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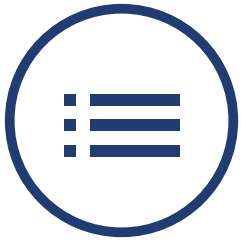
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A Few Words From The Minister For Infrastructure

“I am delighted to share with you the Transport Strategy to 2035.

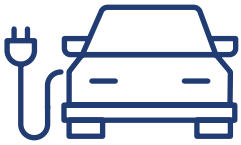
Transport is important to the growth and development of our society, influencing how we live, work and connect.

My commitment is to build a system that is sustainable, safe, accessible, inclusive and effective. Ensuring that everyone regardless of their location, income, or ability can access the opportunities they need to thrive.

Transport is not just about infrastructure, it's about the people who use it”.

What Is A Transport Strategy?

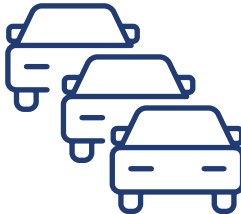
A Transport Strategy is a plan to make transport better for everyone. It will address:



Climate Change



Road Safety



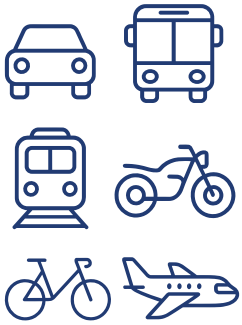
Traffic Congestion



Health and Wellbeing



Equality, Inclusion and Accessibility



What Do We Mean By Transport?

Transport moves people and goods from one place to another.

The different types of transport include:

- walking
- cycling
- buses
- trains
- cars
- community transport such as local buses
- trucks and vans
- boats
- aeroplanes
- taxis



What Do We Mean By Infrastructure?

Infrastructure includes the things that we need to make transport work.

Transport infrastructure includes:

- roads
- car parking
- cycle lanes
- bus stops and bus shelters
- ports and harbours
- airports
- train lines and stations



Why Do We Need A New Strategy?

We wrote our last strategy in 2002. Since then, a lot has changed.

The Climate Change Act is a new law that means we must think more about future generations. We must think about what we want for our children, and their children.

We want to make sure that our transport system does not harm the environment.

We want a transport system that is good for local people and the economy. That means making it easier to get from place to place using public transport or walking, wheeling or cycling.



What Does Our New Strategy Say?

- We want to provide a transport system that is sustainable, safe, accessible, inclusive and effective;
- We want to address climate change;
- We want to serve urban and rural communities; and
- We want to support economic growth.



How will we improve our Transport System?

Our Vision:

To provide a sustainable, safe, accessible, inclusive and effective transport system which meets the region's climate change requirements, serves the needs of urban and rural communities, and supports economic growth.

Our four priorities are outlined below:

1. Transport is resilient and sustainable;
2. Transport supports connected and inclusive communities;
3. Transport is safe and healthy; and
4. Transport supports green growth.



Strategic Priority 1 - Resilient and Sustainable

A carbon neutral transport system that is strong and flexible to a changing climate and the needs of communities.

How do we achieve this?

- By reducing the carbon impact of transport.
- By linking transport infrastructure with new homes, hospitals, schools and shops.
- By changing people's attitudes to travel.
- By managing how the transport system works.
- By carefully considering parking measures in our towns and city centres.
- By encouraging the use of vehicles that have lower emissions.

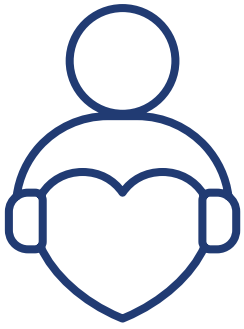


Strategic Priority 2 - Supports Connected and Inclusive Communities

A transport system that supports inclusive connections to social and economic opportunities close to where people live.

How do we achieve this?

- We will ensure the needs of people with disabilities and additional mobility needs are reflected in the design and management of the transport system.
- We will work with disabled people and their representative organisations to help make transport more accessible.
- We will invest in high-quality facilities to ensure you can easily move between different types of transport, for example cycling to a train station.
- We will improve our walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure.
- We will develop and support a public and shared transport system to encourage modal shift.



Strategic Priority 3 - Safe and Healthy

A transport system where no one is killed or seriously injured.

How do we achieve this?

- We will introduce more 20mph speed limits in appropriate locations.
- We will work to make travel safer, particularly for more vulnerable people such as people walking, wheeling, cycling, motorcycling, and those with a disability.
- We will help make journeys to school safer for children and young people.
- We will work towards improving air quality.



Strategic Priority 4 - Supports Green Growth

A transport system that provides businesses with good connections and creates better places.

How do we achieve this?

- We will continue to prioritise the investment in our most important roads, regional buses and the rail network.
- We will ensure our transport system is safe, well maintained and operating efficiently.
- We will ensure safe and efficient access to our ports and airports is maintained to support the economy.
- We will look to new and emerging technologies to improve our transport system.
- We will make evidence based decisions.
- We will support public transport and freight services to help people and goods move more easily.
- We will support cleaner and lower-emission vehicles to help reduce pollution and tackle climate change.



Monitoring and Delivery

How will we know if the Strategy is working?

- We will keep checking our progress.
- We will listen to people and use information to help us make decisions.
- We will update our plans when needed.
- We will work with others to improve transport across Northern Ireland.
- We will tell people what progress has been made.