

Berkshire Local Transport Body

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1. At its meeting on 18 July 2013, the Berkshire Local Transport Body (BLTB) approved a list (see below) of prioritised schemes.
2. The schemes ranked 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th equal were all approved at Programme Entry stage. The schemes ranked 6th and lower were referred back to the relevant scheme promoter.
3. The BLTB has taken a conscious decision to “over-programme” the value of schemes compared to the finance currently available. We expect to consider the schemes for Funding Approval in their priority order, and only change the priority in defined circumstances, and with the knowledge and consent of the scheme promoters. We have taken this approach in the knowledge that there is currently great uncertainty about the level of available funds. We believe it is prudent and proper to have a substantial pipeline of well-developed schemes which can be ready as additional funds are identified and released.
4. The designation “Programme Entry” is an invitation to the scheme promoter to work up the full detail of the scheme business and financial case in preparation for seeking Financial Approval from Berkshire Local Transport Body at a later date. Therefore, there is still a major amount of planning, preparation and independent assessment to be completed before a scheme can even be considered for Financial Approval, let alone receive it. It will be for each scheme promoter to decide when and how to resource the necessary preparation work which will be done at the promoter’s risk.
5. The DfT has recently confirmed that the devolved fund allocated to Berkshire Local Transport Body for the period April 2015 - March 2019 is £14.5m. Berkshire LTB, Thames Valley Berkshire LEP and the six unitary authorities in Berkshire are actively engaged in other bidding and funding processes and negotiations (including the Single Local Growth Fund) with a view to increasing the funds available to Berkshire LTB. In due course, it will be for the Berkshire Local Transport Body to determine which schemes receive Financial Approval, in the light of the quality of the final submissions, the independent assessments and the available funds.
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Scheme Promoter	Short Title	Short Description	Scheme Cost	BLTB Contribution Sought	Max strategic Impact	Economic Impact	VFM	Ease of Deliverability	Matched Funding	Environmental	Social	Total	Rank	Cumulative BLTB Value
			£k	£k	x2	x2	x1.5	x1.5	x1	x1	x1			£k
West Berkshire - 1	Kings Road Link Road: Supporting successful industry – enabling Newbury’s growth	New direct link between the Hambridge Road industrial area and the A339 in Newbury to support housing delivery and significantly improve access to a key employment area	2,935	2,335	6	6	4.5	4.5	2	3	2	28	1	2,335

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Reading - 1	Reading GreenPark Railway Station	Reading GreenPark Railway Station on the Reading to Basingstoke railway line	8,000	6,400	6	6	4.5	4.5	2	2	2	27	2	8,735
Reading - 3 (with Wokingham)	Eastern Thames Valley Mass Rapid Transit	Thames Valley Mass Rapid Transit (TVMRT) system between Reading and Thames Valley Park (and TVP Park & Ride)	22,900	18,300	6	4	4.5	3	2	2	2	23.5	3	27,035
Bracknell Forest - 1	Coral Reef Roundabout	Junction improvements at Coral Reef roundabout forming part of the overall improvements to the A322/A329 corridor and improving links between M3 and M4	3,000	2,100	6	4	4.5	4.5	2	1	1	23	4	29,135
Slough -1	Slough to Heathrow Mass Rapid Transit: Western Section (Slough Trading Estate to Three Tuns)	Provision of segregated bus lanes along the A4 corridor to serve Slough Trading Estate and support the development of a mass rapid transit connection between Slough and Heathrow	4,750	3,250	6	6	1.5	3	2	2	2	22.5	5	32,385
Slough - 2	Slough to Heathrow Mass Rapid Transit: Central Section (Three Tuns to Brands Hill)	Scheme to provide a series of bus priority measures along the A4 corridor in central Slough to support the development of a mass rapid transit connection between Slough and Heathrow	4,290	2,310	6	6	1.5	3	2	2	2	22.5	5	34,695
Wokingham - 4	South Wokingham Distributor Road	Provision of a new road south of Wokingham Town Centre to function as a distributor road for the South Wokingham Strategic Development Area and provide an alternative route around the Town Centre to the south	20,000	14,000	6	6	1.5	3	2	2	2	22.5	5	48,695
Wokingham - 2	North Wokingham Full Northern Distributor Road	Provision of a new road north of Wokingham Town Centre to function as a distributor road for the North Wokingham Strategic Development Area and provide an alternative route around the Town Centre	20,627	14,439	6	6	1.5	3	2	2	2	22.5	5	63,134
Slough - 6	A355 Route Enhancement	Scheme to improve traffic flow on the strategic north-south A355 route between the M4, Slough Trading Estate and the M40 and enhancing access to Slough town centre.	3,200	2,100	6	4	1.5	4.5	2	2	2	22	9	65,234
West Berkshire - 2	A339, Newbury: Improvements unlocking commercial redevelopment	The scheme facilitates access to a regeneration site via a new junction on the A339. It provides additional capacity on the A339 through widening a 300m stretch of the northbound carriageway	2,440	1,952	4	6	1.5	4.5	2	2	2	22	9	67,186
Reading - 5 (with Wokingham)	Park & Ride West of Thames Valley Park (Broken Brow)	Park & Ride on the Broken Brow site, accessed from the A3290/Thames Valley Park Drive roundabout	3,600	2,900	6	4	4.5	1.5	2	2	2	22	9	70,086

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Windsor and Maidenhead - 1	Stafferton Way Multi-Storey Car Park	A new multi-storey car park with up to 1,000 spaces to provide additional car parking to serve Maidenhead Station and town centre	6,000	4,750	6	6	1.5	3	2	2	1	21.5	12	74,836
Wokingham - 6	Finchampstead Road Bridges	Replacement of two rail bridges with slender bridge decks and altered highway alignments to improve the passage of high sided vehicles and improve the facilities for pedestrians and cyclists	8,130	5,691	6	6	1.5	3	2	2	1	21.5	12	80,527
Wokingham - 1	Arborfield Bypass	A new road and associated works to bypass Arborfield Village and provide capacity improvements along the A327	22,600	15,820	6	6	1.5	1.5	2	2	2	21	14	96,347
Reading - 7 (with Wokingham)	A4 Eastern Gateway Pinch Point Scheme	Package of measures to reduce congestion and improve journey time reliability along the A4 into and out of central Reading, the primary gateway to Reading from the east.	1,546	1,082	6	4	1.5	3	2	2	2	20.5	15	97,429
Wokingham - 5	Winnersh Relief Road phase 2	New highway construction completing the Full Winnersh Relief Road linking with Winnersh Relief Road Phase 1 (Kings Street Lane) to a new junction on the A329 near Woodward Close	2,041	1,429	4	6	1.5	3	2	2	2	20.5	15	98,858
Slough - 4	A332 Route Enhancement: Northern section	Scheme to enhance the northern section of the A332 Windsor Road to increase traffic capacity and provide better facilities for buses, pedestrians and cyclists.	1,940	1,270	4	6	1.5	3	2	2	2	20.5	15	108,828
Slough - 5	A332 Route Enhancement: Southern section	Scheme to enhance the southern section of the A332 Windsor Road to increase traffic capacity and provide better facilities for buses, pedestrians and cyclists.	3,060	1,430	4	4	1.5	3	3	2	2	19.5	18	100,288
Slough - 3	Slough to Heathrow Mass Rapid Transit: Eastern Section	Provision of a segregated bus lane along the A4 Colnbrook Bypass to support the development of a mass rapid transit connection between Slough and Heathrow.	3,120	1,720	6	4	1.5	1.5	2	2	2	19	19	102,008
Slough - 7	Chalvey Rail Station	New halt on Slough- Windsor Town branch rail line to serve Chalvey. Single face platform with access ramp, lighting, shelter, CCTV, information point, automated ticket machines and drop off point.	2,100	1,600	6	4	1.5	1.5	2	1	2	18	20	103,608
Wokingham - 3	Lower Earley Way Highway Improvements	Capacity Improvements along the B3270 corridor (Lower Earley Way) which runs parallel to the M4 between junction 10 and junction 11	5,643	3,950	6	2	1.5	3	2	1	1	16.5	21	107,558
Windsor and Maidenhead - 2	Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge to Dorney Lake	Pedestrian and cycle bridge between West Windsor and Dorney Lake	6,000	4,750	4	2	1.5	3	2	1	2	15.5	22	113,578

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Reading - 6	Northern Reading Park & Ride	Park & Ride site to the north of Reading, accessed from A4155 Henley Road	5,500	4,950	4	2	1.5	1.5	2	1	2	14	23	118,528
Reading - 8	Kennetside Retaining Wall Maintenance Scheme	Scheme to deliver a long term solution to the continued deterioration of the Kennetside Retaining Wall which forms a key link in the National Cycle Network and key pedestrian route	7,700	6,900	4	2	1.5	1.5	1	1	2	13	24	125,428

The following scheme was below the minimum eligible value and was referred back to the promoter

Bracknell Forest - 2	Martins Heron Roundabout	Junction improvements at Martins Heron roundabout forming part of the overall improvements to the A329 corridor and improving links between M3 and M4	1,215											
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The following schemes were above the maximum eligible value and were referred on to the LEP's Strategic Infrastructure process

Reading - 2	Southern Thames Valley Mass Rapid Transit	Thames Valley Mass Rapid Transit (TVMRT) system between Reading and Mere oak Park & Ride	31,500											
Reading - 4 (with Wokingham & Bracknell Forest)	South Eastern Thames Valley Mass Rapid Transit	Thames Valley Mass Rapid Transit (TVMRT) extension between Thames Valley Park, Wokingham and Bracknell	35,000											
Reading - 9 (with Wokingham)	Third Thames Crossing	Third crossing over the River Thames to the east of the Reading urban area	75,000											