

Plymouth Metro System

Improving Plymouth's competitiveness with the rest of the UK and supporting growth in employment and housing by increasing the use of existing rail services and then expanding these to create a modern metro system which meets the city's future transport needs.



Economic Strategy

Plymouth's ambitious growth agenda

HM Devonport Naval Base

Part of the UK's Continuous At Sea Deterrent (CASD) chain

- **Investment** - £4.4bn over next 10-years
- **Construction** - 2,000 additional jobs
- **Permanent workforce** - increases from 13,000 to 18,500

Plymouth and South Devon Freeport

Only Freeport on the South West Peninsula

- **Business incentives** - across three sites in city until 2031
- **Forecast employment** - 3,500 additional jobs

Plymouth Science Park

Largest science and technology park in the region

- **High value jobs** - 74 businesses employing 1,000 people in the digital, health, defence and engineering sectors

Homes England Priority Place

Ambitious proposals for housing growth in Plymouth

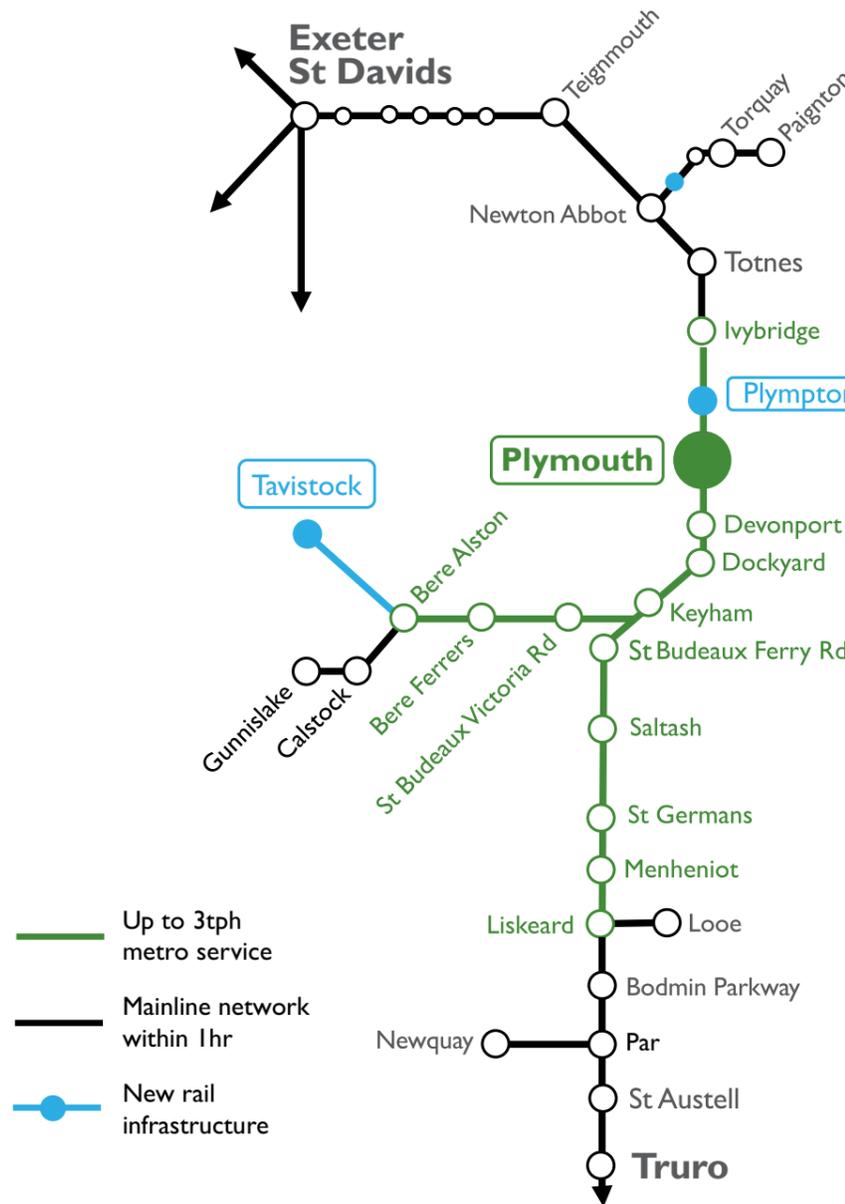
- **New homes** - 10,000 in city centre and surrounding area
- **Resident population** - to increase to 300,000 by 2034

Role of rail in delivering growth

The scale of growth planned will draw upon the workforce outside the city limits.

- **Existing transport corridors** - already under pressure with significant queues and delays
- **Providing additional capacity** - increasing use of existing rail services is a cost effective way of doing this in the short-term
- **Creating a metro system** - with an additional line, new stations and increased service frequencies will ensure the growth can be sustained in the long-term

Plymouth Metro System Network



System outputs

- **Review of services and ticketing** - increases use of current spare capacity and role of rail (current mode share is 0.3%)
- **New station and line** - increases rail penetration to the east and north of the city
- **Travel to work** - all stations within a 1 hour journey time with increased frequencies at metro stations
- **Network coverage** - 0.75m resident population (0.3m economically active)

Delivering Plymouth Metro

Next steps

Wi-Fi on intercity trains

Provide fast reliable Wi-Fi to increase business productivity, increase inward investment and support the visitor economy.

Offer: Pilot funded by Peninsula Transport - Autumn 2025

Ask: DfT release Spending Review funding - January 2026

Delivery: Wi-Fi equipment installed - June 2026 onwards

Local rail services

Review timing, ticketing and trains to increase use of existing rail capacity for commuting into the Plymouth area.

Offer: Peninsula Transport collate trip data - December 2025

Ask: DfT to direct GWR to undertake review - January 2026

Delivery: GWR to introduce initial changes - May 2026

Offer: Peninsula Transport to coordinate work on business case for higher frequencies/infrastructure upgrades - July 26

Ask: DfT review Full Business Case - September 2026

Delivery: DfT allocate funding for delivery to commence - May 2027

Reopen Tavistock Line

Increases rail access from the north reducing pressure on A386 northern transport corridor.

Offer: Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) submitted

Ask: DfT review SOBC and fund Full Business Case - Nov 2025

Delivery: Submit Full Business Case - October 2026

New station at Plympton

Increases access to rail network in the east and provides direct rail link to Devonport Naval Base.

Offer: Metro Study to assess case for station - June 2026

Strategic Outline Business Case submitted - September 2026

Ask: DfT review SOBC and fund Full Business Case - Nov 2026

Delivery: Submit Full Business Case to DfT - May 2027

New local train fleet

Improves capacity, reliability, passenger comfort with reduced emissions, operating and maintenance costs.

Offer: Peninsula Transport draft strategic case - March 2026

Ask: DfT direct GWR to prepare proposal - November 2025

Delivery: GWR submit report to DfT - April 2026