

## **TRANSPORT FOR GREATER MANCHESTER CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL AREA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **TAMESIDE**

#### **Metrolink**

The Metrolink East Manchester Line is currently in contract as part of the Phase 3A works which will deliver a new Metrolink tramway between Manchester Piccadilly Rail Station and Droylsden. The final 1.4km section is within the borough of Tameside and incorporates 3 new tram stops at Edge Lane, Cemetery Road and Droylsden. The scheme is funded entirely from local funding.

The extension from Droylsden to Ashton-under-Lyne delivers a further 3.8km of twin track and 4 additional stops at Audenshaw, Ashton Moss, Ashton West and Ashton-under-Lyne. The scheme is funded by 75% DfT Regional Fund Allocation and 25% local funding as part of the Greater Manchester Transport Fund Programme.

The planned delivery dates are Spring 2012 for the East Manchester Line and Winter 2013/2014 for the Ashton Extension.

#### **Bus**

Tameside MBC and Transport for Greater Manchester have been working together for a number of years to develop a scheme which would enhance the bus station facilities within Ashton town centre, as part of a wider regeneration initiative.

In June 2010, a renewal notice for a previously approved outline planning permission to develop the bus station as part of Hark Retail's development proposals was received and subsequently approved by the Council's Planning Committee.

Discussions are ongoing with Tameside MBC in respect of how the development of the bus station can form part of Tameside MBC's longer term aspirations for the town centre.

Transport for Greater Manchester will also be working with local authorities and bus operators to bring forward improvements in relation to bus network efficiency, and look to securing Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) funding to assist in this regard.

#### **Rail**

Five rail stations within the borough of Tameside (Ashton-under-Lyne, Broadbottom, Flowery Field, Newton for Hyde and Hattersley) are included in Transport for Greater Manchester's Rail Station Improvement Strategy (RSIS) which was established to improve existing passenger security and information systems at the smaller rail stations across the Greater Manchester. The schemes' details and forecast programme is provided below.

Station	Scheme Description	Funded	Delivery
Ashton U Lyne	Public Announcement System and Help Points	Yes. Transport for Greater Manchester	Tranche 4 - 2011
Flowery Field	CCTV, Customer Information Screens, Public Announcement System and Help Points	Not Confirmed	Tranche 5 - Delivery programme subject to confirmation of funding.
Newton for Hyde	CCTV, Customer Information Screens, Public Announcement System and Help Points	Not Confirmed	Tranche 5 - Delivery programme subject to confirmation of funding.
Broadbottom	CCTV, Customer Information Screens, Public Announcement System and Help Points	Not Confirmed	These stations are 2 out of the 11 remaining stations which are included in the RSIS Programme. Transport for Greater Manchester is intending to deliver the remaining stations over the next 4 years. Delivery will be subject to confirmation of funding.
Hattersley	CCTV, Customer Information Screens, Public Announcement System and Help Points	Not Confirmed	

In addition, the organisations which now form Transport for Greater Manchester have previously agreed a top ten stations most in need of “step free” accessibility improvements. Included within this list are Broadbottom and Newton for Hyde.

With regards the proposals at Broadbottom, Transport for Greater Manchester will continue to work with the DfT and other organisations in order to ensure that the previously prioritised aspirations, with regards to step free access, are recognised to influence the debate and the priority of other parties’ investments, including influencing schemes proposed in the rail re-franchising process

In addition, there is an aspiration to provide further enhancements to the rail station at Hattersley linked to the wider regeneration of the area. Currently there is no certainty with regards funding for this aspiration.

As part of the Accelerated Park and Ride Package, provision for 71 parking spaces at Guide Bridge railway station were identified for early delivery as part of Transport for Greater Manchester’s Transport Delivery Programme. DfT is currently unable to confirm the availability or timing of future funding for the package and, as a result, a way forward is being sought.

Transport for Greater Manchester will continue to work with Train Operating Companies to maximise the role that franchise commitments can play in bringing about improvements to passenger facilities at rail stations.