



AN EASY READ GUIDE TO THE GLASGOW TRANSPORT STRATEGY – POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR DISCUSSION & CONSULTATION

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What is the Glasgow Transport Strategy?

This section tells you about the Glasgow Transport Strategy, and the Policy Framework for Discussion and Consultation.



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Question: Why do we need a Glasgow Transport Strategy?

Answers:

- The Council must respond to some targets set by the Scottish and UK Governments on transport, including on climate change.
- We also want to improve transport in the city. Glasgow has a strong transport system already, but it could be better. Better transport systems can help in tackling climate change and air pollution, creating a more equal society, supporting our economy and improving the places we live, work and spent time in.

What is the Glasgow Transport Strategy: Policy Framework?

Question: What is the Glasgow Transport Strategy – Policy Framework for Discussion and Consultation?

Answers:

- This is Part 1 of the Glasgow Transport Strategy.
- It sets out initial policies on transport up to 2030 for discussion and feedback. We want to hear what you think of these.
- It is the overarching transport strategy for the city. There are other separate but related strategies – the [Active Travel Strategy](#), [Liveable Neighbourhoods Plan](#) and [City Centre Transformation Plan](#).
- These policies have been designed to tackle specific problems. You told us about the transport problems you wanted us to tackle in the **Public Conversation on Glasgow's Transport Future** in Sept/Oct 2020. You can read more about that at www.glasgow.gov.uk/connectingcommunities
- All the background evidence to the Glasgow Transport Strategy policies is set out in a **Case for Change** report, at www.glasgow.gov.uk/transportstrategy
- Part 2 of the Glasgow Transport Strategy, a Spatial Delivery Framework, will be consulted on in 2022. It will help us make decisions on certain projects e.g. on where we need bus priority.

Question: What is in the Glasgow Transport Strategy – Policy Framework for Discussion and Consultation?

Answers:

- The main parts of the Policy Framework are:
 - Some background on the issues we are trying to tackle
 - A set of principles that have guided the development of policies
 - A set of goals (the outcomes that we want to achieve)
 - A set of technical policies across different topics
 - How we will monitor our progress (that is, check we are moving in the right direction) up to 2030
 - We are also doing environmental and equalities assessments of the Glasgow Transport Strategy to make it stronger, and you can find information on that at www.glasgow.gov.uk/transportstrategy under “Impact Assessment”

A summary of the Glasgow Transport Strategy: Policy Framework for Discussion and Consultation

What is in the Glasgow Transport Strategy Policy Framework for Discussion and Consultation?

This section summarises the contents of the Glasgow Transport Strategy: Policy Framework for Discussion and Consultation



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The Glasgow Transport Strategy “Outcomes” or goals

What are we trying to make happen with the Glasgow Transport Strategy? Here are our **“outcomes” or goals**.

- Transport contributes to a successful and just transition to a net-zero carbon, clean and sustainable city.
- Transport has a positive role in tackling poverty, improving health and reducing inequalities.
- Transport contributes to continued and inclusive economic success and a dynamic, world class city.
- Places are created where we can all thrive, regardless of mobility or income, through liveable neighbourhoods and an inclusive City Centre.

Whilst we have a strong transport system in many ways, there are **problems** we have to tackle. There are also **opportunities** we can build on.

If you are interested in reading more about this, you can head to www.glasgow.gov.uk/transportstrategy and:

- Read the Full or Summary **Case for Change** report, under “Case for Change”.
- Read the Full Glasgow Transport Strategy Policy Framework for Discussion and Consultation, under “Current activity – A Draft Policy Framework for Consultation and Discussion”.

The **Policy Framework** sets out policies and actions under the following themes.

- Reducing the need to travel unsustainably
- Decarbonising transport & achieving cleaner air
- Inclusive places for people & supporting sustainable travel choices
- Collective transport – public, community, shared and demand responsive transport
- Managing and developing assets and infrastructure
- Smart and digital city
- Managing travel demand
- Transport & the natural and built environment
- Access to vital services and opportunities & supporting economic success

If you are interested in reading the full set of policies and actions, head to the **Full GTS: Policy Framework for Discussion and Consultation**.

If you just want a summary of the general direction of these policies, read on.....

Here is a broad summary of the technical policies and actions in **Theme 1 of 9:**
Reducing the need to travel unsustainably:

- Develop Liveable Neighbourhoods where more services are available locally, more local trips are made on foot and by bike, and places are designed around people, not vehicles
- Apply the national sustainable travel hierarchy in our decision-making which puts walking, wheeling, cycling at the top, followed by public transport and then the car at the bottom
- Use the planning system to design more for people instead of cars, and help create more sustainable transport choices through new developments. This includes more low car or car-free developments.
- The Council to reduce unnecessary journeys where possible e.g. support more flexible working and help staff make more journeys by foot, bike, public transport
- Help communities have more of a say in how their local places are designed

Here is a broad summary of the technical policies and actions in **Theme 2 of 9: Decarbonising transport and achieving cleaner air:**

- The Council will make its fleet of vehicles cleaner and low carbon, and work with partners to provide cleaner and local carbon vehicles across the city (including buses, taxis and private hire)
- Continue to tackle vehicle emissions including through our Low Emission Zone and air quality monitoring
- Encourage more electric vehicles in the city and speed up the delivery of a larger electric vehicle charging network
- Try to move more goods by cleaner and low carbon methods
- Increasing awareness of transport's role in climate change
- Exploring alternative fuels for transport such as hydrogen and join up work on clean energy across all sectors
- Work towards a “circular economy” which means reusing, recycling and sharing more to reduce how much we consume, including in transport
- Work towards a “Just Transition” to our 2030 net zero carbon goal, which means taking care we don't make it harder for people already struggling

The Glasgow Transport Strategy: Policy Framework - Summary of Technical Policies

Here is a broad summary of the technical policies and actions in **Theme 3 of 9: Inclusive and safe places for people & supporting sustainable travel choices**:

- Encourage walking, wheeling and cycling for everyday journeys, with specific policies and projects set out in our new [Active Travel Strategy](#), and new [Liveable Neighbourhoods](#) plans
- Create a City Centre focused on people and place, with specifics in our new [City Centre Transformation Plan](#)
- Encourage more shared mobility in the city – that is, transport schemes that support shared access such as the bike hire scheme and car club scheme we already have – and Mobility Hubs
- Improve how we communicate and consult on transport in the city, making it easier to access and understand
- Do targeted work to encourage people to make sustainable transport choices where they can
- Ensure our transport systems support everyone, in particular some groups who can be particularly affected by poor transport systems such as those with disabilities, young people, older people, woman, people from black and ethnic minority backgrounds
- Develop a transport system that helps to tackle child poverty
- Continue to focus on road safety goals through our Glasgow Road Safety Plan 2020-2030 including our 20mph speed limit goal
- Work with partners to ensure people feel secure and safe when travelling in the city, particularly women, LGBTQ+ communities and those from black and ethnic minority backgrounds

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Here is a broad summary of the technical policies and actions in **Theme 4 of 9: Collective transport – public, community, shared and demand responsive transport:**

- Work with partners towards a more integrated, easy to understand, easier to use public transport system in the city across rail, bus, Subway, including ticketing that works across all forms of public transport and is more affordable
- Work with partners to improve bus services in the city, supporting bus in new development, giving it more priority on roads to get ahead of congestion, improving the quality of stops and information
- Continue to work on the existing Glasgow Bus Partnership and continue to explore different ways to run buses in the city in the future
- Continue to value the role of rail in the city particularly in serving trips that start or end outside of the city boundary, and also work to identify more Park and Ride opportunities for these trips on rail and bus
- Work with partners on developing a regional Glasgow Metro scheme
- Continue to support taxi and private hire services and encourage quality improvements where necessary e.g. vehicles with lower emissions and more private hire vehicles that people with mobility difficulties can use
- Work with SPT to enhance the role of Subway in the city e.g. longer opening hours at weekends and better cycle parking at stations whilst reducing car-based trips to Subway stations
- Recognise the role e-scooters can play whilst protecting pedestrians, and monitor their use in Glasgow if they become legal
- Promote more car-sharing
- Continue to support and develop community transport in the city
- Work with partners to make it easier to travel across the city using more than one form of transport e.g. better access to bike and car hire schemes, secure cycle parking at public transport interchange points, better walking and cycling connections to rail and bus interchanges

Here is a broad summary of the technical policies and actions in **Theme 5 of 9: Managing and developing assets and infrastructure:**

- The Glasgow Transport Strategy: Spatial Delivery Framework will set out how we will make decisions on roadspace, recognising streets and routes have different and sometimes conflicting purposes. Overall, our goal is to support less journeys by car and more by sustainable transport.
- Continue to deliver, manage and maintain roads in the city as statutory roads authority for Glasgow and as per our Roads Asset Management Plan.
- Our winter maintenance plans are reviewed annually and public information can be viewed at the [Winter Gritting StoryMap](#).
- Continue to seek additional funding to maintain our assets.
- Continue to make street lighting and other traffic management lighting low carbon to reduce carbon emissions.
- Invest in signals and sensors to give pedestrians and cyclists more priority at junctions.
- Ensure our infrastructure is ready for the future, and can cope with climate change. Reuse and recycle materials where possible.
- New roads will only be delivered in certain circumstances and our overarching focus is on reducing the distance travelled by cars.

Here is a broad summary of the technical policies and actions in **Theme 6 of 9: Smart and digital city:**

- Make more of our information available online and easier to access
- Make more of our data open to encourage people to use it for the public good (e.g. creating apps to help people choose sustainable transport).
- Explore Mobility as a Service with SPT, to make it easier for people to travel seamlessly around the city on sustainable transport.
- Continue to focus on technology that prioritises the movement of people by sustainable ways to travel.
- Keep a 'watching brief' on the role of connected and autonomous vehicles, focus on autonomous vehicles for the movement of goods and people together (as opposed to individual cars), and start getting the city ready for autonomous vehicles.
- Work to ensure residents benefit from more jobs in data, technology and low carbon sectors through education and training

The Glasgow Transport Strategy: Policy Framework - Summary of Technical Policies

Here is a broad summary of the technical policies and actions in **Theme 7 of 9: Managing travel demand:**

- Introduce more controls on on-road parking in the city to manage how people use cars, giving priority to residents' parking and those with mobility difficulties, supporting parking & loading for businesses and visitors where appropriate. Reduce on-street parking where possible to use the space for pedestrians, people on bikes, buses and better local places.
- Continue to explore a Workplace Parking Licencing scheme in the city to tackle non-residential parking to encourage more employees to travel sustainably where possible, and use any money raised on sustainable transport schemes.
- Ensure adequate enforcement of parking restrictions and improve how we interact with customers
- Set parking charges at a level that can meet the costs of running and enforcing parking provision, with any extra re-invested in projects in this Strategy
- Review how we deal with parking in new development to try to reduce parking provision where possible and focus on better sustainable transport.
- Improve cycle parking in the city including secure sheltered parking.
- Ensure Council-owned car parks offer a safe and quality environment, and monitor usage and financial sustainability
- Explore emissions-based resident parking charges.
- Better manage parking related to events in the city, and better plan for coach parking.
- Implement national bans on pavement parking and double parking, with any exemptions for pavement parking based on evidence.
- Encourage the Scottish Government to introduce 'road user pays' proposals at a national level and work with regional partners on a regional scheme.

Here is a broad summary of the technical policies and actions in **Theme 8 of 9: Transport and the natural and built environment:**

- Work to ensure transport projects and decisions take account of biodiversity, and improve biodiversity where possible, for example, no overall loss of trees, improving habitats for wildlife.
- Ensure the design of transport projects take account of weather impacts from climate change, including flooding and high temperatures.
- Continue to improve access to “green”, “blue” and open spaces and the outdoors by residents, and consider this need in our transport decision-making. This includes country parks, Core Paths, the canal network, rivers.
- Support those in lower income communities in particular to walk and cycle for leisure and access to the outdoors.
- Ensure our transport decisions do not have a negative impact on water quality

Here is a broad summary of the technical policies and actions in **Theme 9 of 9: Access to vital services and opportunities & supporting economic success:**

- Encourage walking, scooting and cycling to school first and foremost and reduce the use of the car on the journey to school.
- Work to improve access to jobs and training by good sustainable transport which is affordable to those on low incomes.
- Work to reduce transport as a barrier to accessing fresh, healthy and affordable food.
- Support the City Centre in its economic recovery from Covid-19 and focus on improving sustainable transport connections to it.
- Ensure our transport systems support Glasgow as a major events and tourism destination.
- Support the effective movement of goods in the city.
- Support business requirements through transport decision-making, recognising that more roadspace needs to be reallocated to pedestrians, people on bikes and public transport in the future.
- Work with SPT, bus operators and community transport to support good public transport connections to healthcare, and improve walking, wheeling and cycling connections.

Here is a broad summary of the **delivery policies**:

- Within the Council, we will work to better join up our efforts and policies.
- We will work collaboratively with partners in the city, region and nationally on transport goals.
- We will work to ensure people have a better understanding of our policies and decision-making on transport, and have better access to information.
- We will continue to explore better ways to run transport in the city and the region to make it more joined-up.
- We'll continue to make the most of external and innovative funding streams for transport improvements.

A few **principles** have guided the development of transport policies – these principles are important points that have influenced our thinking.

These are:

- **Managing uncertainty** – the world is uncertain and our policies need to be able to respond to that
- **Post-Covid recovery** – we must work to support sustainable travel post-Covid-19 as well as economic recovery
- **Thinking long-term** and not just about the next few years
- **Setting out the future we want** rather than wait for things to happen to us
- **A whole systems approach** – transport is part of a much bigger picture and we must all work together
- **Sustainable travel hierarchy** which puts walking, wheeling and cycling at the top, then public transport, with cars at the bottom
- **Sustainable investment hierarchy** which includes reducing the need to travel by vehicles in particular and getting better use of what we have

How will we know if our policies are working?

- We will review the policies in 2025/26.
- We will keep an eye on certain statistics in the city:
 - Carbon emissions from transport
 - Proportion of vehicles that use diesel or petrol or are ultra low emission
 - Household car and bike access
 - The proportion of people using bikes and cars for important journeys
 - Distance travelled by cars
 - Distance travelled by vehicles on local roads
 - Satisfaction with public transport
 - % of journeys made for commuting purposes

Have your say

How to have your say on the Glasgow Transport Strategy Policy Framework

The section tells you how you can feedback on the Glasgow Transport Strategy: Policy Framework for Discussion and Consultation



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Why should I have my say?

Why should I read the Policy Framework and give you my views?

- The Policy Framework sets out what the Council can do, but also where we must work with others. We directly control some areas of transport in the city, but not all.
- Everyone plays a part – from organisations through to businesses and individuals.
- The choices we make on transport are an important part of a better transport system. For example, individuals can try to leave the car at home for short journeys and walk or cycle instead. Employers can offer cycle to work schemes to staff to encourage them to cycle more, or allow them more flexible working to avoid unnecessary journeys. Transport providers can invest in cleaner transport to reduce air pollution and carbon emissions.
- In return, the Council must do what it can to improve our transport system.
- The Glasgow Transport Strategy: Policy Framework is one part of that. We want to tell us if you think our Policy Framework is going in the right direction.

How can you have your say on the Glasgow Transport Strategy Policy Framework?

- Go to www.glasgow.gov.uk/transportstrategy
- **Fill in the online survey** and tell us what you think about the draft Policy Framework. In the survey, you can also “**pose a policy**” for us to consider.
- If you are an organisation or a community group representative, keep a look out for emails from ConnectingCommunities@glasgow.gov.uk on online discussion sessions between 18th October and 26th November
- Please share widely with you social networks, friends and family, colleagues and staff.

A quick guide to the full Policy Framework Document

Interested in reading policies and actions on.....?	Head to this section in the full GTS: Policy Framework
Buses?	Chapter 5, Part 4 policies
Climate change?	Chapter 5, Part 2 & 8 policies
Technology?	Chapter 5, Part 6 policies
Equalities?	Chapter 5, Part 3 policies
Parking?	Chapter 5, Part 7 policies

Thank you for reading our Easy Read guide to the Glasgow Transport Strategy: Policy Framework for Discussion and Consultation

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