

## **Prioritised National Transport Plan (in order of reference in 2010 NTP)**

### **Ongoing commitments**

- Make available £5m over 3 years to maximise our investment in Sustainable travel centres (NTP reference 1).
- Continue to improve the provision of travel information (NTP reference 2) by prioritising investment in Personalised Travel Planning.
- Continue to plan additional strategic modal interchanges (NTP reference 7).
- Simplify the ethos for delivering walking and cycling to maximise our investment. This will include ensuring our Highways and Transport Bill and all walking and cycling investment focus on delivering the Government's agenda:
  - Develop a larger number of traffic free walking and cycling routes and segregated public transport routes (NTP reference 8).
  - Maintain our Safe Routes in Communities programme to develop safer walking and cycling opportunities (NTP reference 9).
  - Deliver our Walking and Cycling Action Plan targets (NTP reference 11), with additional funding being made available for this.
  - Continue to increase the amount of funding available for walking and cycling schemes (NTP reference 12), through focus in our funding to sustainable travel centres and our safe routes in communities programme.
  - Integrate development of cycle routes in south-east Wales that are supported under EU Convergence funding (NTP reference 92). *Delivery of this is embedded in other work.*
- Continue to work with local authorities on the effective delivery of the local transport services grant, including increased take up of bus quality partnerships and quality contracts, and working more collaboratively with the community transport sector (NTP reference 15 and 17).
- Continue to support innovative transport services (NTP 19), and develop guidance for local authorities on how to support these and work more collaboratively with the community transport sector.
- National Station Improvement Programme (NTP reference 23).
- Maintain our commitment to free concessionary travel on local bus services for elderly and disabled people (NTP reference 28).

- Target investment in a way that supports the Regional Transport Plans (NTP reference 32).
- Continue to fund the Road Safety Grant to address road safety in areas where casualty and fatality rates are higher than the national average, or where there are issues for vulnerable groups (NTP reference 40).
- Continue pilot traffic officer service on A55 and M4 (NTP reference 45).
- Y Gerallt Gymro Holyhead to Cardiff fast train service, and programme of continued improvements (NTP reference 56).
- Work collaboratively with the new Network Rail Wales Branch to deliver the additional platforms at Pontypridd, Caerphilly and Barry (NTP reference 74).
- Complete the dualling of the A465 Heads of the Valleys road (by 2020) (NTP reference 82).
- Package of measures to deal with resilience, safety and reliability issues on the M4 around Newport (NTP reference 91), including: Steelworks Access Road (starting 2011/12), commencing the public consultation on the programme of measures (2012/13), M4 Junction 28 Tredegar Park (2013/14).
- Address transport issues in Wrexham, Chester, Deeside triangle (NTP reference 95) – report due in 2012.
- Working with Network Rail and Arriva Trains Wales to deliver daytime hourly services between Aberystwyth and Shrewsbury (NTP reference 96).

## **2011 – 2012**

- Continue work on the detailed design to redouble the section of railway between Saltney and Wrexham (NTP reference 57).
- A470 Gelligemlyn (NTP reference 60).
- A470 from Maes yr Helmau to Cross Foxes (NTP reference 61).
- Start to appoint advisors and design and build engagement for A487 from Caernarfon to Bontnewydd (NTP reference 69).
- A483 at Llandeilo, begin early contractor engagement (NTP reference 71), *construction would begin after 2014.*
- Start to appoint advisors and design and build engagement for A40 Llanddewi Velfry to Penblewin (NTP reference 85).
- Route study on the A4042 between Pontypool and Abergavenny (NTP reference 86), *with construction planned beyond 2015.*

- Improvements to Gaer Junction (completed), introduce bus service between Rogerstone and Newport as an initial first step to introducing hourly services from Ebbw Vale to Cardiff and Newport (NTP reference 89).
- M4 Magor to Castleton Steelworks Access Road (NTP reference 91).
- Working with stakeholders, review the options to increase the capacity of the A55 across the Menai, including capacity for walkers and cyclists (NTP reference 93).
- Appoint designers to develop options for the A55 at junctions 15 and 16 (NTP reference 94), *construction would begin after 2014*.
- Maximise reliability, improve journey times and the safety of the trunk road network (NTP 34); Improvements in the provision of safer walking and cycling routes (NTP reference 38); and Ensure network maintenance makes roads safer for users (NTP reference 43).
  - Prioritised investment to deliver economic and social benefits:
    - Safety improvements to the A465 Hirwaun to Dowlais Top.
    - A470 Abercynon roundabout off-slip improvements.
    - A4059 Mountain Ash, improving access to the town centre and new Cynon Valley Hospital.
    - A55 Britannia Bridge congestion reducing measures.
    - Access to Kenfig Industrial estate.
    - Wrexham Industrial Estate Access Road (Phase 2).
  - Prioritised investment to deliver walking and cycling improvements.
    - Coleg Meirion Dwyfor site, Caernarfon, walking and cycling infrastructure.
    - A55 Conwy Morfa cycleway (Phase 2)
    - Gwynedd walking and cycling schemes, linking Tywyn and Brynchrug.
    - Smarter Choices – funding for cycle stands in schools and capital equipment for travel planning.
    - Dee Valley Path, completion of Llangollen to Chirk section from Pontcysyllte Aquaduct to Chirk.
    - Barry Comprehensive School Safe Routes in Communities scheme.
    - Merthyr Connect 2, connecting communities in the Merthyr area with a continuous, traffic free route.
    - Royal Oak Valleys Cycle Network scheme, linking Blaenau Gwent and Torfaen.
    - Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal (National Cycle Network Route 49), improvements to the towpath between Mamhilad and Goytre Wharf.
  - Prioritised investment to deliver safety improvements:
    - Pont Abraham to Cross Hands Junction.
    - A465 Clydach Gorge winter maintenance CCTV.
    - A483 Four Crosses Maerdy Bridge Junction.
    - A483 Caersws Moat Lane Junction.
    - A458 Welshpool Town Centre crossing upgrade.
    - A487 Machynlleth Rail Bridge Footway Railings

- A479 Talgarth Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade.
- A494 Tan yr Unto, Ruthin.
- A55 Safety Fencing renewal.
- A494 Meiarth Bach.
- Prioritised investment to maximise the effective operation of the road network:
  - Programme of resurfacing schemes across Wales to minimise the risk of disruption to the network resulting from potholes.
  - Early intervention programme to minimise future disruption to the network.
  - Programme to upgrade lighting to more energy-efficient lanterns.
  - Safety improvements on the A465.

### **2012 – 2013**

- Appoint contractors for A483 in Newtown (NTP reference 70).
- Take forward the integrated transport measures to deal with the A470 and A483 through Builth Wells (NTP reference 70) and begin to plan the longer term intervention (beyond 2015).
- Begin work on the new station at Energlyn, by 2014 (NTP reference 75).
- Construction starts to redouble the railway between Gowerton and Loughor (NTP reference 77).
- Start A465 Heads of the Valleys Road, section 3 Brynmawr to Tredegar (NTP reference 82).
- Start A477 St Clears to Red Roses (NTP reference 84).
- Safety improvements to A4226 Five Mile Lane to be completed, with next steps possibly a review of the options in light of modernisation of railways in south-east Wales (NTP reference 87), *construction would begin after 2014*.
- Review the study on the transport issues in Wrexham (NTP reference 95)

### **2013 – 2014**

- Begin to deliver M4 Magor to Castleton post stakeholder engagement options (NTP reference 91).
- M4 Junction 28 Tredegar Park (NTP reference 91).

### **2014 – 2015**

- Additional carriages to peak time services to Caerphilly (NTP reference 75) to be planned for delivery following completion of Cardiff Area Signalling Renewal (CASR) in 2015. *Linked to work to integrate transport in the south-east region (Metro concept).*

- Introduce additional services on the lines from Pontypridd and Caerphilly to Cardiff (NTP reference 76) to be planned for delivery following completion of CASR in 2015. *Linked to work to integrate transport in the south-east region (Metro concept).*
- Introduce additional services on the Vale of Glamorgan line (NTP reference 78) to be planned for delivery following completion of CASR in 2015. *Linked to work to integrate transport in the south-east region (Metro concept).*
- Extend the half-hourly service from Maesteg to Cardiff and Brackla Station (NTP reference 80) to be planned for delivery following completion of CASR in 2015. *Linked to work to integrate transport in the south-east region (Metro concept).*
- Start A465 Heads of the Valleys Road, section 2 Gilwern to Brynmawr (NTP reference 82).

### **Beyond 2015**

- A470 Alltmawr (NTP reference 62).
- A470 Pentrefelin to Bodnant West Lodge (NTP reference 63).
- A470 Rhayader (NTP reference 66).
- A470 Plas Maenan and Bodhyfryd (NTP reference 67).
- Express bus service between Cardiff and Cardiff Airport (NTP reference 87).
- Deliver new station at Ebbw Vale town (NTP reference 90).
- A55 Tai'r Meibion (NTP reference 94)
- Re-evaluate business case for introducing additional services on Heart of Wales (NTP reference 97).
- Deliver interventions identified for the A458 from Buttington Cross to Wollaston Cross (working with DfT) (NTP reference 98).