### Building the Bee Network

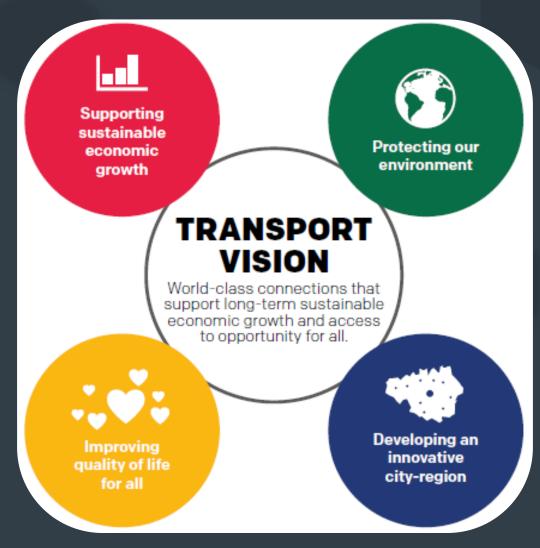
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**Transport for Greater Manchester** 



#### **Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040**

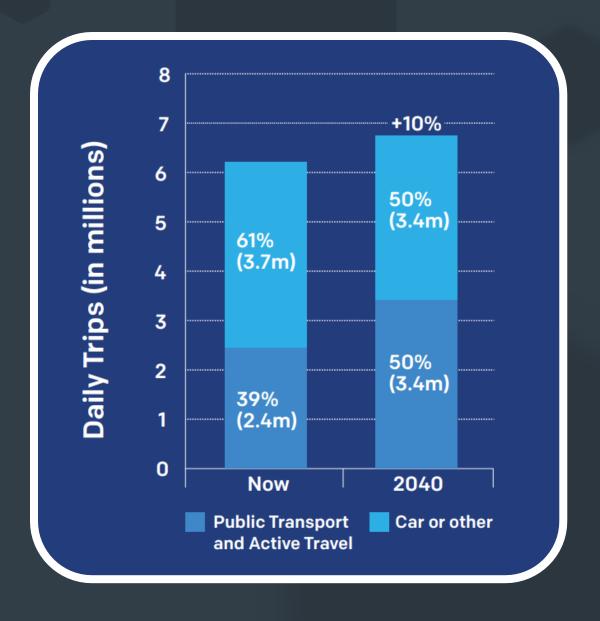




#### Right Mix: 2040 Vision

At least 50% of journeys to be made by walking, cycling and public transport by 2040, to avoid future growth in traffic.





#### The Bee Network

#### We're building the Bee Network...

- A fully-integrated transport network for the people of Greater Manchester.
- Bringing together bus, tram, active travel and ultimately rail services into one system with integrated ticketing, information and a highquality user experience.

#### The Bee Network will...

- Deliver more jobs, businesses, homes and inclusion in a sustainable way.
- Support a shift to more sustainable forms of transport to help meet our decarbonisation targets – the 'Right Mix'.













#### Journey to the Bee Network

- 1824 First horse-drawn bus in Manchester
- 1830 First passenger and goods railway in world
- 1968 Transport Act creates SELNEC
- 1974 Greater Manchester created SELNEC becomes GMPTE
- 1986 Bus services outside of London deregulated
- 1992 Metrolink opens now largest light rail network in UK
- 2011 TfGM established
- 2017 Bus Services Act & first GM Mayor Cycling and Walking Commissioner
- 2018-2020 Made to Move / Change A Region to Change a Nation 'The (original)Bee Network'
- 2021 GM Cycle Hire scheme launches
- 2022 Transport and Active Travel Commissioners Active Travel Mission Refresh.
- 2023 First franchised bus services in UK outside London
- 2025 All bus services in GM franchised
- 2030 GM rail services integrated into the Bee Network



#### **Bee Network Customer Commitments**

- Our customer commitments are our promise to users of the Bee Network.
- They set out what customers can expect from the Bee Network and how to provide feedback and suggestions for improvement.



Safe

We will create a safe and secure network 

Everyone can use us



Accessible



Reliable

We will deliver a reliable network



Affordable

We will keep the cost of travel as low as possible



Accountable

We will use your feedback to shape the Bee Network



Sustainable

We will take the lead in creating a greener, healthier Greater Manchester



#### **GM Bus Franchising**

- 24 September 2023 tranche one went live, covering Bolton, Wigan, and parts of Salford and Bury.
- 24 March 2024 tranche two will go live, covering Oldham, Rochdale, and parts of Bury, Salford and north Manchester.
- 5 January 2025 tranche three will go live, covering Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, and the remaining parts of Manchester and Salford.



#### Initial targets to 2030

#### **Patronage**

• A **30% increase in bus patronage** from 2022/23 levels, with Bee Network targets to be confirmed through LTP process.

# By 2030, we want our buses to carry over **200 million** journeys per year.

#### **Frequency**

- By 2030, we will aim for buses to run at least every 12 minutes on key orbital and radial routes.
- We will aim to provide 90% of the entire Greater Manchester population with a 30-minute frequency bus or Metrolink service on weekdays within 400m of their home. Other options (e.g. DRT) will be put in place in parts of the city region where this is not possible.

#### Infrastructure

 We intend to deliver on-street bus improvements across 70km of high frequency, strategic bus routes across Greater Manchester by 2030.

#### **Affordability**

• We will **keep fares as low as possible** across the Bee Network and reinvest any surplus back into the transport system.







Richard Holden MP @ @RicHolden - Sep 25 Since 2020, we've invested £3.5bn to back buses across England including the popular #GetAroundForTwoPound scheme w

It was great to be in Bolton today with @AndyBurnhamGM to see the launch of the #BeeNetwork, with £1.1on of funding over 5 years from @transportgovuk, giving... Show more



#### **Bolton** 25 September 2023





Transport for the North @Transport4North - Sep 25 It was fantastic to 'Bee' part of today's launch of the #BeeNetwork.

Our Chair @Patrick4Dales met with @AndyBumhamGM and the @BeeNetwork team as the new buses begin to roll out across





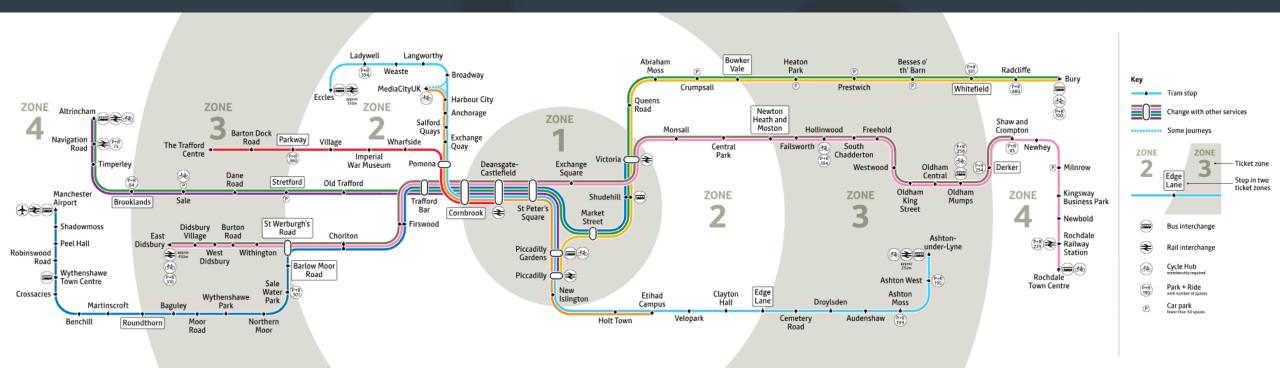




# Trams in Greater Manchester

#### Metrolink

- Is the biggest light rail network in the UK at 103km long and 99 stops.
- Operated by 147 Bombardier M5000 high floor trams
- Metrolink is owned by TfGM but operated by KeolisAmey Metrolink (KAM)
- When surveyed, 22% of all Metrolink users said they would have otherwise driven



### Rail in Greater Manchester

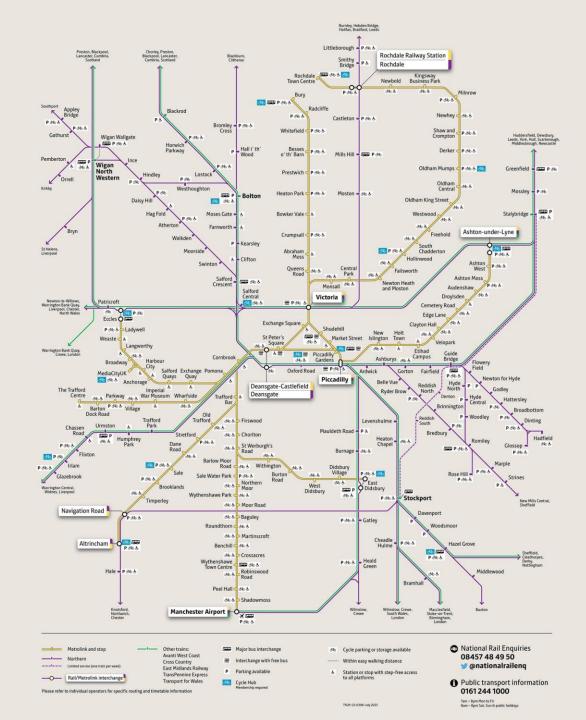


#### Rail Network in GM

#### Rail services run by:

- Northern (publicly owned)
- TransPennine Express (publicly owned)
- Avanti West Coast
- CrossCountry
- East Midlands Trains
- Transport for Wales (publicly owned)

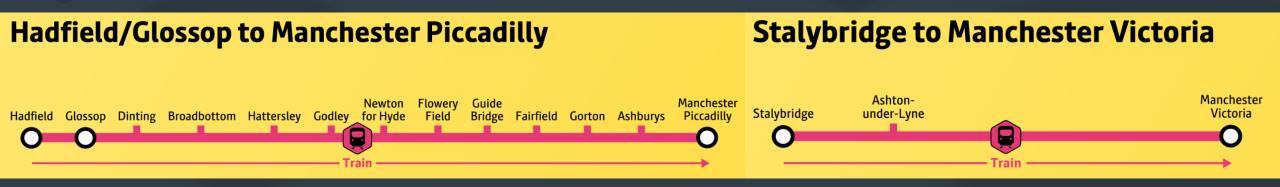
Operators manage their own stations, except for central Manchester and Salford stations which are managed by Network Rail. TfGM manages Horwich Parkway.



#### Bringing rail into the Bee Network

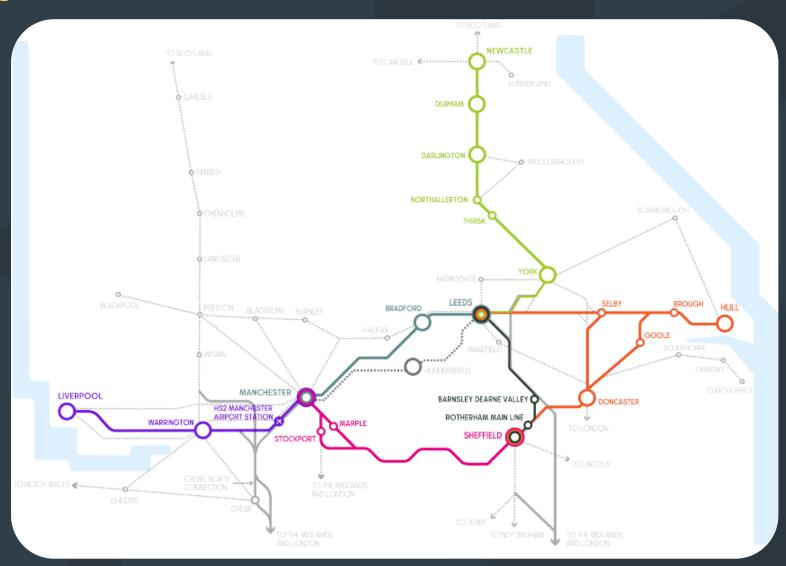
In March 2023, Greater Manchester agreed a new Trailblazer Deeper Devolution Deal with central government. Included new powers that will allow us to fully integrate local rail services into the Bee Network by 2030 (co-branding, land value capture).

In 2025, we'll be the first area outside London to trial contactless 'touch-in/touch-out' payment for some local train services in Greater Manchester.



#### Improving city to city connections

- One priority is creating
   Northern Powerhouse Rail
   to better connect Greater
   Manchester with Liverpool,
   Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield,
   and Hull
- Cancellation of HS2 makes managing capacity constraints on the current network challenging



## Active Travel in Greater Manchester



#### Refreshed Mission for Active Travel

#### Three foundations:

#### Accessibility

- Inclusive
- Universally accessible
- Built to consistent standards

#### Behaviour change

- Enabling greater uptake
- Encouraging everyone to value each other's choices

### Communications and stakeholder engagement

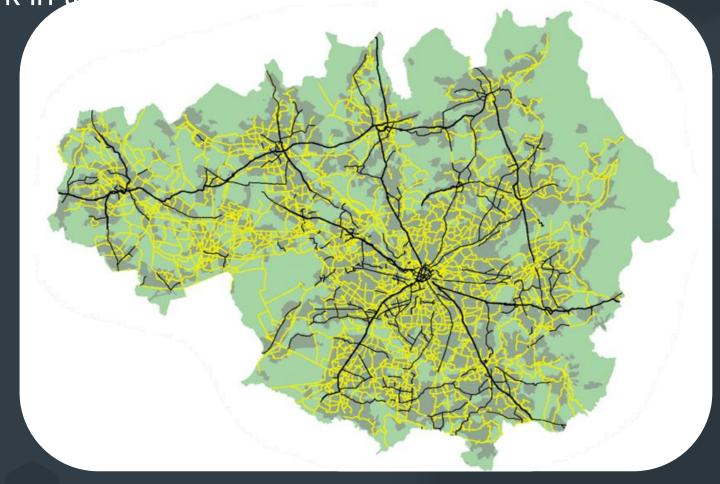
- Transparent and simplified communication
- High-profile communication linking active travel to people's lives

#### The Bee Network Active Network Vision

A network to connect all communities in GM with high quality active travel infrastructure – the biggest network in the LIK

#### Key features:

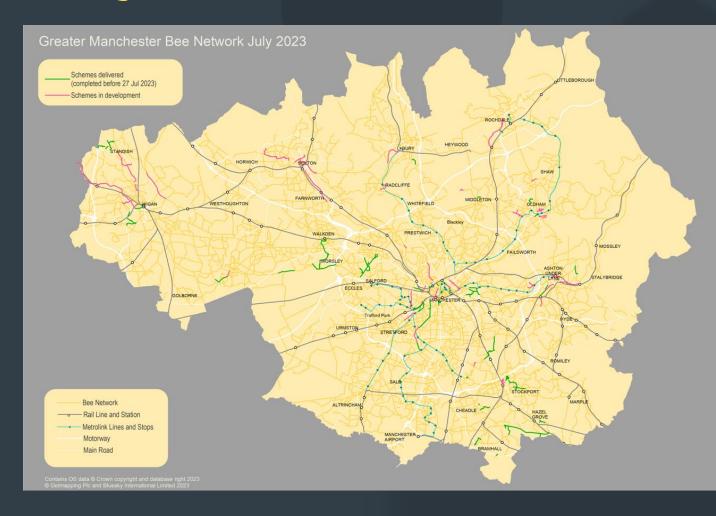
- Protected infrastructure for those cycling on many busy roads – c1100km
- Existing quiet streets and offroad
   routes connected up by new crossings of busier roads – c 1500km



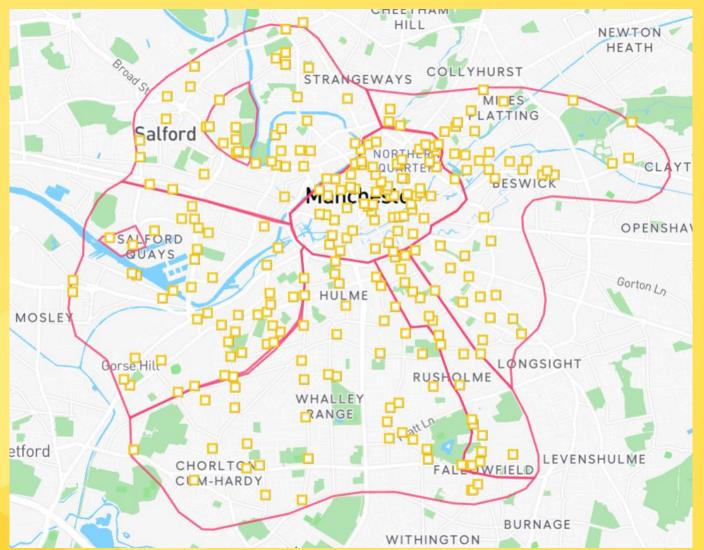
Tackling a legacy of poor

#### **Active Travel Network Delivery**

- £275m programme of transformational Active Travel Infrastructure well underway
- c.54km of new Bee Network standard infrastructure now completed on site
- 72 schemes have full funding approval and are either complete, on site, or mobilising (value of c.£160m)
- 22/23 14 schemes completed delivering 25km of network
- 20km of major city centre radial



#### **Bee Network Bikes**









500,000+ rides Ave. RpBpD: 3.0!



#### Infrastructure Delivery Highlights

- New Cycle Optimised Protected Signal (CYCLOPS) junctions invented in GM to provide protection for those walking, wheeling or cycling at major junctions
- Many new crossings delivered, including new 'Sparrow' crossings which provide signal protected crossings of major roads for those walking, wheeling







Complementary Measures Programme

#### Access

- Cycle Training
- Access to Bikes
- Cycle Parking
- Grants

Journey to School



#### **Activation**

- Cycle & Stride
- Scheme Activation
- Campaigns & Comms



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