

## **PENINSULA TRANSPORT: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORT ACROSS THE SOUTH WEST**

### **Briefing note: Peninsula Transport Strategy consultation, December 2023**

Peninsula Transport, the sub-national transport body for Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay councils, is running a public consultation on its draft transport strategy.

The strategy will be used to guide regional transport investment decisions through to 2050. It sets out four outcomes and a route map to achieving a strategic transport network that works for everyone – from businesses to communities and visitors.

By 2030 the desired outcomes are:

- **Easier journeys:** integrating walking and wheeling with the bus and rail network, to make getting around without a car easy.
- **Going electric:** affordable zero-emission transport through a reliable electric vehicle charging network.
- **A connected peninsula:** safe, reliable and resilient road and rail travel within the peninsula and beyond.

These outcomes will ultimately lead to the key objective of:

- **Completing the network:** improved connections within a growing and fully integrated transport network on a path to net zero.

The strategy will be the foundation of a Strategic Investment Plan which will identify and prioritise transport schemes and projects that reflect national and regional policies and best meet the needs of the user. The transport strategy does not replace Local Transport Plans developed by local authorities but provides a series of strategic objectives to guide the development of local policies.

The strategy is available on our consultation space held on [www.peninsulatransport.org.uk](http://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk)

### **CONSULTATION AND EVENTS**

Our consultation is now open and we invite stakeholders to review the Peninsula Transport Strategy and feedback to Peninsula Transport through a short online survey that can be found at: [https://plymouth-consult.objective.co.uk/public/transport/peninsula\\_transport\\_strategy](https://plymouth-consult.objective.co.uk/public/transport/peninsula_transport_strategy)

**Webinars:** Peninsula Transport will be hosting free webinars throughout January 2024, open to anyone interested in finding out more about the strategy. Dates will be released shortly any people can pre-register interest at [www.peninsulatransport.org.uk](http://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk).

**Share:** help spread the work and share our consultation with others. Please feel free to share this briefing and the link with your networks. We are also promoting the strategy via our social media channels and would welcome your support in sharing content across your own channels.

- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/peninsula-transport/>
- X (formerly Twitter): <https://twitter.com/PensTransport>

### **EVIDENCE BASE**

We consulted on and finalised our vision, which also set out a series of high-level goals for the STB to take forward, in 2021. Since then, we have produced a comprehensive evidence base to create a

strong understanding of how the peninsula works and what will bring the biggest benefits to the region. The recommendations and priorities identified in individual pieces of technical work were brought together to define the four key outcomes set out in the transport strategy and develop a route map to achieving a better strategic transport network. Our full suite of technical works can be accessed: <https://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk/technical-work/>

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

Once the consultation closes, we will take the time to review and analyse all the responses, using the feedback to finalise the Peninsula Transport Strategy. The final draft of the Peninsula Transport Strategy will then be submitted to the Peninsula Transport Board to approve its adoption.

If adopted, we expect to publish the final strategy in March 2024. It will then be used to develop the Strategic Investment Plan and we will work with government, industry and local authorities to deliver its aims for the peninsula.

To keep up to date with the work of Peninsula Transport you can join our mailing list here: <http://eepurl.com/hynxmf>.

### **ABOUT PENINSULA TRANSPORT**

Peninsula Transport is the sub-national transport body (STB), bringing together the five lead transport authorities in the peninsula (Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay) to work directly with the Department for Transport (DfT) on the strategic transport priorities for the region. Sub-national Transport Bodies were established as part of the Cities and Local Government Act 2016.

Formed in 2018, we are a partnership established to transform transport and boost economic growth for the peninsula. Our role is to guide and advise government on our regional transport priorities and investment by developing and then maintaining a regional transport strategy. Our work is aimed at enhancing strategic cross-boundary connectivity and complements the work of our local authorities to enhance local connectivity.

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