

**A NEW DEAL
ON URBAN
TRANSPORT:
FOR THE
PANDEMIC
AND BEYOND**





WE ARE:

Keeping the wheels of public transport turning

Working together, we have kept public transport systems moving throughout the pandemic to keep urban economies functioning and to get essential workers where they need to be.

Working together to meet the challenges of COVID-19

As a network, we are also working closely together to share and adopt the best approaches to meeting the many challenges of the COVID-19 crisis. We are also in constant contact with central Government to ensure that they understand the challenges we are facing on the ground.

Delivering better transport for a green and just recovery

At the same time, and throughout the crisis, we have never stopped developing and implementing improvements to public transport and better provision for active travel. This is because a green and just recovery from COVID-19 will not be possible without modern, integrated and affordable public transport, and without streets where walking and cycling are a safe and attractive option for everyone.



WE LACK:

Long-term, coherent and sufficient Government funding

Central Government has rightly provided the funding necessary to keep public transport networks moving during the pandemic. However, the way in which that funding has been provided is on an emergency basis which is too short term, fragmented and inefficient, given the uncertainty around the duration of the pandemic and its aftermath. City region transport authorities also lack key powers to provide the best service they can during the pandemic or in the longer term to transform and coordinate the kind of public transport that people aspire to, and that will be critical to achieving wider carbon reduction targets.



WE NEED:

A new deal on urban transport

Now is the time for a new deal on urban transport:

- simplify, devolve and guarantee the revenue funding and powers that urban transport authorities need to enable us to plan and provide integrated public transport networks in the most cost effective way. Both during the remainder of the pandemic and beyond.
- a long term capital funding deal for investment in urban transport (similar to the one that national rail and roads already have) so that we have the certainty we need to invest in the decarbonised urban transport networks that can serve all our communities and underpin a green and just recovery.



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