



West of England Partnership

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DfT awards an extra £800,000 to tackle congestion locally

The four West of England Partnership authorities have been working together on a vision to tackle congestion and improve public transport for over 4 years.

Congestion on the core road network in the Greater Bristol urban area has been monitored by Department for Transport and has been seen to reduce by 13% since 2006/7.

Today this performance has been recognised by the DfT who have awarded an extra £800,000 to the Councils to use on tackling congestion.

The award letter states that the funding is awarded to “areas that have significantly outperformed their (expected) trajectory”.

This extra money is in addition to the £1 million that has previously been awarded for our performance in reducing congestion.

This money will be spent on a range of initiatives across the area, focusing on;

- Tackling congestion hot spots by improving junctions to help traffic flow,
- Working on improving bus journey times,
- Encouraging people and business to look at the way they travel via Smarter Choices and Travel Planning,
- Encouraging mode shift - ie move out of cars to buses, cycling and walking (particularly for commuter trips)
- Monitoring and enhancing the Urban Traffic Control network to assist smooth traffic flow.

“This is just one result of our successful joint working on transport issues and demonstrates that we are committed to making real changes to the way we all move around the area,” agreed councillors Charles Gerrish, Jon Rogers, Elfan Ap Rees and Brian Allinson, who share the responsibility for transport in the area.

“This will allow us to continue the work on improving bus services and reducing congestion in the area.”

Note for editors

Routes selected for congestion monitoring are
A4018, A4174 (ring road), A420, A4 (east and west), A370, A37, A432

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