

Making Connections update

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This week the Greater Cambridge Partnership held an Extraordinary Joint Assembly/Executive Board meeting and a separate Executive Board meeting to discuss a revised package of measures to upgrade public transport, improve air quality and cut congestion on the roads.

Yesterday (Thursday 29 June), following a lengthy debate, the Executive Board outlined the need for the region's transport network to be upgraded to support its growing needs and decided that - while no options should be taken off the table at this stage - the original Making Connections scheme should be modified.

The five members of the Board requested officers to develop a revised package of measures to transform the way people travel around Greater Cambridge, reflecting the public's feedback to the Making Connections consultation and following discussions with the Joint Assembly.

In the autumn a detailed proposal will be brought back to the GCP's Joint Assembly for scrutiny before the Executive Board decides whether and how to proceed with any scheme.

The updated proposal could include changes to the operating hours of a Sustainable Travel Zone and a more extensive package of exemptions –

including possible free days for account holders or no charge for hospital patients and visitors.

Any potential scheme would be phased in over time with the GCP committing £50m of upfront investment in the region's transport infrastructure to improve public transport and active travel.

You can watch the meetings again

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