

## **Transport for Lancashire Committee**

### **Report to LEP Performance Committee 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

The Transport for Lancashire committee met on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, at which Members considered the following Growth Deal scheme funding application:

Burnley – Pendle Growth Corridor: an £8m contribution towards an £11.57m package of measures comprising a number of interventions on the highway network to increase capacity and reduce congestion in support of economic development, including improvements at a number of junctions along the M65 and parallel local roads between Whitebirk and Colne, increased car parking provision at Burnley Manchester Road railway station and the upgrading of passenger facilities at Rose Grove railway station.

Transport for Lancashire endorsed a recommendation that funding approval be granted, and recommended the scheme for formal approval by the LEP Board at its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Work has now commenced on delivery.

Transport for Lancashire has also overseen the development of the Lancashire Strategic Transport Prospectus, which was launched formally on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016.

At its most recent meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016, Transport for Lancashire considered a report from the independent assurers Jacobs with regard to Blackpool Council's Outline Business Case submission for Conditional Approval for the Blackpool Tramway Extension from the North Pier to Blackpool North Station. The Committee endorsed a recommendation that Conditional Approval be granted and advised the LEP Board held later that day accordingly.

At this meeting, Transport for Lancashire also received a presentation from David Brown, Chief Executive of Transport for the North, about the ongoing process to create a statutory sub-national transport body across the North of England.

Transport for Lancashire's next meeting is due to be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June.