

Scotland's National Transport Strategy:

protecting our climate and
making lives better



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Our vision – what do we want transport in Scotland to look like?



We will have an accessible transport system that works for everyone.

It will help people be healthier.

It will help Scotland's economy grow.



The strategy is for all of Scotland.

It looks at why we travel and how we travel.



We have worked on the strategy with a lot of people and organisations.

We all need to work together to make sure the strategy is a success.



Our vision has four **priorities**.

A priority is what we think is important.

Each priority has three outcomes.

An outcome is what we want to happen.



We want the strategy to work for everyone and to treat people equally. The Scottish Government want us to have cleaner air.



Transport is an important part of making this happen.

Priority 1: promotes equality

Our transport system:



- will be accessible
- will be easy to use
- will be affordable

Priority 2: takes climate action

Our transport system:



- will adapt to the effects of climate change
- will help us reach our target of having cleaner air by 2045
- will encourage people to walk and cycle, share transport or use public transport instead of using their car

Priority 3: helps our economy grow



Our transport system:

- will get us where we need to go
- will work well and be high quality
- will use new products, services and inventions

Priority 4: improves our health and wellbeing

Our transport system:

- will be safe and secure for everyone
- will help us make good travel choices to help us be healthy, fit and happy
- will help make our communities great places to live



The strategy will look at how things are different in each Scottish region.



It will make sure people who live in the countryside, in remote areas or on the islands have the same access to services as people in the rest of the country.

Scotland's people will live in places that have the best air quality in Europe.

Challenges – what is difficult?

If we want the strategy to change things it must also work to make other things better. Things like:



- poverty
- social isolation
- safety and security
- the needs of young, old and disabled people
- differences between cities and towns and remote, rural and island communities
- climate change and air quality
- health and active travel
- new technology
- less people using buses
- tourism
- how to cope with more people using transport and how reliable it is
- how people travel to work and how businesses use transport

Meeting the challenges – what will we do to improve things?

We asked a lot of people and organisations across Scotland what they thought of the policies.



A policy is how we want to make things happen.

We have tested the policies to check how they would work if the future changes.

The policies are:

- keep making the transport system safer, more secure and reliable
- think about how transport will be affected when we make decisions about planning and land use
- make sure local, national and regional policies link up and work together
- have a transport system which helps businesses to sell goods easily and at a good price in the UK and abroad
- have a high-quality transport system that links all of Scotland and works for all the regions
- gives good information which is easy to find and helps people make better transport choices





- use new transport designs and inventions that will make things better
- make it easier for people and goods to get to where they need to go
- have a transport system that is accessible for everyone
- improve access to healthcare, employment, education and training
- support the transport industry to have skilled workers
- have a transport system which helps people make travel choices that will give them better health and wellbeing
- have less emissions (exhaust fumes) from transport so the air is cleaner
- have a transport system that can cope with the effects of climate change



Transport governance

‘Governance’ is how organisations work, what they are responsible for and which people are in charge.

A review of transport governance was done by the ‘Roles and Responsibilities Working Group.’



The Group made three recommendations to the Scottish Ministers:

1. Things can't stay the same and must change.
2. Transport should work in different ways in each region.
3. More work needs to be done on transport governance in Scotland.



Scottish Ministers agreed.

They said organisations should work together so things are better for our people, communities, and businesses.

What we will do to make the Strategy happen?



The Scottish Government will take action in 3 areas.

1. Increasing accountability: making sure there are people and organisations who are responsible for making things happen.

- we will have a Transport Strategy Delivery Board. The people and organisations on the Board will make sure the things in the Strategy happen
- we will have Transport Citizens' Panels to find out what people across Scotland think about transport
- we will keep working with business so we know what they think
- we will develop new transport governance arrangements that work for each region

2. Strengthening evidence: this is so we know things are working.



- we will keep checking the progress of the strategy to look at how well it is working
- we will look at information to make sure our policies are up to date
- we will look at different scenarios for the future to make sure our investments in transport make Scotland an attractive place to live and do business
- we will make sure everyone has the same opportunities and that the environment is not affected

3. Managing demand: this is to make sure we can cope with more people using transport.



There is a plan called the Sustainable Travel Hierarchy

It encourages people to walk, wheel, cycle, share transport or use public transport instead of using their car.



We will use this plan to help us make decisions about transport.



We will encourage other businesses to work this way.

- Transport Scotland will review and update the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG)
- The Sustainable Investment Hierarchy will help us decide how to spend money on Scottish transport

The Scottish Government will:

- look at giving discounts on public transport to people under the age of 26
- support the Work Place Parking Levy that was introduced by the Green Party
- start talking about the Big Climate Conversation



Delivery – how will we make things happen?



We will work with partners and make a Delivery Plan to support the strategy.



- the Scottish Government will update the Climate Change Plan
- the second Strategic Transport Projects Review will be a 20-year transport plan
- the Transport Bill gives a new way of working for bus services

It gives local transport authorities ways to improve bus services in their area, and make sure there are good bus networks across Scotland.