

Sustainable Transport Enhancements Package (STEP) Background Funding Information

Background to STEP

The Sustainable Transport Enhancements Package (STEP) is a fund established to support the delivery of sustainable transport infrastructure to bring about further growth in our economy, reduce carbon emissions and support residents to increase levels of active, healthy travel.

As part of the Growth Deal announcement in July 2014, the Government allocated a total of £41.4m to the Liverpool City Region for Sustainable Transport improvements over a six year period from 2015/16 to 2020/21. £13,800,000 of capital funding was available for the first 2 years of the programme with a further £27,600,000 for year three to six.

The aim of the STEP schemes is to improve transport links, address key pinch points on the network, remove transport barriers and broaden travel choices available to Liverpool City Region visitors and residents. The overarching objectives for STEP are as follows;

- Support economic growth in the Region, particularly around the Strategic Economic Plan Growth Sites, to further the objectives of the Growth Plan;
- Build on the on-going sustainable transport initiatives in the LCR to further expand the Region's multi modal transport network;
- Complement the on-going Major Transport Schemes programme by providing smaller scale sustainable transport investments;
- Remove travel barriers for local residents, helping to address socio-economic issues in the Region; and
- Improve transport provision to capitalise on growth in sectors of the economy where the Liverpool City Region has a competitive advantage, particularly the low carbon and visitor economy sectors.

Proposals for STEP funding years 3 - 6

The schemes put forward for STEP years 3 – 6 were taken from the Liverpool City Region (LCR) and local pipeline schemes that met some or all of these objectives

The proposed projects were then evaluated as part of a WebTag compliant major transport business case which has been deemed to achieve a high benefit cost ratio as required by the Assurance Framework developed by the Combined Authority.

Wirral Council have been awarded £3,025,000 from the Growth Deal to support the delivery of sustainable transport infrastructure in Wirral for years 3 to 6 (2017 – 2021) for the following projects (see overleaf).

Consultation on the detail of these schemes will take place in due course and we welcome your thoughts and suggestions, as always, on the individual schemes in the near future. Deadlines for comments will be made clear on the consultation email for each scheme.

Scheme Description	Delivery Year	STEP Theme	STEP funding	Key Benefits
Northbank East	2017/18	Sustainable Access to Employment	£550,000	Increased accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists to the Wirral Waters West Float development and increased attractiveness of the area for businesses and other investors in the area. Reduction in congestion and carbon emissions around the East Float area.
Campbeltown Road	2017/18	Sustainable Access to Employment	£440,000	Improved accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists to the Rock Retail Park and Cammell Laird employment opportunities, including improved safety for cyclists through the provision of an off road route. Increased attractiveness of area for businesses. Reduction in congestion and carbon emissions.
New Chester Road (Bolton Road Roundabout to St Paul's Road)	2017/18	Sustainable Access to Employment	£550,000	Improved connectivity to the Croft Retail and Wirral International Business Parks and access to employment opportunities. Reduction in congestion and carbon emissions.
East Float Access Improvements via Duke Street Phase 2	2019/20	Sustainable Access to Employment	£440,000	Improved access and safety for cyclists across a pinch point on the Key Route Network. Improved accessibility to employment opportunities in Birkenhead and Wallasey for pedestrians and cyclists. Reduction in congestion and carbon emissions.
A41 Carlett Park Link	2019-21	Sustainable Access to Employment	£1,045,000	Increased accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists to the Wirral International Business Park and improved safety for cyclists along the A41 through the provision of a new off road route and two new crossings. Reduction in congestion and carbon emissions.
		TOTAL	£3,025,000	