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My promise for West Yorkshire

The Weaver Network is my promise to you to deliver a better-connected West Yorkshire. It represents my ambition for a seamless, reliable transport network under one brand, with a new name and a new look. Transport is integral to our region's success and the Weaver Network is at the forefront of my plans to create a region that's prosperous, well-connected, safe, inclusive, sustainable and happy – a place where everyone can thrive.



Your Weaver Network

We know that our transport network is not yet good enough, and we're already working to change this. The Weaver Network will stitch the people and places of West Yorkshire together.

We're bringing buses back under public control, with people's needs, not profit, at the heart of our decision making. We are planning and developing a tram network in partnership with you, the people of West Yorkshire, and we're already making improvements to bus, cycle, walking and wheeling infrastructure. And, in partnership with the North and South Yorkshire Mayors and government, I'm working to bring about much needed investment in Yorkshire's rail network.

The Weaver Network is the thread that binds our transport system together. Integrated across bus, walking, cycling, rail and our future tram and Mass Transit system, the Weaver Network promises a more seamless passenger experience, joining up journeys with co-ordinated timetables and ensuring consistency across ticketing, journey planning and real-time information.

The Weaver Network will be easy to use, affordable and get you where you need to go, no matter how you choose to travel. Simon Armitage, NationalPoet Laureate, West Yorkshire Resident

"To me, the Weaver Network name symbolises the threads connecting people with places, shuttling to-and-fro, built on heritage and creating new ties and links."



The Weaver Network story

The look of the Weaver Network not only celebrates our textile heritage but also the rich tapestry that makes up our region's cultural identity. You'll see references to Sari prints, African wax prints and Yorkshire tweeds alongside nods to some of our great cultural icons – from David Hockney to Barbara Hepworth and Henry Moore.

The colours and patterns that represent the Weaver Network are shaped by our landscape and our communities. The network is inspired by you, the people who live and work in West Yorkshire. It's your network, it belongs to you.

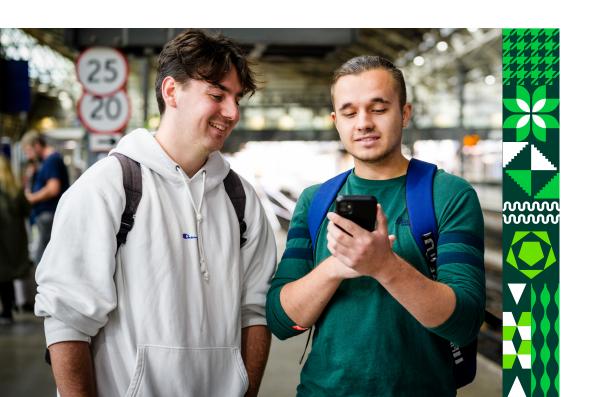
And it's about more than design, the Weaver Network will deliver clarity, consistency and confidence for everyone using public transport.

The Weaver Network is my promise for a cleaner, greener and better-connected West Yorkshire. One network, one identity and one shared purpose – helping people get where they need to go with ease and confidence. No matter where you are going, we'll get you there.





The Local Transport Plan sets out the changes we need to make to build a transport network that works for West Yorkshire. The Weaver Network is your network, and I'm asking you to help us shape my local transport plan so we can deliver a network that works for everyone.



Our Local Transport Plan

What is a Local Transport Plan and why is it important?

As a Transport Authority, we're obligated to develop and regularly renew our Local Transport Plan (LTP). The plan guides all transport policy and investment in the region, setting the strategic direction for the future of transport in West Yorkshire.

Without a Local Transport Plan, we can't make the changes we want and need to make to deliver our planned improvements under the Weaver Network. In fact, it's vital to shape our transport network and he future success of our region. And so, I'm asking you, everyone who lives or works in West Yorkshire to have your say in shaping our plans.

A network shaped by you

Last year, you helped shape our vision, principles and objectives for the plan. Now we are sharing the next stage – the detail of how and when we'll deliver the plan.



The consultation on the Local Transport Plan is open to everyone who lives or works in West Yorkshire from 29 July to 21 October. To read the consultation documents and find out how you can take part visit the LTP Your Voice page

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Six principles: The fabric of the Weaver Network

Our vision for the Weaver Network is a leading transport network for West Yorkshire: benefitting people, places and our planet by embedding sustainable transport choices to enable the economy to grow.

By making sustainable travel the easy choice, we'll support a stronger, green economy.



1. Integrated

Joined up multi-modal journeys – with well co-ordinated services, timetables, and information.

Easy to use fares and ticketing, such as 'Tap in, tap out'.

Travel with confidence with a door-to-door transport network.

2. Inclusive and affordable

Affordable fares and tickets.

Removing barriers to travel – making it easier to use for everyone – especially those with additional needs or travelling with young children.

No more postcode lottery – a reliable network no matter where you live.

3. Reliable and resilient

Consistent journeys in the right place at the right time.

Prioritisation of public transport on our roads.

Minimum disruption and a quick response when things go wrong.

4. Safe

A safe network that everyone feels confident to travel on.

Measures to protect and support women and girls to feel safe on public transport.

Zero fatalities on the road network.

Reducing crowding and congestion.

5. Active

Better access to walking, wheeling and cycling.

Provide support to help people live a healthier life.

Improving our streets and shared spaces to make for more pleasant short journeys.

6. Zero Emission

Cleaner and greener travel options.

Electrification and transition to alternative fuels.

Objectives

Enabling inclusive growth

Accelerating inclusive growth with health, wellbeing and sustainability at the heart – allowing everyone to thrive

Boosting productivity

Helping the region work more efficiently

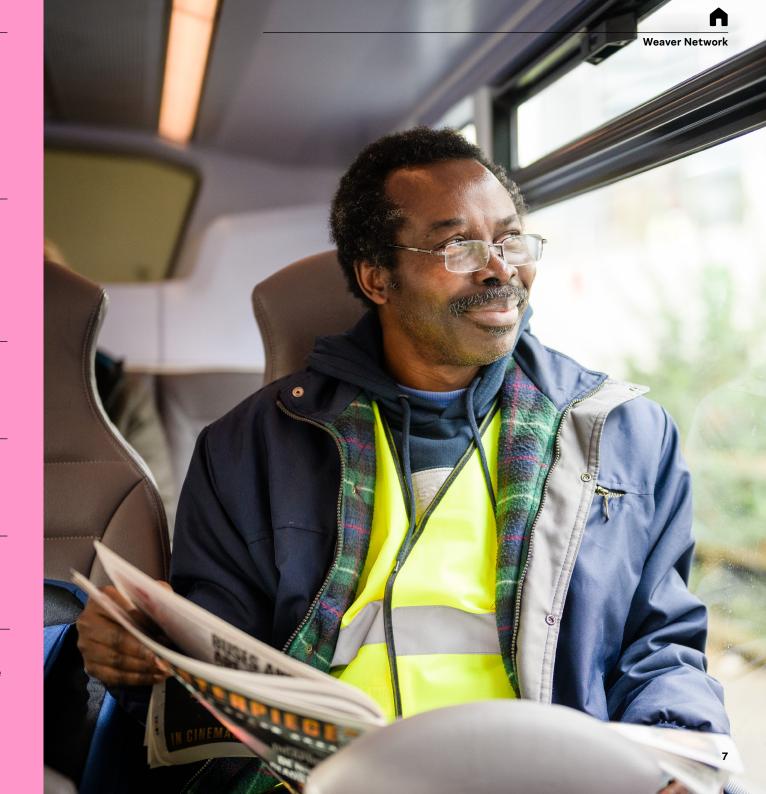
Improving health and wellbeing

Encouraging active travel and cleaner air

Tackling the climate emergency

Making real progress towards reducing carbon emissions

Remember, you can help shape the Local Transport Plan in West Yorkshire. To find out how you can take part, <u>visit the LTP Your Voice page</u>



Weaver Network

The Weaver Network will make travelling around West Yorkshire smoother and easier. But there's more. An efficient, well-connected transport network will bring social, economic and environmental benefits too – improving lives by connecting people with places.



Unlocking opportunities

I am so proud to call West Yorkshire my home, and even prouder to represent it as your Mayor. Our region has so many strengths – from beautiful landscapes and rich culture, to thriving industries, diverse businesses and passionate people. Now it's time for a transport system that matches.

With the Weaver Network, we plan to:

Reduce inequality and create fairer access

Make it easier and more affordable for people to access employment, education and training – unlocking the region's potential and raising everybody's quality of life.

A good public transport system, together with walking and cycling, will be a more affordable transport option for all of us – freeing up more of our income.

Improve health and wellbeing

Enable people to make healthier, cleaner and greener travel choices by creating an easier public transport network and opportunities to incorporate walking, wheeling or cycling as part of their journeys.

By linking up communities, wherever they are, we will help to reduce social isolation, especially for people who don't drive or can't afford a car.

Tackle the climate and environment emergency

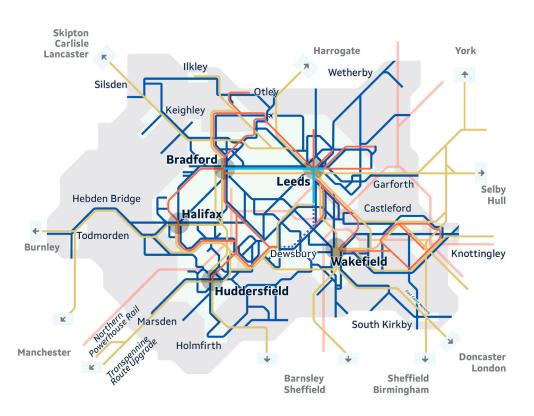
Did you know that car journeys make up almost a quarter of West Yorkshire's carbon emissions?

We have an ambition to be a net zero carbon region by 2038. This requires a major change in how we travel. Transport causes the highest carbon emissions in the UK, and most of that comes from road transport. The Weaver Network offers us a cleaner, greener and a more sustainable future.

The Local Transport Plan sets out in more detail how the Weaver Network can help create a thriving West Yorkshire.

To learn more and read the engagement document, visit the LTP Your Voice page

Stitching people and places together



How the Weaver Network could look in 2040.

Different places have different transport needs and will be served by different transport options.

Visit the LTP Your Voice page to read the full Local Transport Plan

Key

Mass Transit Phase One

engagement document.

- •••• Future phase Dewsbury Line Development Project
- Future Mass Transit route development
- Rail
- Bus
- Strategic Road Network

West Yorkshire is a patchwork of proud towns, vibrant communities and diverse cultures. The Weaver Network embodies that in purpose, pattern, and name.

I want us all to be able to access the best of our region, whether you're visiting the Hepworth Gallery, strolling around Kirkstall Abbey, exploring Hebden Bridge and the canals of the Holme Valley, or enjoying a show at the Alhambra Theatre.

The Weaver Network will neatly thread together all the ways we move around. So we can easily jump on a city tram after the village bus. Whizz home on a bike after grabbing the train. Or even drive to a Park and Ride, charge your electric car, and travel in to work.

All with ease.

Do you want to find out more and help shape our policies and investment in transport?

Visit the LTP Your Voice page to find out more and join in with the Local Transport Plan consultation.

Weaver Network

Bus

Buses are the backbone of our transport system, and thousands of us rely on them every day. I know they can be much better. We have exciting plans to bring buses back into public control. By bringing them into the Weaver Network we'll make it easier to get where you need to, with better passenger facilities and greener buses.

This new era for buses will mean that the West Yorkshire Combined Authority can set routes, fares, timetables and standards. This will help make bus travel more consistent and reliable. We are also investing in infrastructure such as bus lanes and gates, smart traffic signals and zero emission buses.

Walking, wheeling and cycling

We've introduced lots of new routes designed to help us all get around West Yorkshire more easily by foot, bike, wheeling or scooting. We are making access to towns and city centres, schools and shops, an easier, safer, healthier and more pleasant experience. We're ambitious though, and want to make many other places even more accessible for this kind of sustainable travel as we develop and grow our network.



Weaver Network

Tram

Trams will increase the capacity of the transport network and create efficient, reliable and affordable connections. Our tram network will integrate seamlessly with buses, walking, wheeling and cycling routes, opening up more of the region for everyone, bringing opportunities for work, education, leisure and health within easy reach of our doors. They'll also lower our carbon footprint and will help our economy to thrive.

It's time for trams - clean, modern. safe and accessible transport for West Yorkshire which will support inclusive growth and become a true emblem of regional pride.

Car and private vehicles

The Weaver Network will help people make fewer journeys by car by creating genuinely appealing alternatives. We do. however. recognise that some people will still need to drive for some journeys. So we want to make car use more sustainable by investing in electric vehicle charging across the region, especially for those without driveways, to make cleaner, greener car use more accessible to everyone. We also want to support initiatives like shared car clubs and reducing the overall number of cars on our roads to reduce congestion and help deliver cleaner and safer streets.

Train

I'm working in partnership with the North and South Yorkshire Mayors and alongside government to bring about much needed investment in Yorkshire's rail network. We need to improve trains to support economic growth, improve accessibility and deliver against our decarbonisation targets. Our region is at the heart of the North's rail network, so investment here unlocks reliability and capacity benefits and enables our region to contribute to a stronger and faster growing national economy. Through the Weaver Network we will design better ways for rail journeys to integrate seamlessly with bus, walking, wheeling, cycling and our future tram system.

West Yorkshire should be easy to do business with. Getting to work should be easy and seamless, with reliable and regular routes. Our commercial centres. Bradford. Halifax, Huddersfield, Leeds and Wakefield should be well connected so we can share ideas. create prosperity and be an engine room for success.







Stitching together our communities, creating connections and opening up new opportunities.

Journeys that join up, bringing families and friends closer together.

Connecting commercial centres, supporting strong and successful businesses.

Transport that's accessible and sustainable, for everyone, now and for the future.

Journeys across the region we can enjoy, instead of endure.

We'll get you there.





Enthused by our ambition for the Weaver Network?

Help shape it and help us get it right for you.

<u>Visit the LTP Your Voice page</u> to find out more about the Local Transport Plan and get all the information you need to complete the survey before 21 October 2025.