

## **Local Transport Priority List**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **If I fill in an investigation scheme request form, does it mean the scheme will go ahead?**

No, this is a two-stage process which involves a detailed objective assessment of all suggested schemes. All proposals are allocated a cost estimate and measured against Joint Local Transport Plan objectives to give an overall cost / benefit score. Only viable schemes will be added to the investigation list and following that only the top scoring 15 will be investigated. On completion of each investigation if a solution can be clearly identified then a proposed scheme is added to the Local Transport Priority List. The amount of Department for Transport funding available in any given year will then determine how many of the top scoring priority list schemes will actually be taken forward for implementation.

#### **If my suggested scheme is included on the priority list will it definitely happen?**

Inclusion on the Local Transport Priority List does not guarantee implementation. Each scheme on the priority list will be scored and prioritised against the council's Joint Local Transport Plan goals. Only the top scoring schemes are entered onto the council's Capital Programme for implementation. The number of schemes added to the programme each year will depend upon the level of funding available.

#### **What does the colour coding signify on the two lists of proposals at both stages of the process?**

Schemes highlighted in green are most likely to come forward. Schemes highlighted in red have the lowest priority scores and are therefore less likely to progress in the short term.

#### **Does my local councillor have to support the scheme?**

All schemes requested must have the backing of a local ward member or parish councillor. Click [HERE](#) for a list of all ward members and parish councils and their contact details.

We advise you to contact your local councillor to discuss your suggestion prior to completing the form.

#### **What should I do if I don't have support?**

Unfortunately we are unable to progress any request forms which do not have the backing of a local ward member or parish councillor.

### **How long will I have to wait until I hear if the scheme I suggested will be investigated?**

We aim to carry out an initial assessment of viability of the scheme within one month. Click [HERE](#) for a Step by Step Guide to the investigation and scheme selection process.

### **Will I be kept informed?**

We will keep you informed at every stage as we assess your proposal. See the Flow Chart (link) for details of the stages in the process. We will provide contact details of who is assessing your proposal.

### **Will Devolution affect my request for a new scheme?**

South Gloucestershire Council has agreed a Devolution deal with Bristol City Council and Bath and North East Somerset councils which will see the creation of a new Mayoral Combined Authority in February 2017. A new West of England mayor will be elected in May 2017.

The deal negotiated with government will bring £1 billion of investment to the region and will devolve agreed funding and additional powers including decisions about transport.

Once established, the Mayoral Combined Authority will take responsibility for an area-wide local transport plan and a consolidated local transport budget. However, the authority is expected to distribute funding back to the three councils at a similar rate to funding currently received direct from government.

### **My proposal has not been taken forward but I still think it should go ahead. How do I find out more?**

If you have a concern about a decision you can submit queries or receive further feedback from our engineers by emailing [transportservices@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:transportservices@southglos.gov.uk)

We do ask, however, that you consider how many requests for new traffic management and road safety schemes we receive each year. Our Assess and Decide team deal with many of these as part of their day-to-day work and often are able to make small, low-cost improvements immediately without the scheme requiring full assessment or inclusion on the priority list.