



The next Aberdeen Local Transport Strategy

What has been achieved so far



Introduction

The Aberdeen Local Transport Strategy is the plan for the development of the City's transport network over a five-year period. It includes a list of actions to be completed over the 5 year period. It deals with different types and subjects of transport including walking, wheeling, cycling, public transport, freight, taxis, motorcycles, car sharing, car clubs, car and van use, parking and low carbon fuels. You can find the current Local Transport Strategy <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Local%20Transport%20Strategy%202016-2021%29.pdf>

The Local Transport Strategy for Aberdeen follows the National and Regional transport policies, strategies, plans and projects and takes account of transport's relationship with the economy, the environment, health, people and communities. To make sure it best reflects the needs and wants of people, we need your help to develop it. The current Aberdeen Local Transport Strategy ran from 2016 and the time has come to start work on its replacement.

The main issues consultation took place in October and November 2021 and the results will be used to inform the draft version of the next Local Transport Strategy. This should be ready for consultation in Late 2022.

What has been achieved since 2016?

Some highlights include:



Go-Abz Smart Travel App Launched

New Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan – Transport Masterplan – for the City Centre

Enlargement of Aberdeen Airport terminal building completed



Double tracking between Inverurie and Aberdeen completed

New active travel connections at Dyce Station, Dyce Drive and Denmore Road and Gordon Brae

Updated Active Travel Action Plan



New Electric Vehicle Framework

Network of Council-installed EV charge points has grown by 48 sockets to 114

Aberdeen car club grows to 52 vehicles including hybrid, electric and hydrogen power



AWPR Opened and New Roads Hierarchy for the City

Corridor studies being undertaken on Wellington Road, Ellon to Garthdee, A92 South, A93, A96, A944/ A9119 and A947

Craibstone Park and Ride opened on A96

North-east Casualty Reduction Strategy 2017 and the Road Safety Plan for Aberdeen City 2019-2022 published



Bike Hire Scheme Awarded and under development

50 cycle lockers delivered across the Craibstone and Bridge of Don Park and Ride sites and Dyce Railway Station

Additional cycle and Scooter parking installed in 35 additional locations across the city

I-Bike Officer recruited in 2017 and funded externally

13 cycle maintenance stands installed across the city



Strategic Car Parking Review underway

Cashless parking

is now available in all our controlled parking zones and off street car parks where charging is applicable



15 hydrogen-powered double decker buses on road

Contactless payment available on First and Stagecoach buses

Publicly-available hydrogen production and refuelling station opened at Cove



Spaces for People project, allowing people to safely physically distance during COVID-19, delivered



The city's network of pedestrian wayfinding totems has grown by 19 to 73

Public realm improvements introduced at Schoolhill and Broad Street

What has been Invested?

Invested in the transport network in Aberdeen by Aberdeen City Council (2016/17-2020/21)	~£440M
Amount of the above investment made up from externally sourced funding	~£170M

Some highlights include:













~£63M	Roads Maintenance
~ £14M	Footway Improvements
~ £26M	Lighting
~ £10M	Flooding and drainage
~ £22M	Structure improvements
~ £910,000 (external)	Invested into electric vehicle charging infrastructure
~ £830,000 (external)	Invested into the Aberdeen Car Club
~ £200,000 (external)	Adding 19 new pedestrian wayfinding totems to the City's existing 54 to make it easier to walk around the city
~ £1.5M (external)	Invested into temporary infrastructure to keep people safe during COVID-19
~ £2.6M (external)	Publicly-available hydrogen production and filling station at COVE
~ £8.3M (external)	15 hydrogen-powered double decker buses

What does the monitoring tell us?

Of the 190 actions in the Local Transport Strategy (2016):

Number which are being achieved	142 (75%)
Number which are underway	31 (16%)
Number which have not been realised	10 (5%)
Number which cannot be reported upon due to insufficient information	7 (4%)









How have people's transport choices changed pre COVID-19?

Method of transport	Change	Percentage
Pedestrian Levels 	Increased 	3.1%
Cycling Levels 	Increased 	1.4%
Bus Patronage 	Decreased 	3.8%
Train Patronage 	Decreased 	0.5%
Car/ van passenger 	Increased 	4.4%
Car/ van drive 	Decreased 	9.6%

Data based on Scottish Household Surveys: Employed adults not working from home, resident in Aberdeen City, usual method of travel to work by public transport and active travel 2016-2019

How have people's transport choices changed since the COVID-19 pandemic?



The figures below show the differences in levels between July 2019 and July 2021

Levels of cycle users on paths compared with July 2019		
		same
Level of Traffic Compared with July 2019		
	Increased 	21%
Level of Pedestrians Compared with July 2019		
	Increased 	14%
No ² Concentrations Compared with July 2019		
	Increased 	19%

Data taken from Council counters and monitoring equipment



For on-road cycling, the Council has been collecting data since September 2020. The figures below show the differences in levels between September 2020 and July 2021

September 2020 compared to July 2021

September 2020 compared to July 2021		
	Increased 	105%

Data collected from cameras at 41 sites

April 2019 compared to April 2021

April 2019 compared to April 2021		
Bus Patronage 	Decreased 	50 - 55%

Progress and next steps

The main issues consultation took place in October and November 2021. Thank you to all who took part. The responses to this, along with the review of the current Local Transport Strategy and an assessment of what has changed since it was adopted in 2016, will be used to develop the draft version of the next Local Transport Strategy.

This will be produced in late 2022 and will then be available for public consultation.

For further details, check <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/roads-transport-and-parking/local-transport-strategy> or watch out for future updates on the Council's consultation Hub <https://consultation.aberdeencity.gov.uk/>



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