

Our Journey – final version



A plan about transport across the North East.

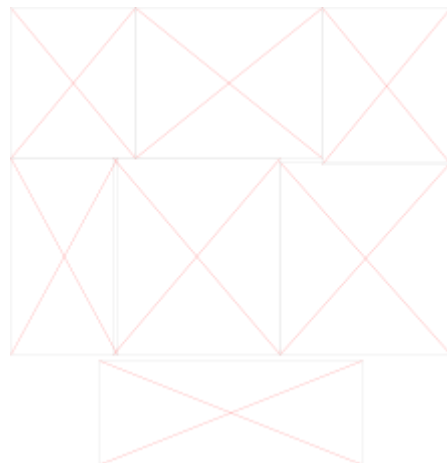
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Councils working together



These 7 councils work together to make things better in the North East.



- County Durham
- Gateshead
- Newcastle upon Tyne
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland



They have made a new organisation called the North East Combined Authority.

This organisation will work to make the North East a great place to live and work.



This paper comes from these councils.



About this paper



We want to make transport as good as possible for people who live or work in the North East, or come to visit.



In February 2016, we asked people across the North East about a paper we produced called “Our Journey”.



This is the final version of that paper and it summarises the ideas people gave us



The ideas from this paper will go into a Plan we are going to make. The Plan will say what will happen over the next 20 years, until 2036.

Thank you for your help.



Nick Forbes
North East Combined Authority

About the North East

It's a big area!



We have towns and countryside.



2 million people live here.



Over 4 million people visit every year.

200,000 people travel into towns to work.

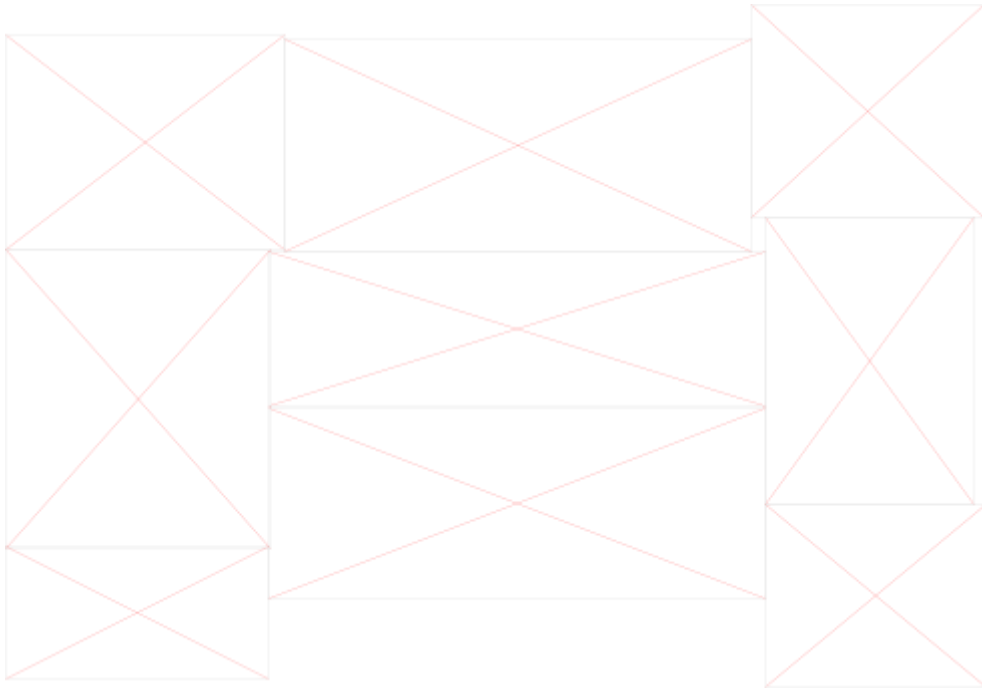


We have the biggest car factory in the UK.

Lots of businesses, small and large.

Our Journey – a plan for the North East

Our plan is all about how people travel around the North East
People use lots of different ways to travel.



People travel for lots of reasons...

- work
- friends
- shopping
- fun
- holiday
- business

Our new identity



The new identity for transport in our area will be 'Transport North East'



We want transport to be good for people who live and work in the North East or who visit us, and for businesses too.

Our journey – big ideas

Transport must be:

- ✓ **Accessible for everyone to use:**
 - Nearby for everyone.
 - Usable by everyone.

- ✓ **Affordable:**
 - So people can afford to travel.

- ✓ **Reliable:**
 - So trains and buses run on time.
 - So there are fewer traffic jams.

- ✓ **Easy to use:**
 - So you can find out about your journey easily.
 - So you can pay for your journey easily.

- ✓ **Safe:**
 - So everyone can travel as they wish.
 - So vulnerable groups feel protected.

- Sustainable:**
 - ✓ ● So transport does not damage the environment

- ✓ **Integrated:**

- So people can change between different types of transport easily

Our journey – what will we do?

✓ There are 13 things we want to work for over the next 20 years.

- Good access to places where people want to go
- Keeping roads, railways, metro, ports and airports well looked after, so they are not damaged by bad weather and are safe
- Fewer traffic jams
- Transport which is good for the future because it is better for the environment
- Transport which creates more jobs so people are better off
- Less pollution now
- Helping people to be healthy and active
- Making sure transport is used well, so we don't waste money
- Building houses and factories in places where people don't need to use their cars so much
- Transport that everyone can use
- Better provision for cyclists
- Better ways to get to other parts of the UK
- More public transport

Our Journey – what will it mean for you?



More people walking

We will make this happen by:

- More safe paths.
- Better signs.
- Better signals at crossings.
- Encourage more children to walk to school.
- Encourage more people to walk to work.
- Designing new places so people can walk easily.
- Improving safety for pedestrians.
- Taking account of the needs of disabled pedestrians.



Our Journey – what will it mean for you?



More people cycling



We will make this happen by:

- Developing cycle routes to take people to the places they work and visit.
- Places to park bicycles.
- Telling people it is good for their health to cycle.
- Make roads safer for cyclists.

Our Journey – what will it mean for you?



More people using buses, local trains, and the metro



We will make this happen by:

- Buses, trains and metros being on time.
- Fares will be good value.
- Timetables will be easy to understand.
- It will be easy to find out if the bus, train or metro is on time.
- It will be easy to get on and off the bus, train and metro –for everyone.
- A good network of services including in rural areas
- New metro trains.
- Some faster trains.
- New stations.
- More space on trains.
- More space for cycles on trains.
- Addressing crime and fear of crime so people feel safe when they travel

Our Journey – what will it mean for you?



Better National rail services



We will make this happen by:

- Working with other organisations so there are more and better trains that run on time to places like London, Leeds, Manchester, Birmingham and Edinburgh
- Ensure that people across our region can access the long-distance rail network
- Making sure that new High Speed rail lines serve the North East

Our Journey – what will it mean for you?



More people using taxis



We will make this happen by:

- Ensuring the standard of taxi services is high.
- Linking taxis in with other transport.
- More taxis which are better for the environment.

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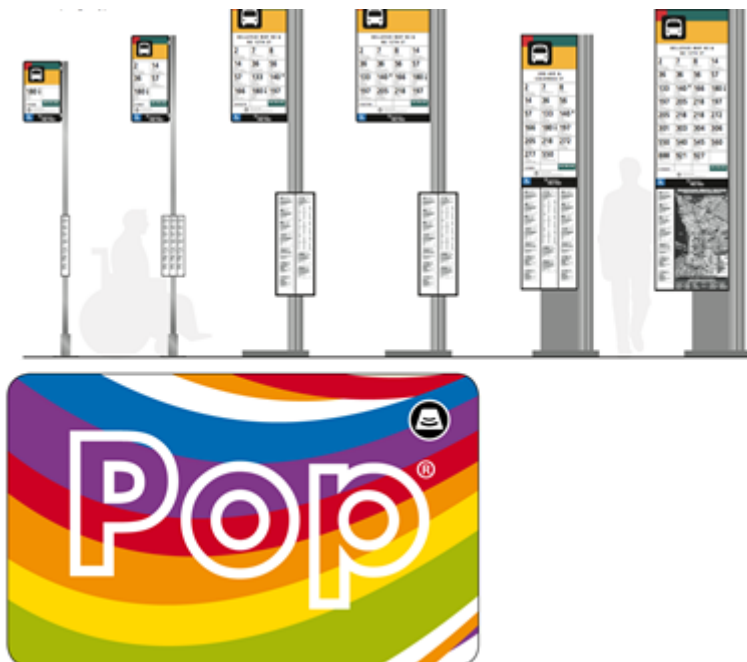


Journeys will be easier



We will make this happen by:

- It will be easy to use a POP Card in more places. This is a plastic card you can use to pay for journeys.
- Fares will be affordable.
- Signs at stations and bus stops to tell you when your bus or train will arrive.
- Integrating different types of transport



Our Journey – what will it mean for you?



We will make our roads better, so there are fewer traffic jams.



More people will want to use public transport. This will mean fewer traffic jams.



More buses, taxis and lorries will use fuel which is better for the environment.



Electric cars and vans make less pollution. We will have more places where people can charge their electric cars.



We will help people to share cars.



We will improve safety for everyone.



We will help people who want to use motorcycles and scooters.

Our Journey – what will it mean for you?



Freight transport will be better so companies can move goods about more easily



We will make this happen by:

- Working to improve standards in the freight industry

Encouraging companies to move freight by rail and sea instead of having more lorries on the roads

Our Journey – what will it mean for you?



We will join up our ports with roads and rail better. This will help bring tourists and help business.



We will make sure the Shields Ferry links in well with other forms of transport



We will make our airports better so people choose to travel from local airports. We will have new routes so people can travel to China and the Far East from the North East. This will help business. We will also make it easier for people to get to the airport by public transport

Devolution

We want more powers to decide how our transport system should be run, and the money to pay for it.



This means making sure we have enough money for the future to pay for all that we want to do including:

- New trains for the Metro
- Expanding the Metro to new places
- Better public transport ticketing and information
- Money to maintain our roads and pavements properly and build new ones where they are needed

To do this we need to work with other organisations including Government departments and local councils next to the North East