

# West Cheshire's new Local Transport Plan

*The next steps*



# The Local Transport Plan

- LTP3 - covers all policies and delivery plans relating to transport
- Transport not an end in itself. It supports or influences:-
  - Economic Growth
  - Regeneration
  - Improving access to jobs and services
  - Tackling poverty
  - Addressing climate change
  - Improving the environment



# The process

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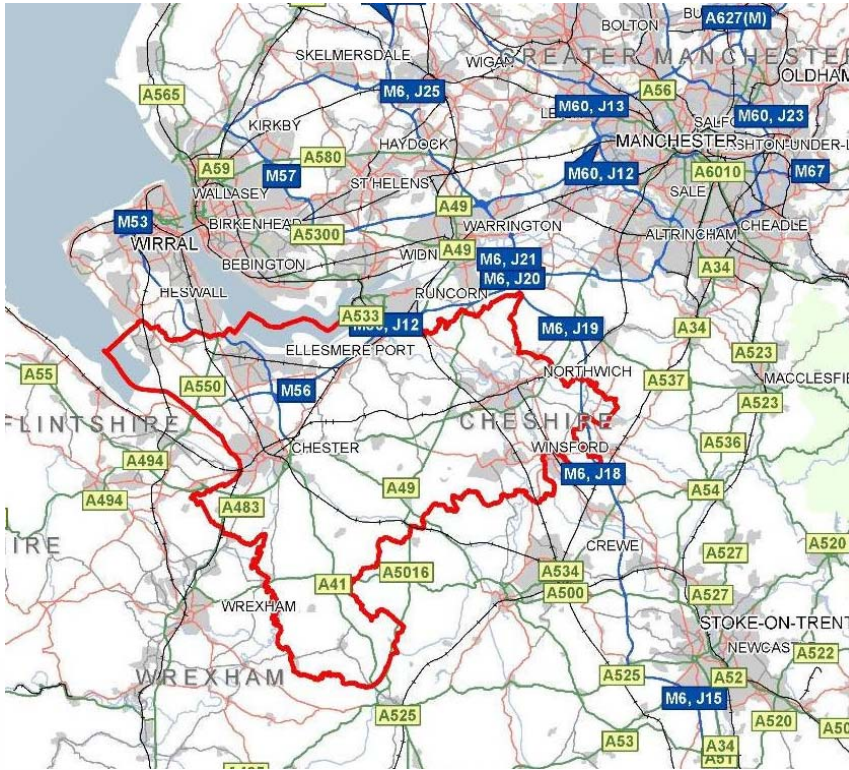
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July 2009

- LTP remains a statutory requirement
- Open ended time frame combines:-
  - A longer-term integrated transport strategy
  - An implementation plan with a shorter time scale
- Not necessarily restricted to local authority area
- Needs to consider contribution to five national goals for transport
- LTP development must be supported by partnership working and stakeholder engagement
- Must be in place by April 2011

# Addressing the local agenda



- Strong sub-regional economy
- Growth Point
- Regeneration projects -  
Chester Renaissance /  
Ellesmere Port Town Centre  
and Waterfront redevelopment  
/ Northwich Vision / Winning  
Winsford
- Connectivity with Merseyside  
and Manchester
- Connectivity with NE Wales
- Climate change
- Tourism & leisure and access  
to airports

# Specific transport challenges



- Traffic growth and congestion
- Accessibility
  - To jobs and key services
  - Rural needs
  - Mobility needs of ageing population
- Maintenance
- Cycling and walking - Connected 2 and CDT status
- Air quality and environmental issues
- Road safety
- Major scheme aspirations

# Initial Soundings



- First round of consultation undertaken between Oct 2009 and Jan 2010
- Initial focus on over-arching strategic priorities and issues
- Numerous workshops and presentations held with stakeholders and partners
- 390 questionnaire responses plus 400 additional comments
- Supporting economic growth and addressing climate change = top priorities
- Maintenance also seen as priority

# Next Steps

- Work will align with and support Corporate, Regional and National priorities
- Will develop our policy response to five national goals for transport
  - Economic Growth
  - Climate Change
  - Better safety, Security and health
  - Greater equality of opportunity
  - Quality of life
- Maintenance to be added as additional local objective
- Must ensure close alignment with LDF



# A comprehensive strategy

- LAA and local performance indicators
- It will also encompass:-
  - Steps to mitigate climate change
  - Strategic Environmental Assessment
  - Health Impact Assessment
  - Equality Impact Assessment
  - Network Management Duty
  - Air Quality Action Plans
  - Rights of Way Improvement Plan
  - Habitats Regulation Assessment

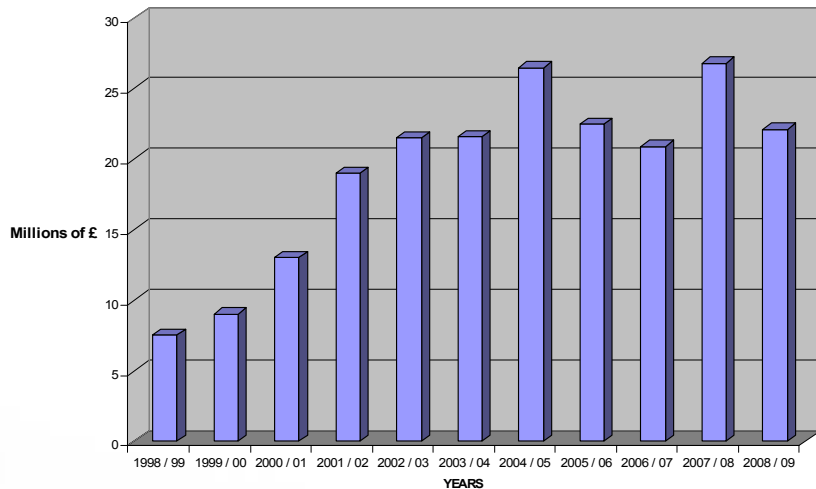




# Realistic funding

- Current LTP allocation for 2009/10 = £2.9M for integrated block and £4.9M for maintenance
- Need for realism. Significant cuts to public expenditure expected
- Indicative allocations will only be confirmed in Autumn 2010
- Other sources of funding?

TPP - LTP Capital Expenditure 1998-2009



# Our proposed timetable

- **January 2010** – End of first round of consultation and meetings with key partners
- **Spring – Summer 2010** – Work begins to respond to consultation and prepare new draft transport polices
- **Oct 2010** - Draft LTP3 published
- **Oct - Dec 2010** – Second round of consultation on LTP and provisional implementation plan
- **Jan - Mar 2011** – Amendments and finalisation of LTP3
- **April 2011** – Approval and publication

# *Any questions ?*

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