

Highways England Designated Funds

Roads Investment Strategy 2020 – 2025

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Designated funds at a glance

■ Purpose

- Our vision for the next 20 years is to transform our strategic roads and create a modern road network that supports a modern country. We aspire to a road network that will be smoother, smarter and more sustainable by 2040. Our Designated Funds programme is central to achieving this vision.

■ Who can apply?

- As well as internal teams external organisations can apply. These can include public, third and private sector organisations. All applications will be subject to the same principles for funding.

■ Funding period

- Funding from April 2020 to March 2025. You must be able to demonstrate that the project phase which you are seeking funding for will be completed by 31 March 2025.

■ Connecting to our strategic ambition

- You'll find our strategic priorities described in the themes for each fund plan. At the core of these priorities are our three imperatives – safety, customer service and delivery. Everything we do is driven by these imperatives. It's important that you show in your application how your initiative aligns to our imperatives and strategic priorities.

The four fund plans

■ Users and communities

- Integration
- Walkers, cyclists and horse riders
- Roadside facilities
- Communities
- Freight
- Information

■ Innovation and modernisation

- Design, construction and maintenance
- Connected and autonomous vehicles
- Customer mobility
- Energy and the environment
- Operations

■ Environment and wellbeing

- Biodiversity
- Noise
- Air quality
- Flooding
- Water quality
- Carbon
- Cultural heritage
- Landscape
- Legacy projects

■ Safety and congestion

- Safety
- Congestion

Integration

■ Summary

- End to end journeys
- Multi modal
- Connectivity of transport networks

■ **NW RIS1 success**

- Chester park and ride signage

■ **NW RIS2 potential**

- A550 Bus Stops
- Bus back better

■ Potential initiatives

- Upgrading bus stops
 - Accessible
 - Crossing points on approach
 - Protection
- Connections
 - Signage
 - Accessibility
- Park and ride
 - Signage
 - Improved facilities
 - New facilities

Walkers, cyclists and horse riders

■ Summary

- Keeping users safe
- Addressing barriers
- Encouraging activity

■ NW RIS1 success

- A550/A540 Two Mills
- M53 J9 Cycling
- M53 J5 Cycling

■ NW RIS2 potential

- A41 to A550
- A494 NCN 563

■ Potential initiatives

- New routes
 - Segregated facilities
 - Connecting to existing networks
 - Strategically aligned
 - Introducing opportunity
- Improved routes
 - Surfacing
 - Lighting
 - Safe crossings
- Crossing points
 - Additional to provide extra connections to existing networks
 - Upgraded to become safer and more accessible

Safety

■ Summary

- Reducing KSIs
- Focussed on A roads
- Suicide prevention

■ NW RIS1 success

- A550/A540 Two Mills
- A550 Route Consistency

■ NW RIS2 potential

- A550 Route Consistency Ph2

■ Potential initiatives

- High risk or high frequency
 - Hazard removal
 - Appropriate speeds
 - Driver awareness
 - Link to SRN
- Suicide prevention
 - Attractiveness
 - Signage
- Worker Safety
 - Access
 - Parking

Congestion

■ Summary

- Improving traffic flow
- Reliability of journey time
- Encouraging economic growth

■ NW RIS2 potential

- A55 Posthouse Signal Controller
- A55/A51 Scheme

■ Potential initiatives

- Additional capacity
 - Slip roads
 - Junction approaches
- Signal upgrades
- Beyond SRN
- Contributions to wider schemes unlocking growth

Partnership proposals

- Funding on same principles as internal schemes
- Examples of expected contribution from partners
 - Funding
 - Labour
 - Expertise
 - Land
 - Taking on maintenance
- Talk to us about your ideas
- Complete an expression of interest form and return to me
- Further Information
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