

The West of England Partnership

Greater Bristol Metro Briefing Note April 2009

The West of England area has witnessed substantial growth in rail travel with passengers doubling over the last ten years. Existing services have suffered from short formed trains leading to overcrowding and passengers left behind on stations.

To address these issues a £19.7m Greater Bristol Metro bid has been included in the South West Regional Assembly and South West Regional Development Agency list of schemes for the Regional Funding Allocation 2 review, February 2009. Implementation is programmed to start in 2007/18.

The Greater Bristol Metro would provide:

- Enhanced half hourly clock face services on Yate to Weston-super-Mare and Cardiff to Westbury via Bath and Bristol corridors (Map One).
- New high capacity rolling stock – faster acceleration, more economical, multiple doors. This is additional rolling stock and it is not to replace existing units. Costs: £9m for 5 new trains.
- New infrastructure including Weston-super-Mare bay platform (£2.95m) and Yate turn back (£2.75m) to enable trains to turn around. CCTV and Disability Discrimination Act requirements built in.

Total scheme costs are £19.7m.

The Greater Bristol Metro links to:

- First Great Western's bid to the Department for Transport for 11 new four carriage trains on the Cardiff to Portsmouth route.
- Network Rail's Business Plan proposals for the 4th platform at Bristol Parkway and resignalling between Bath Spa and Bristol Temple Meads.
- West of England's evidence submission to the Great Western Mainline Route Utilisation Strategy process 2008/09.

Please turn over for Map One showing the Greater Bristol Metro area.

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Map One: Greater Bristol Metro

