deliver schemes, and that the reporting on benefits realisation arising from both the place-based and global interventions included in the SIP is taking place.

3. Scheme Development Work

3.1 This workstream supports delivery partners to progress schemes through the feasibility study or Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) stage where they are not able to fund or resource the work themselves.

3.2 The schemes that have been funded across the three financial years since inception are shown in Tables 1, 2 and 3 in Appendix 1. Through this programme TfSE has been able to support 14 schemes to date, which supports the building of a pipeline of schemes ready for delivery in the coming years.

3.3 Work is underway to review the support provided to date, and to refine and develop a more holistic offer for future financial years, including support that can be provided through the Centre of Excellence alongside direct funding for scheme development work

4. Major Road Network (MRN) and Large Local Majors (LLM)

4.1 TfSE continues to manage the Major Road Network (MRN) and Large Local Majors (LLM) programmes for the region, through support to local transport authority promoters and liaison with DfT. TfSE can offer training and guidance on business case development, through the Centre of Excellence and Analytical Framework.

5. Third Road Investment Strategy (RIS3)

5.1 The Draft RIS3 has been delayed, National Highways have been given a one-year extension of RIS2 with an interim settlement. We will be maintaining a dialogue with both National Highways and DfT. As the process evolves, to ensure that our regional priorities are considered as they finalise their plans.

6. Monitoring and Evaluation

6.1 Work is ongoing to gather and analyse data in readiness for the publication of a second “State of the Region report”, which will update the information in first version published in 2023. This will be brought to the Board for consideration in October 2025.

7. Financial Considerations

7.1 The work set out in this report is being funded from the DfT grant allocation awarded to TfSE for 2025/26.

8. Conclusions and recommendations

8.1 The Partnership Board is recommended to comment on the progress of a range of workstreams that support the delivery of the Strategic Investment Plan.

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Table 1 - Development support schemes – 2023-24

Promoting Authority	SIP ref	SIP Scheme Name	Status	Support for:	Award
Kent County Council	V2, V3 & V17	Fastrack Optimisation and Extension	Complete	Feasibility Study	£51,297
Medway Council	S16	New Strood Interchange	Complete	Pre-Feasibility Study	£20,000
Portsmouth City Council	B5	Cosham Station Mobility Hub	Complete	SOBC	£30,000
Southampton City Council	I10	West Quay Road Realignment	Complete	SOBC	£100,000
				Total	£201,297

Table 2 - Development support scheme - 2024-25

Promoting Authority	SIP ref	SIP Scheme Name	Status	Support for:	Award
West Sussex County Council	I16	A259 Chichester to Bognor Regis Enhancement	Underway	SOBC	£100,000
Surrey County Council	N1	London to Sussex Coast Highways (A22 N Corridor (Tandridge) South Godstone to East Grinstead)	Finalising Contracts	Feasibility Study	£50,000
East Sussex County Council	N3b & N18	A22 North of Hailsham to Maresfield (MRN Pipeline) Corridor SOBC	Underway	SOBC	£50,000
Berkshire - Wokingham Borough Council	P7, P9, P12, P18, Q1	A4 Berkshire - Quality Bus Corridor and Active Travel Improvements	Underway	Feasibility Study	£75,000
Hampshire County Council	E2	South East Hampshire Area Active Travel	Underway	Feasibility Study	£50,000
Brighton & Hove City Council	A2 & A3	A27/A23 Patcham Interchange & Falmer Strategic Mobility Hub	Underway	Feasibility Study	£50,000
Solent Authorities - NR	G2 & G3	A2 Botley Line Double Tracking & A3 Netley Line Signalling and Rail Service Enhancements	Underway	SOBC	£50,000
Kent County Council	S22	Gatwick-Kent Service Enhancements	Scoping & Legal Review	SOBC	£25,000
				TOTAL	£450,000

Table 3 - Development support schemes – 2025-26

Leading Authority	SIP ref	SIP Scheme Name	Status	Support for:	Award
Southampton City Council	C1	Southampton Mass Transit	Scoping	Feasibility Study	£100,000
Portsmouth City Council	C2	South East Hampshire Rapid Transit Future Phases	Scoping	Feasibility Study	£50,000
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