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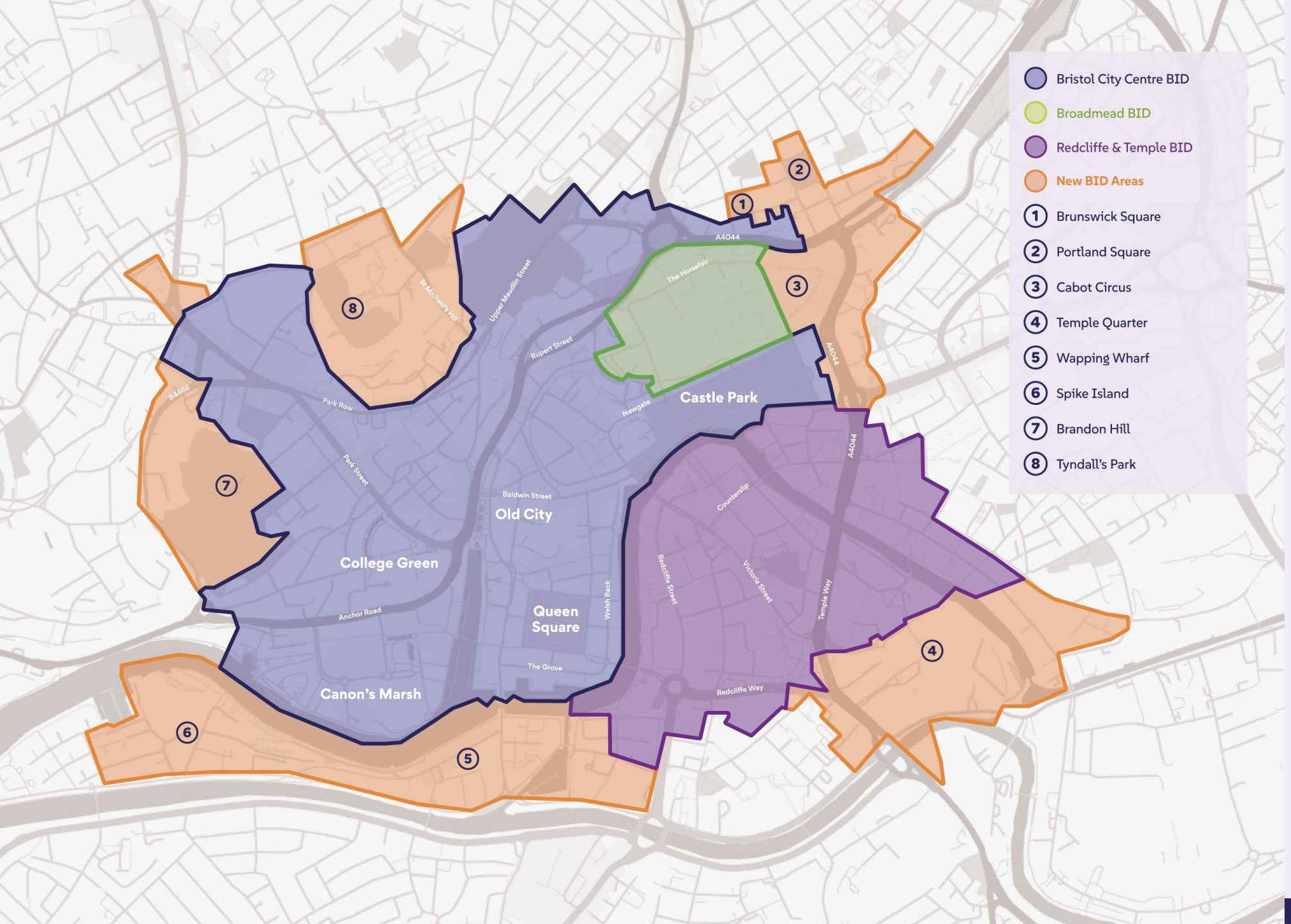
Annual Transport Event

October 2026


Bristol City Centre BID
Broadmead BID
Redcliffe & Temple BID
New BID Areas
1 Brunswick Square
2 Portland Square
3 Cabot Circus
4 Temple Quarter
5 Wapping Wharf
6 Spike Island
7 Brandon Hill
8 Tyndall's Park
Castle Park
Old City
College Green
Queen Square
Canon's Marsh
A4044
Upper Maudlin Street
St Michael's Hill
Rupert Street
The Horsefair
Park Row
Park Street
B4466
Newgate
Baldwin Street
Anchor Road
Welsh Back
The Grove
Countership
Redcliffe Street
Victoria Street
Temple Way
Redcliffe Way

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Experiences & Promotion

Deliver, initiate, and support events, activations, PR, and marketing to promote our city and its businesses.

Safe & Supported communities

Deliver projects to increase safety, improve knowledge, promote wellbeing and support growth.

Clean & Welcoming

Create well maintained spaces with dedicated resources to deliver additional cleansing and improve the city's welcome.

Sustainable & Green

Support businesses towards a sustainable future by connecting our community with accessible green initiatives.

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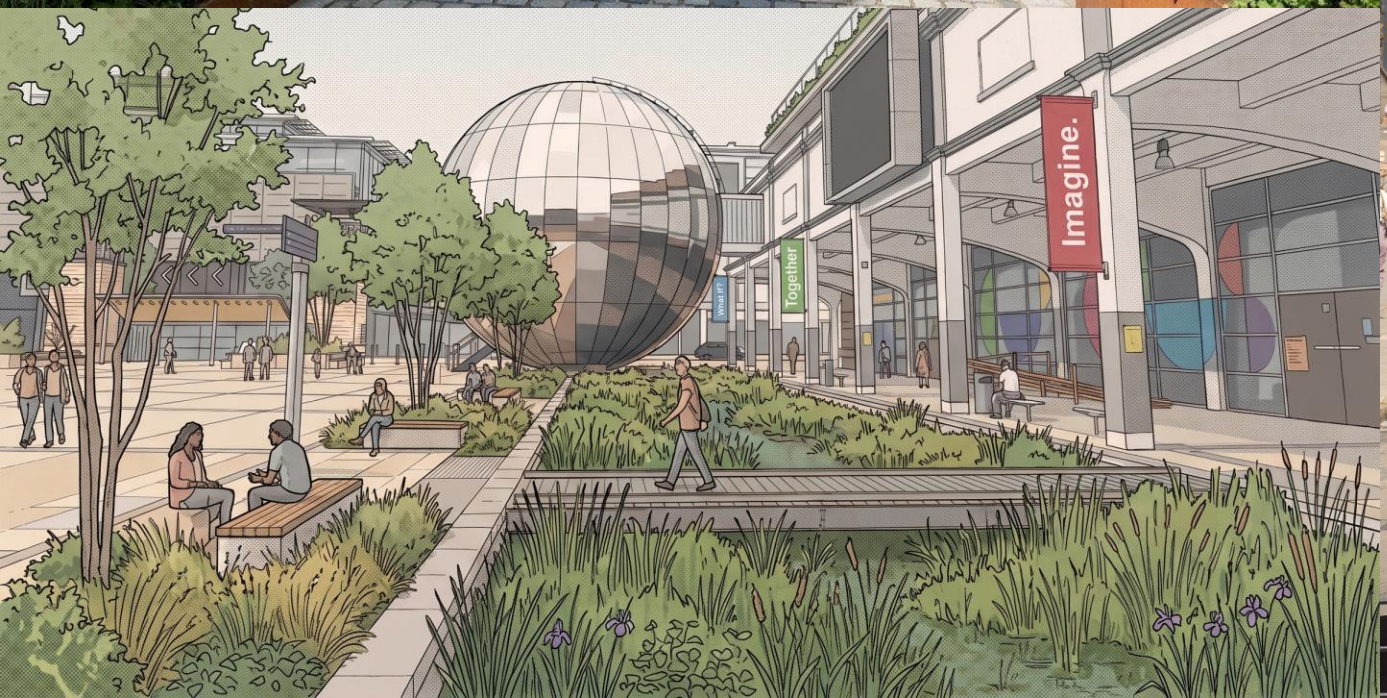
FOREST BAKERY
MARKET ARCHES
COMMUNITY HUB


Imagine.
Together

ColourCraft
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Enter our Design Competition

- 3 sites
- 3 winners
- Published in our Green & Blue Vision
- £500 Love Bristol Gift Cards to be won

Deadline 1st November

Agenda

9.30	Welcome
9.35	Pam Turton, Director of Bus Operations, West of England Combined Authority
9.50	Councillor Ed Plowden, Chair of the Transport and Connectivity Committee
10.10	Adam Crowther, Head of City Transport, Bristol City Council
10.35	Workshops
11.30	Close

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Developing our Transport Strategy

Pam Turton, Director of Bus Operations

The West of England in numbers

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(including North Somerset)

1,232,000

Total population (2025)

More than 96,000

jobs across key growth sectors (2024)

53%

of working age population educated beyond A Level (i.e. Level 4+)

5%

population growth since 2020; more than England & Wales

£53.7bn

Value of regional economy (2023)

67,600

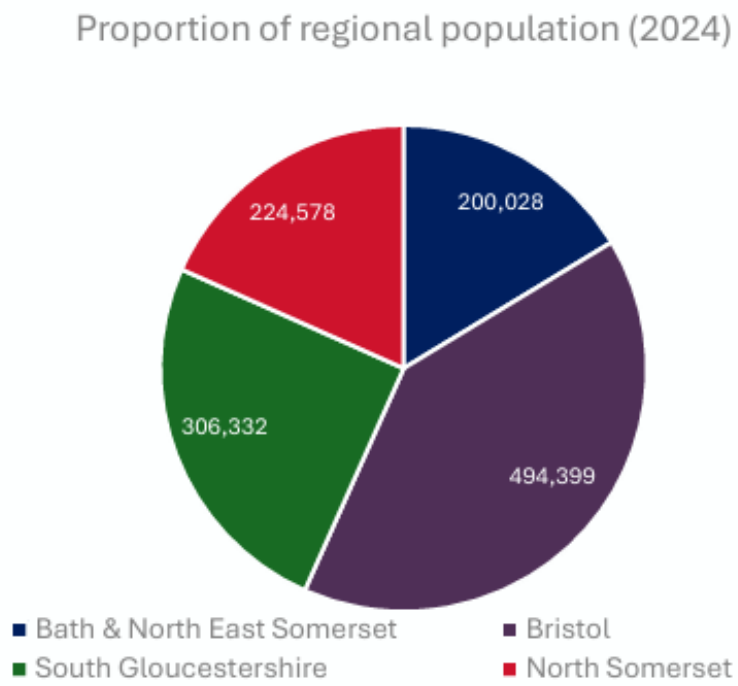
Digital and tech jobs in the region (2024)

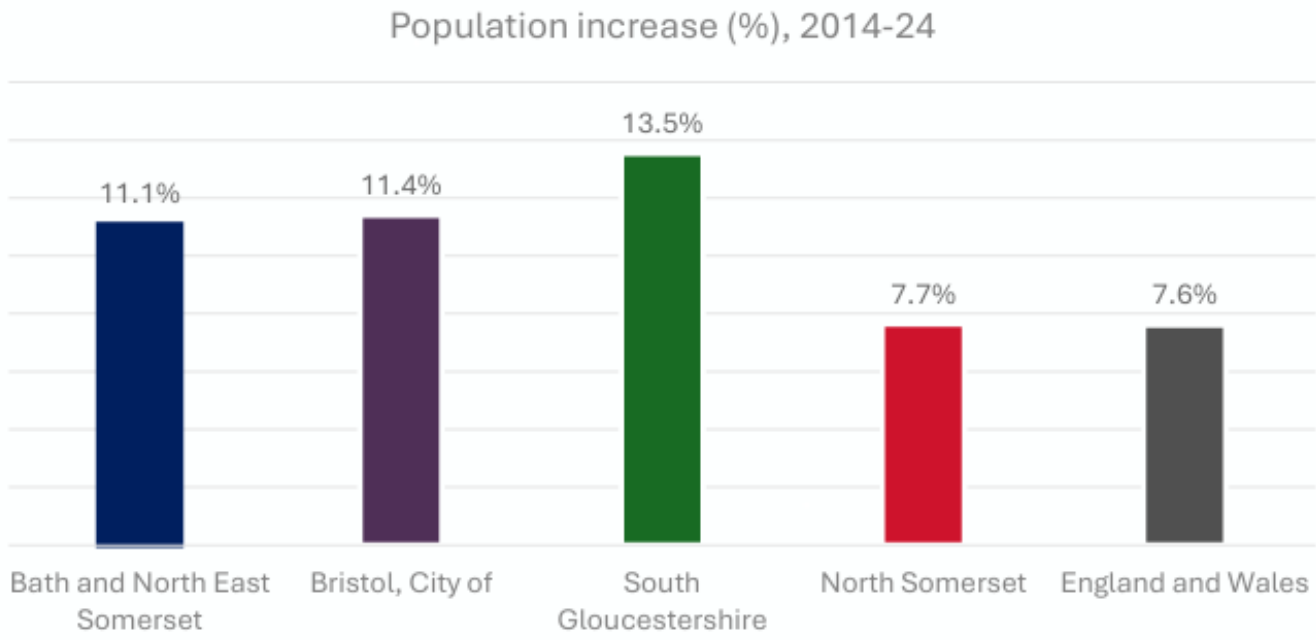
43%

increase in number of large companies since 2010; SME growth outstrips UK average

Regional demographics

Bristol is home to the most people; South Gloucestershire has shown the greatest increase





- Bristol accounts for 40% of the region's population. South Gloucestershire (14%) has experienced the most significant population increase across the four areas over the past decade but B&NES and Bristol are close behind. 11% of the region's total population are in rural areas but this rises to 24% in B&NES and 21% in North Somerset.

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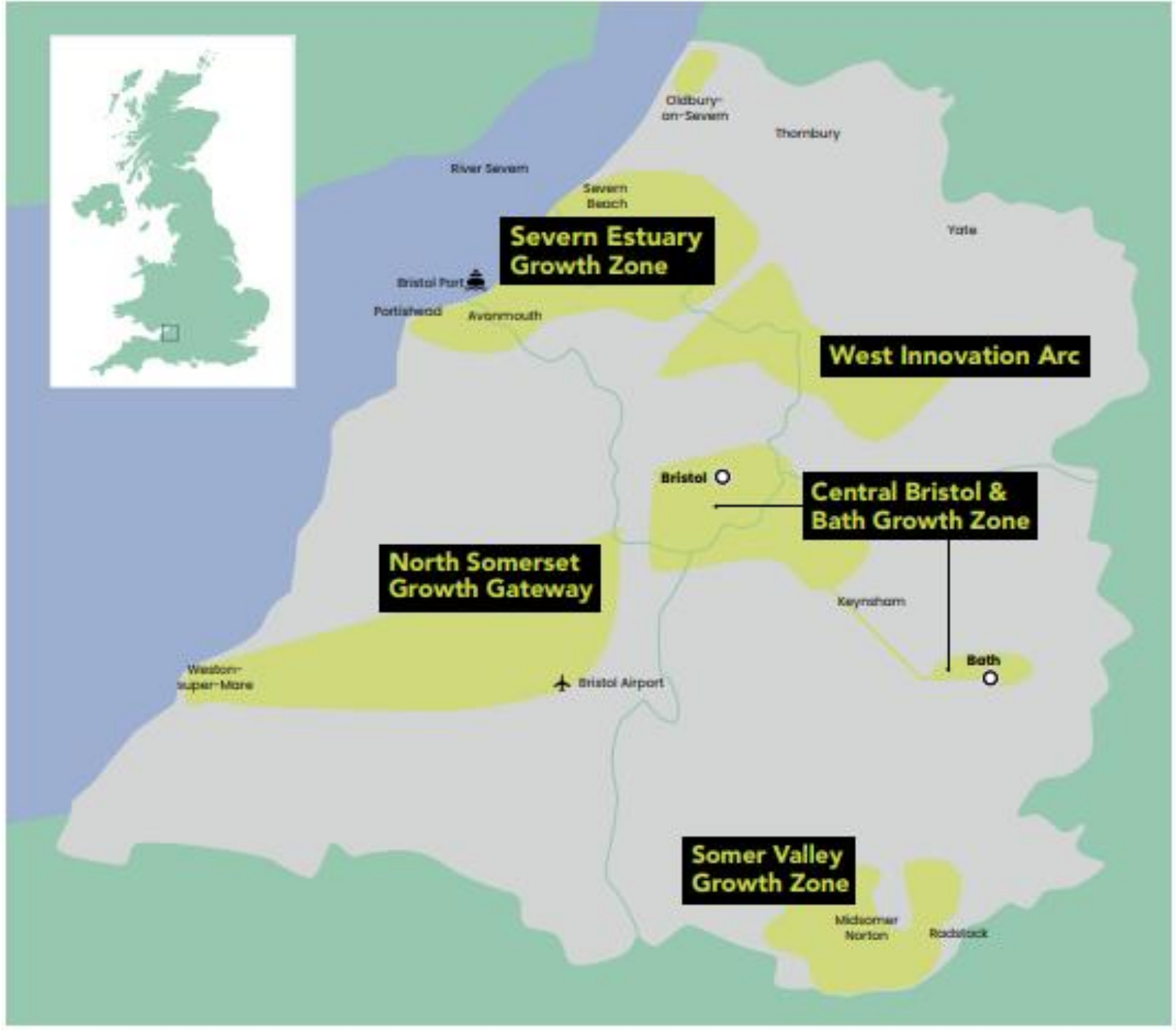
WEST OF ENGLAND GROWTH STRATEGY

Transforming our transport network is crucial to unlocking the network of regional growth zones established through our Growth Strategy



2 Connecting the region through better public transport & active travel

1. Deliver a new, bold, regional transport strategy to get the West of England moving.
2. Improve the suburban rail network – working with partners to deliver at pace.
3. Finally deliver mass transit for the West of England.
4. Make it easier to walk, wheel and cycle – working with Active Travel England and investing to do this.
5. Invest in the local people to upskill for delivery – from construction to engineering to green energy development.
6. Make it easier for people to travel across the network, moving between services on a single ticket and with single timetables across operators.
7. Working with national Government and transport agencies (like the Department for Transport, Network Rail, Highways England) to ensure our transport network plans unlock the housing growth opportunities across the region.
8. Make it easier to use public transport, offering support to people to access jobs, training and opportunities.
9. Align our transport, housing and climate resilience plans

2 Connecting the region through public transport & active travel

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WEST OF ENGLAND TRANSPORT VISION
I'm a zero-emission electric bus
Delivered by first bus

Our vision at a glance

Our future network will be one that...

The layers of our transport system will function as a seamless and interconnected network...

BUS

The foundation of our transport network and vital for daily trips for so many residents.

RAIL

The critical links between our towns, suburbs and employment centres.

MASS TRANSIT

A much needed high-capacity and high-frequency service between our growth zones and along key corridors.

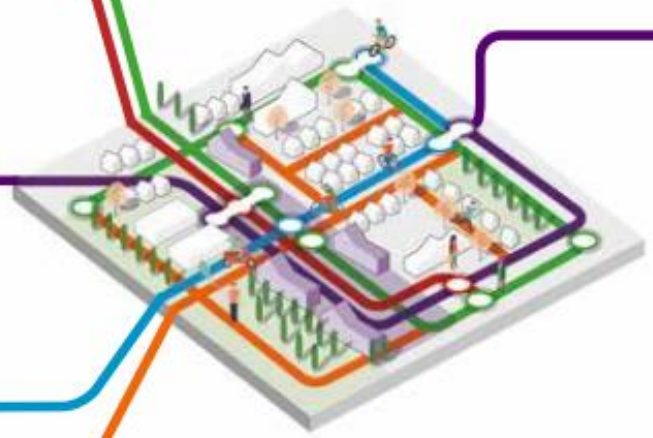
ACTIVE TRAVEL

The infrastructure for safe walking, wheeling and cycling trips.

STREETS & PLACES

The roads, pavements, high streets and centres where our transport network comes together.

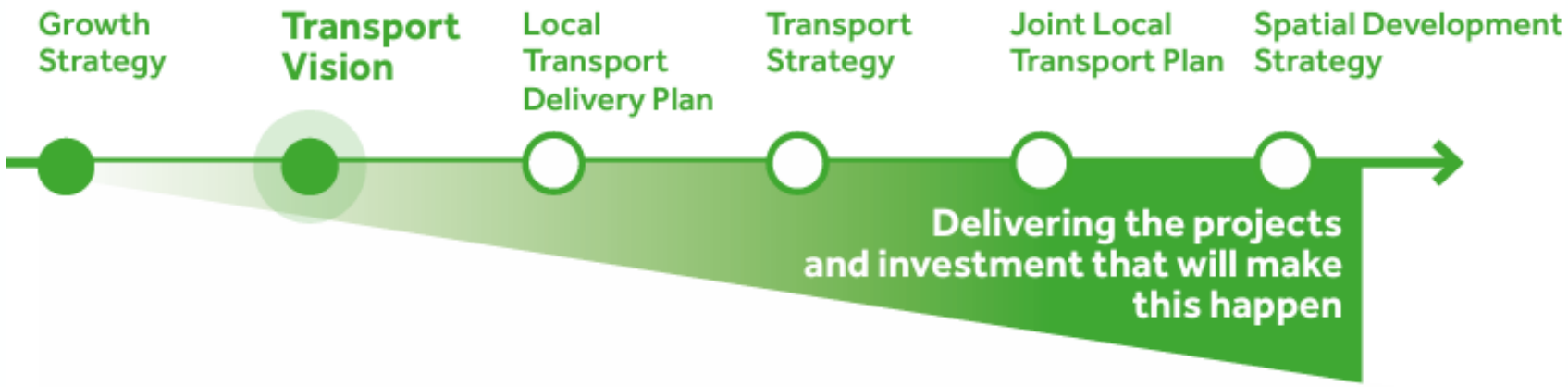
Sometimes you need a car, sometimes a bike, bus or train, and often more than one of these options. Our vision is to make every choice easy and safe, and to open up new ways of travelling – for all our residents, including those who are disabled and those living in rural areas.



Transport Strategy

- Now developing a new Transport Strategy for the region

- A key action of the Growth Strategy –
  - "Deliver a new, bold, regional transport strategy to get the West of England moving."
- Of critical importance to the region



£134m *investment*

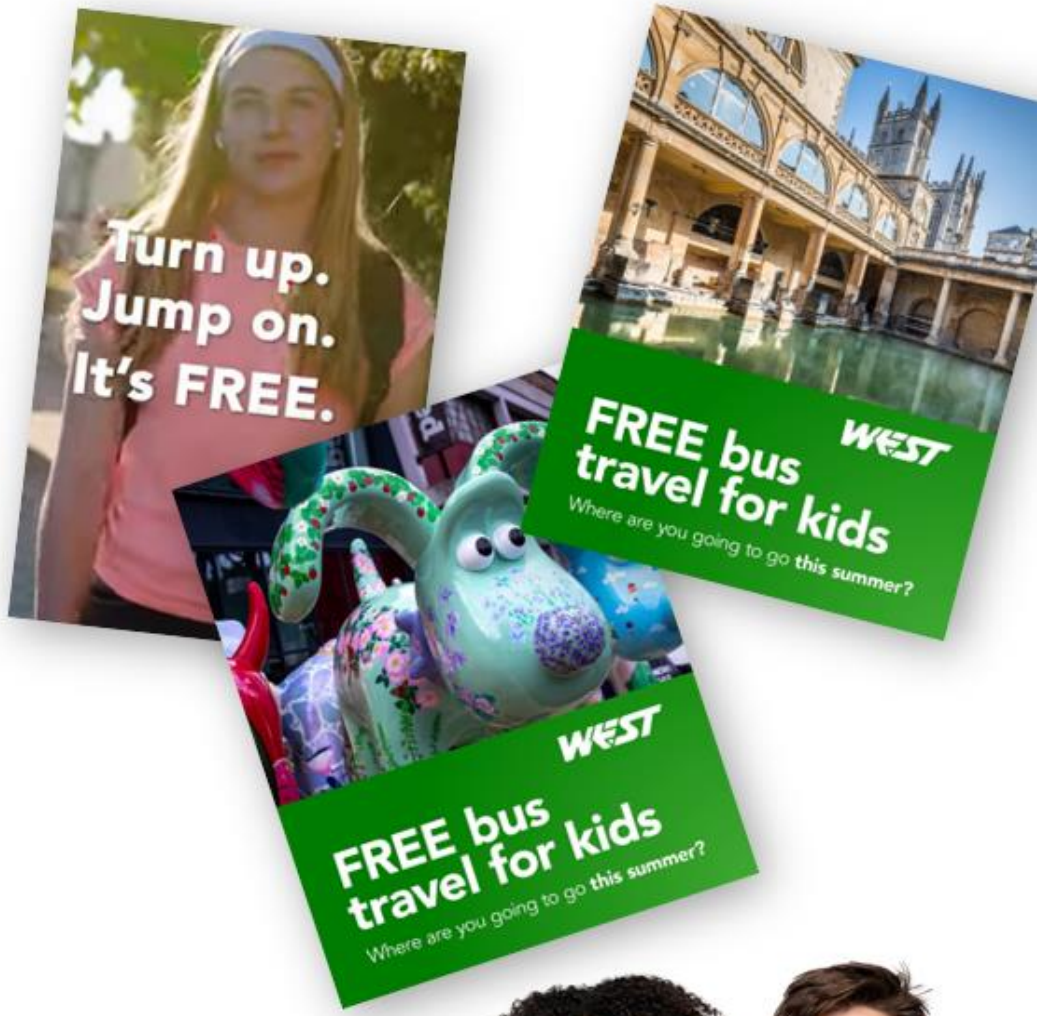
196 *buses, more soon*

39 *routes served*

2.5million Journeys

"more than ever, children and young people are still enjoying getting the bus and exploring the best of the West, while we help keep more money in parents' pockets … It also provides a chance for young people to get used to travelling on the bus, which can be a big confidence boost when entering employment, education or training."

Mayor Helen Godwin, Sep 26



Kids Go Free

£215m Fund

"Everyone who uses the West's roads and pavements will welcome this record investment in our part of the world thanks to the record transport funding that we have secured from the national government."

Mayor Helen Godwin, Oct 26

WECA Rail Delivery Programme

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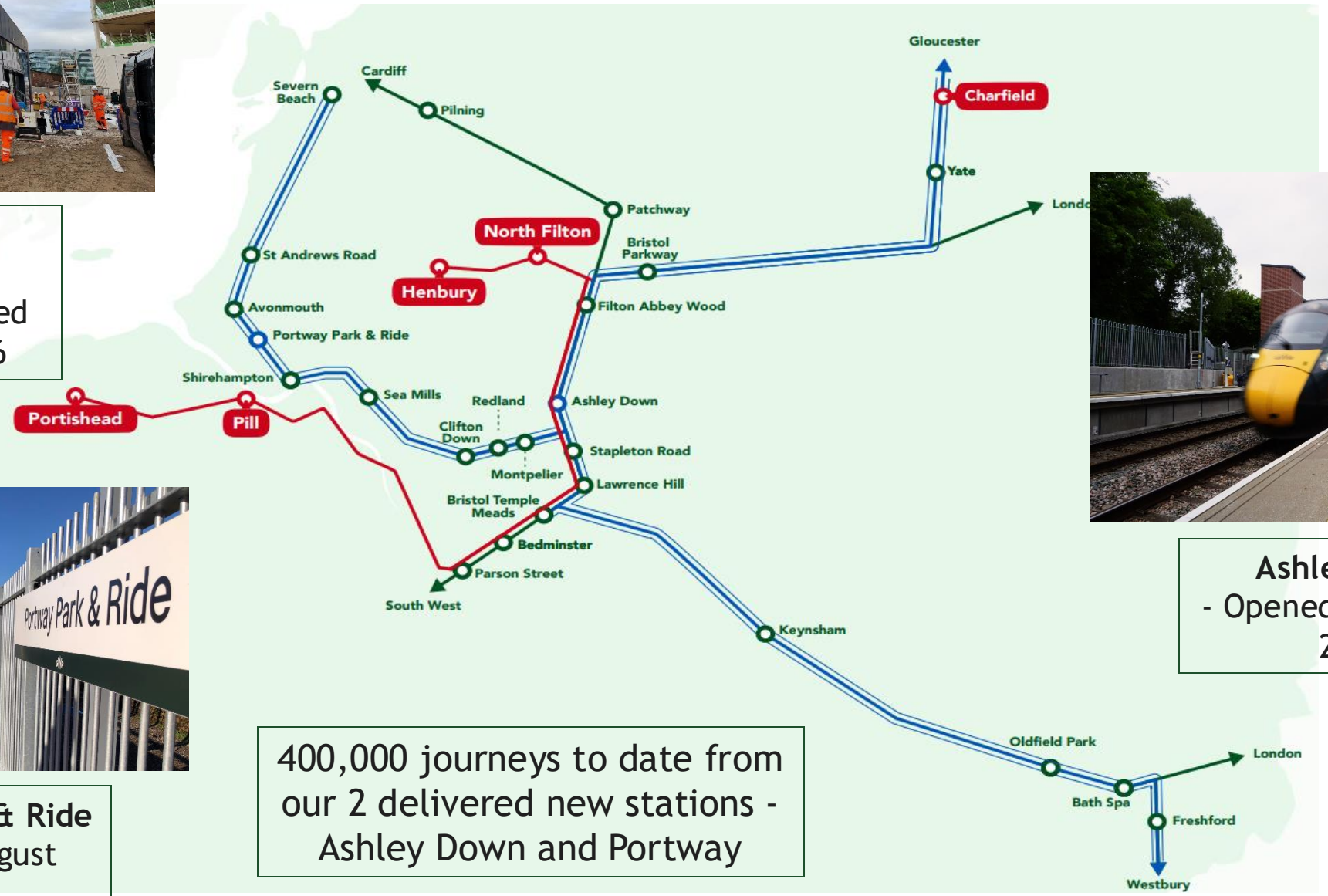
Bristol Temple Meads Eastern Entrance - Opened September 2026



Ashley Down - Opened September 2024

Portway Park & Ride - Opened August 2023

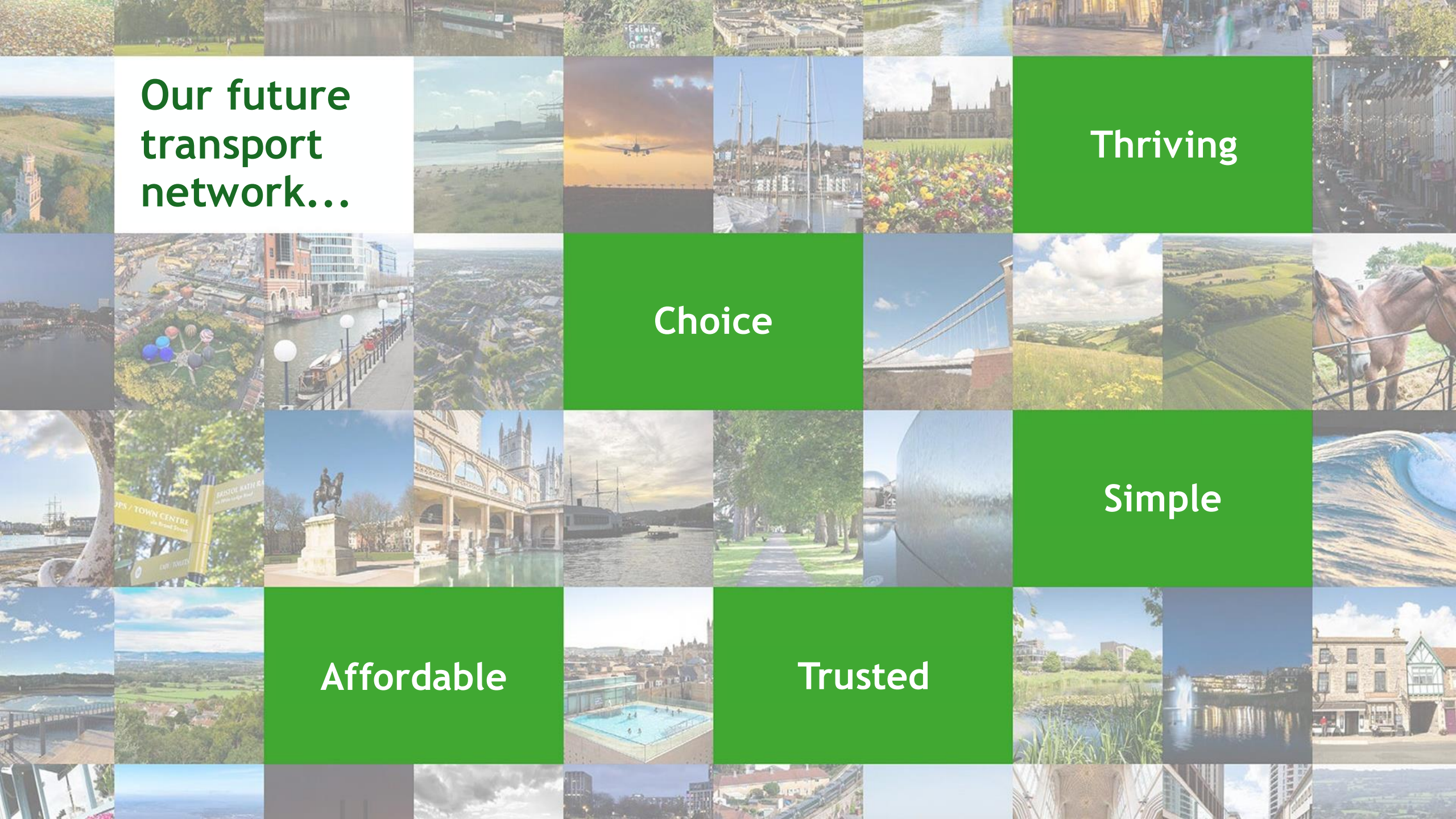
400,000 journeys to date from our 2 delivered new stations - Ashley Down and Portway

"Cities like Bristol, they should have mass transit systems… I will work with the wonderful Mayor of the West of England, Helen Godwin, to make progress on that."

Andy Burnham, PM

Next Steps

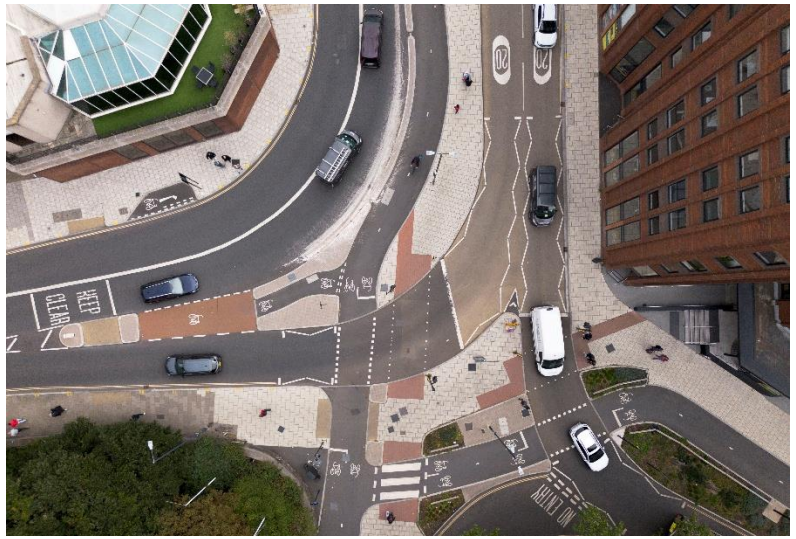
- Planning to launch an engagement relating to the transport strategy shortly
- Approval will be sought in early 2027
- Will then update the Joint Local Transport Plan


Our future transport network...
Thriving
Choice
Simple
Affordable
Trusted

Transport update

Bristol City Council

Completed transport projects



Old Market Gap

Princess Victoria Street

King Street and Queen Charlotte Street

Overton Road

Park Row and surrounding streets

E-scooter/e-cycle hire parking bays

Completed transport projects

Cotham Hill

Harbour Walkway

Old City

Banana Bridge (Langton Street Bridge)

Sparke Evans Bridge and accessible ramp

Gaol Ferry Bridge

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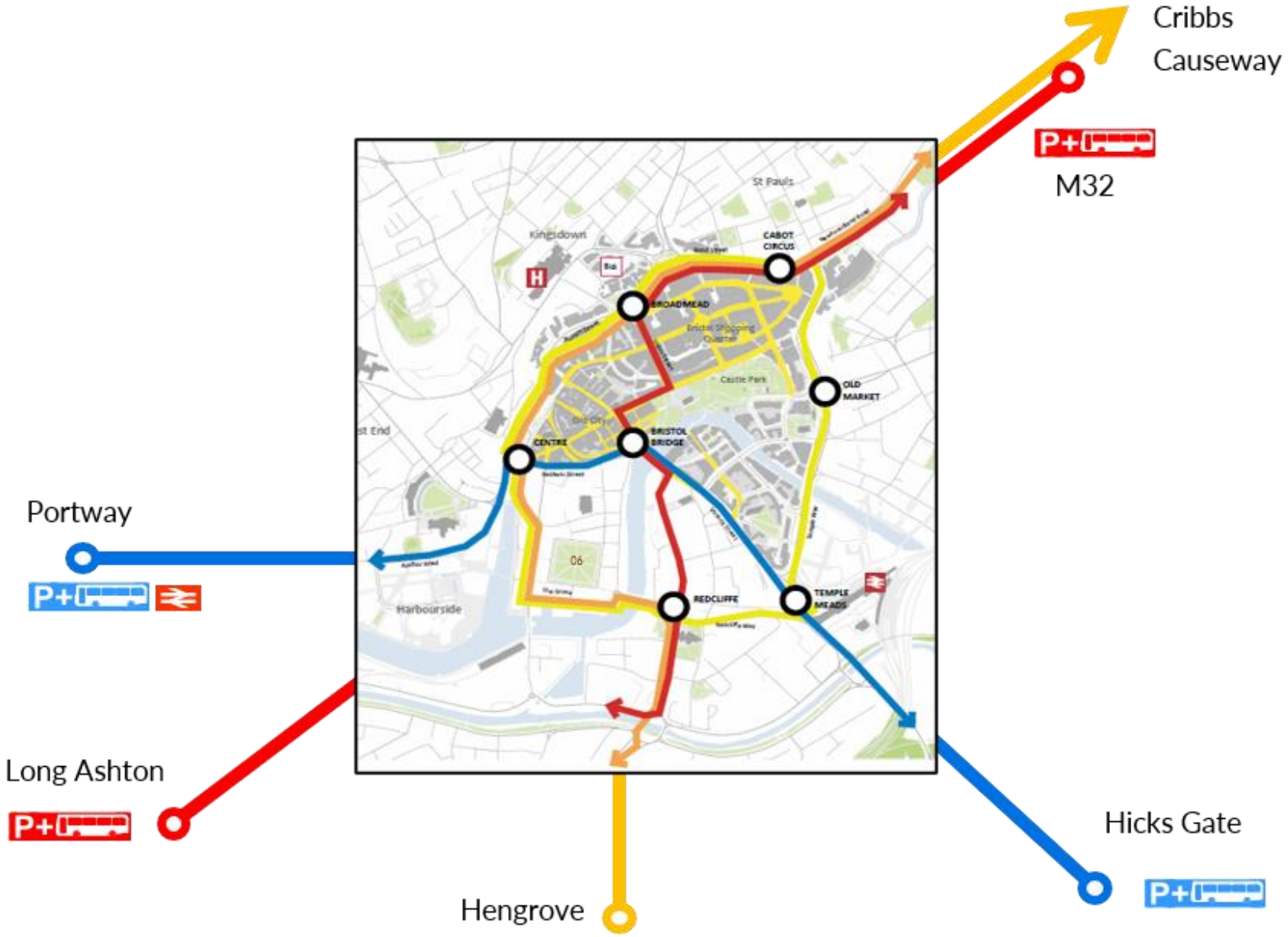
City Centre Framework

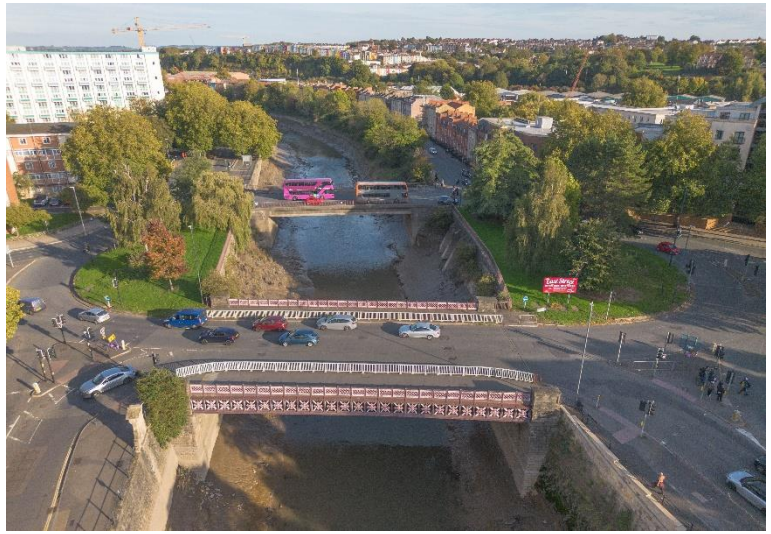


In progress: City centre transport corridor projects

Broadmead area

Redcliffe Way

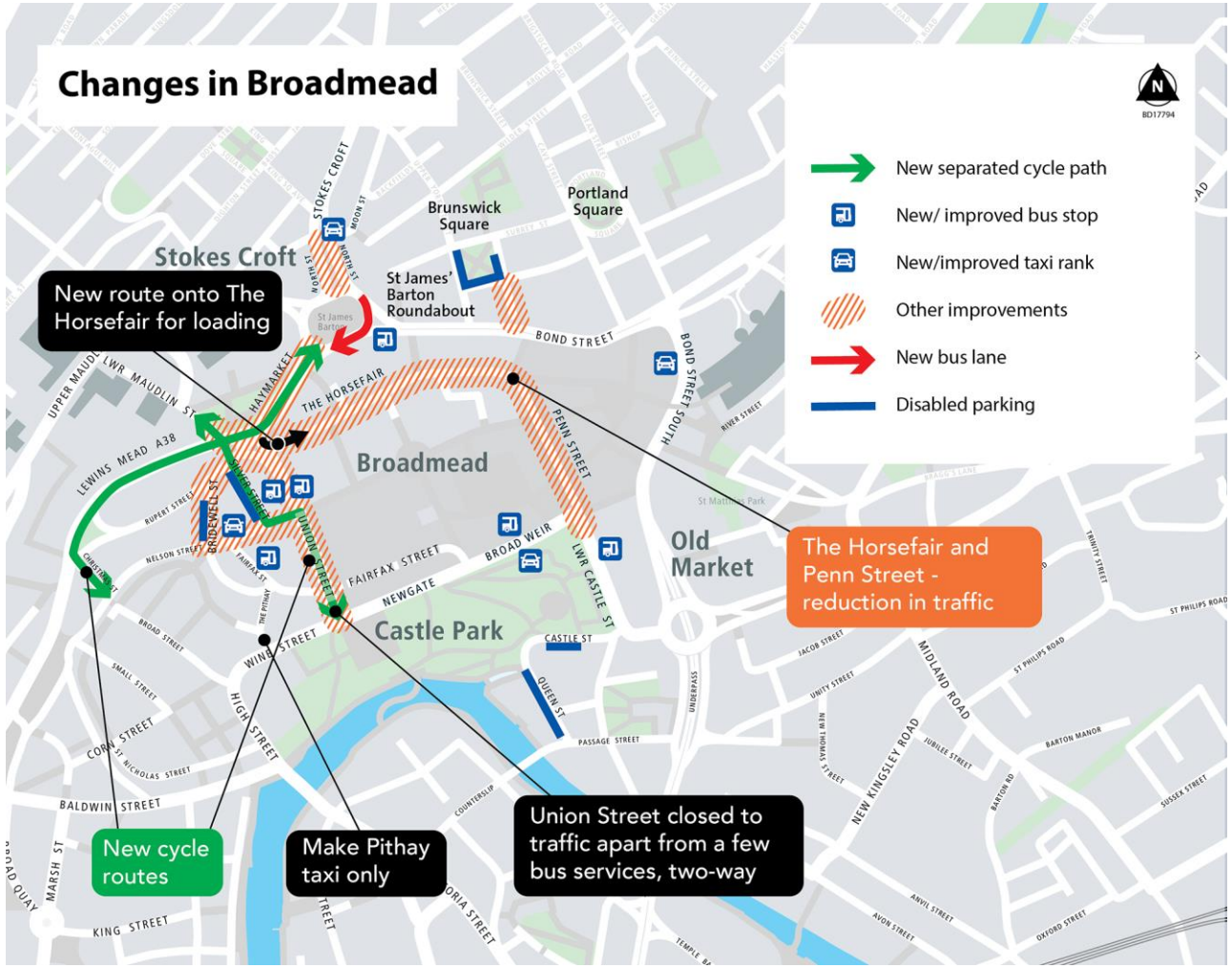
Temple Way



Bedminster Bridges

Bristol on the move

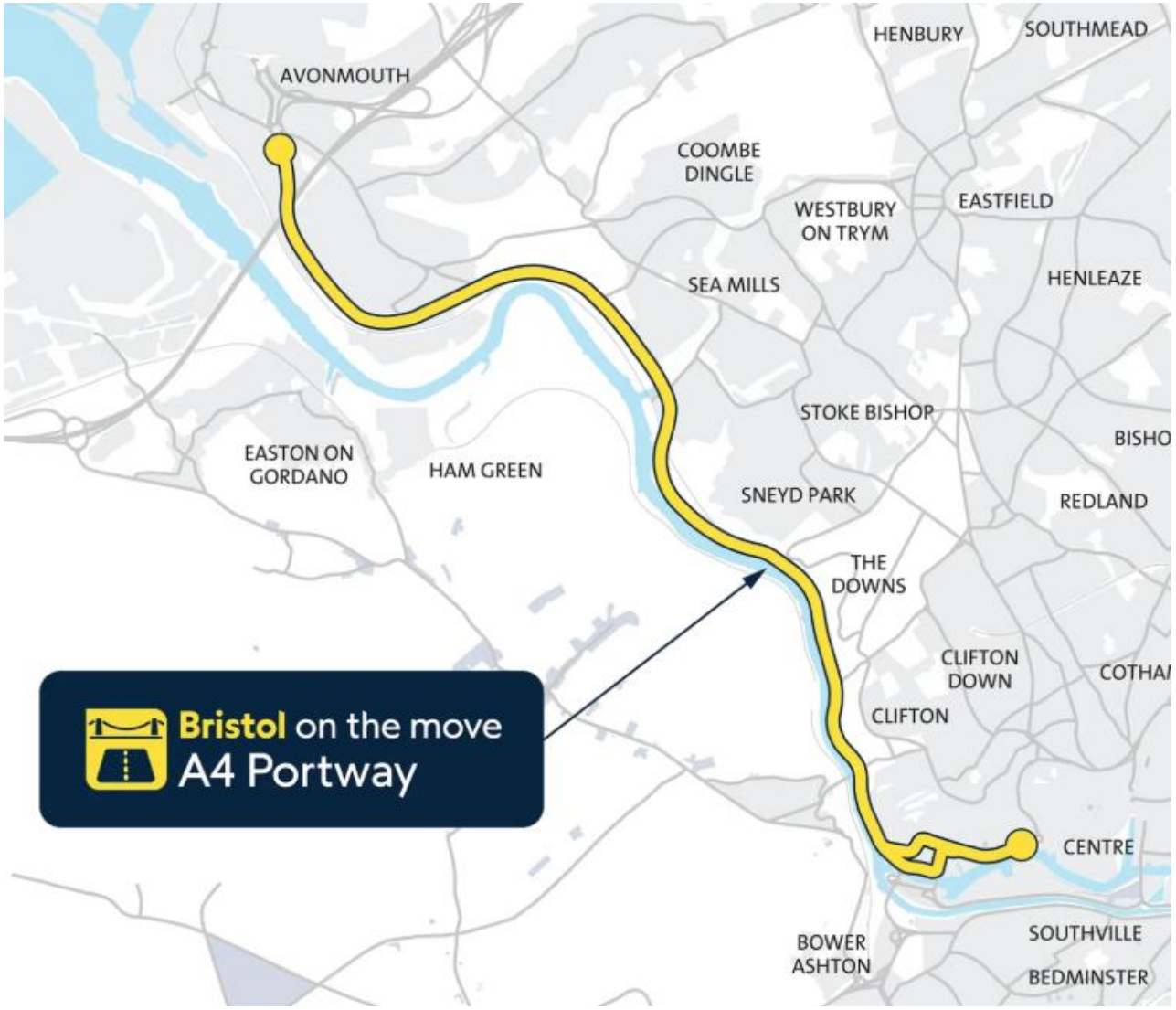
2027-2028 – Broadmead (1 of 2)



The Horsefair junction

In progress (strategic routes)

Victoria Street



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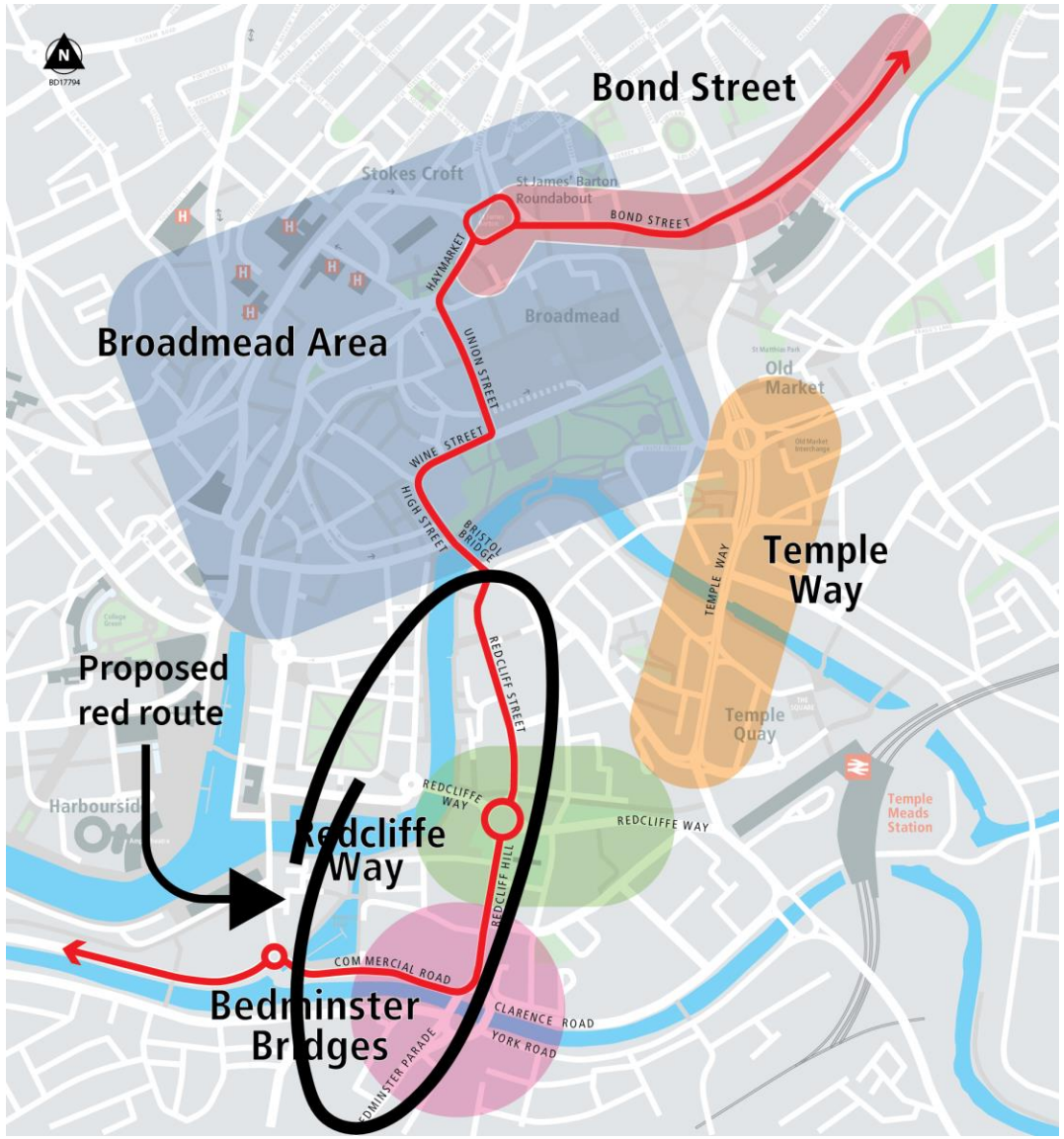

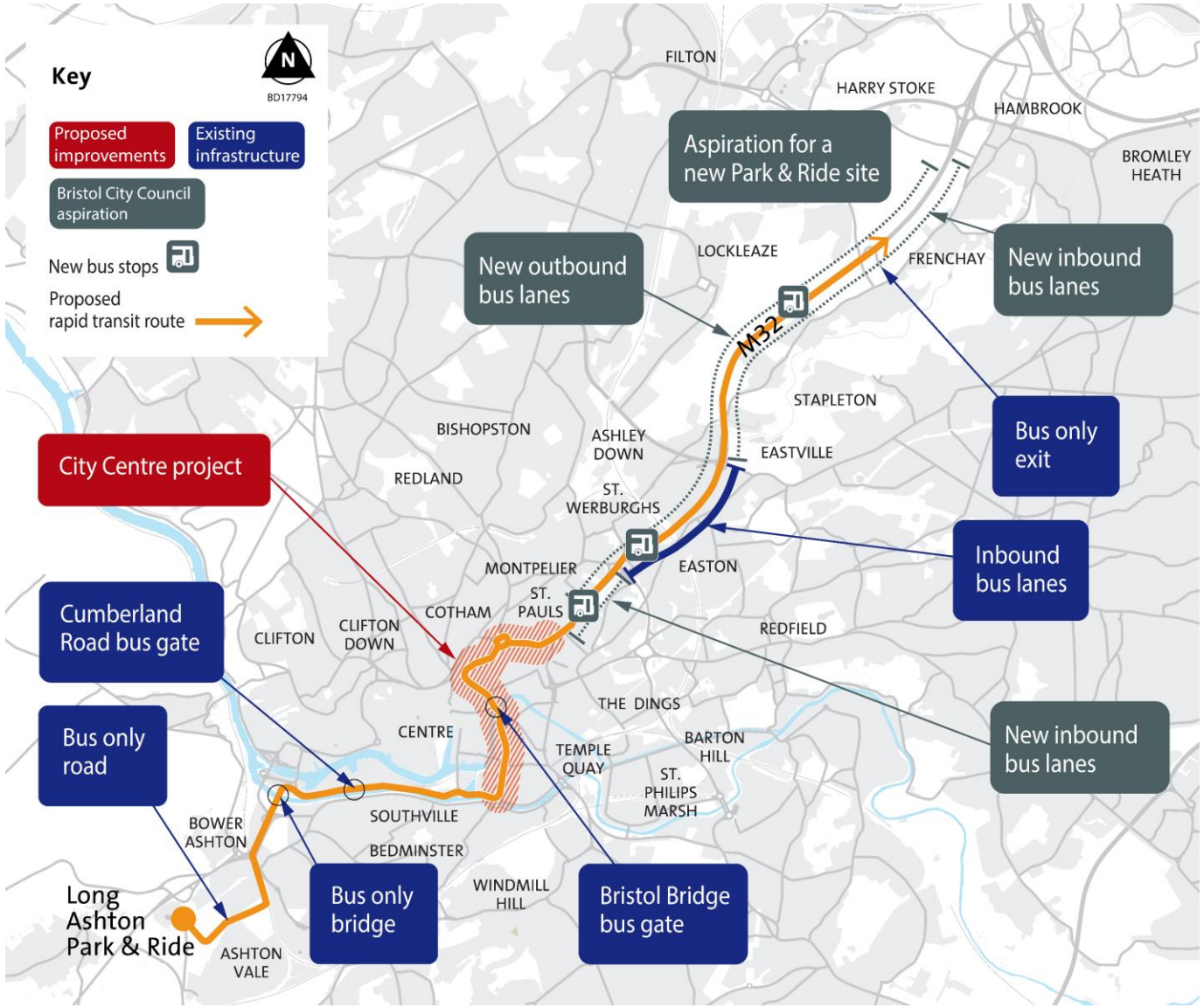

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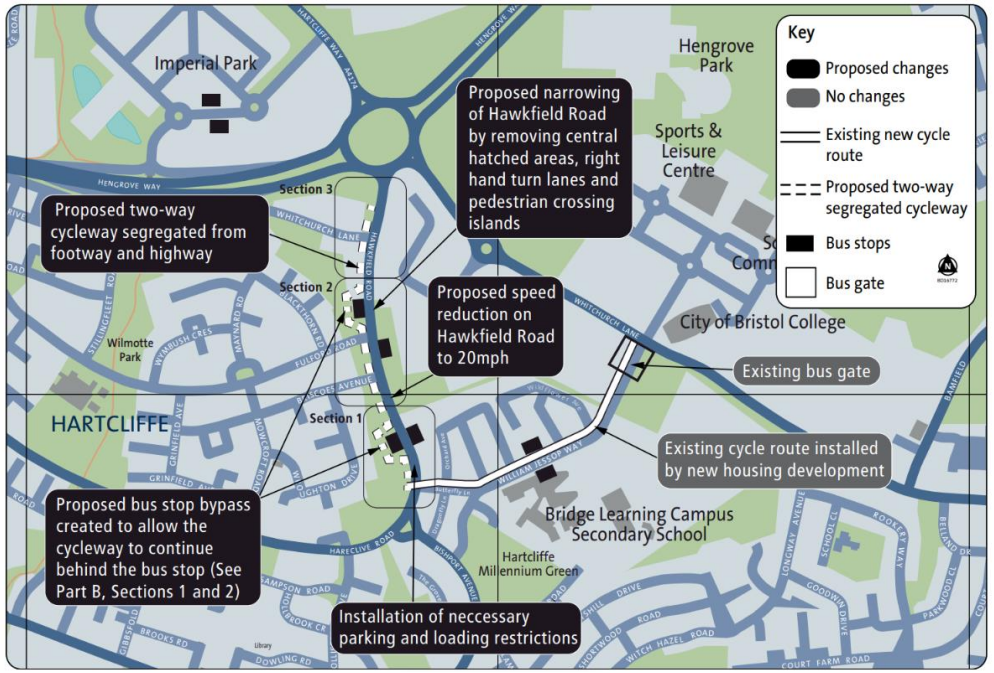
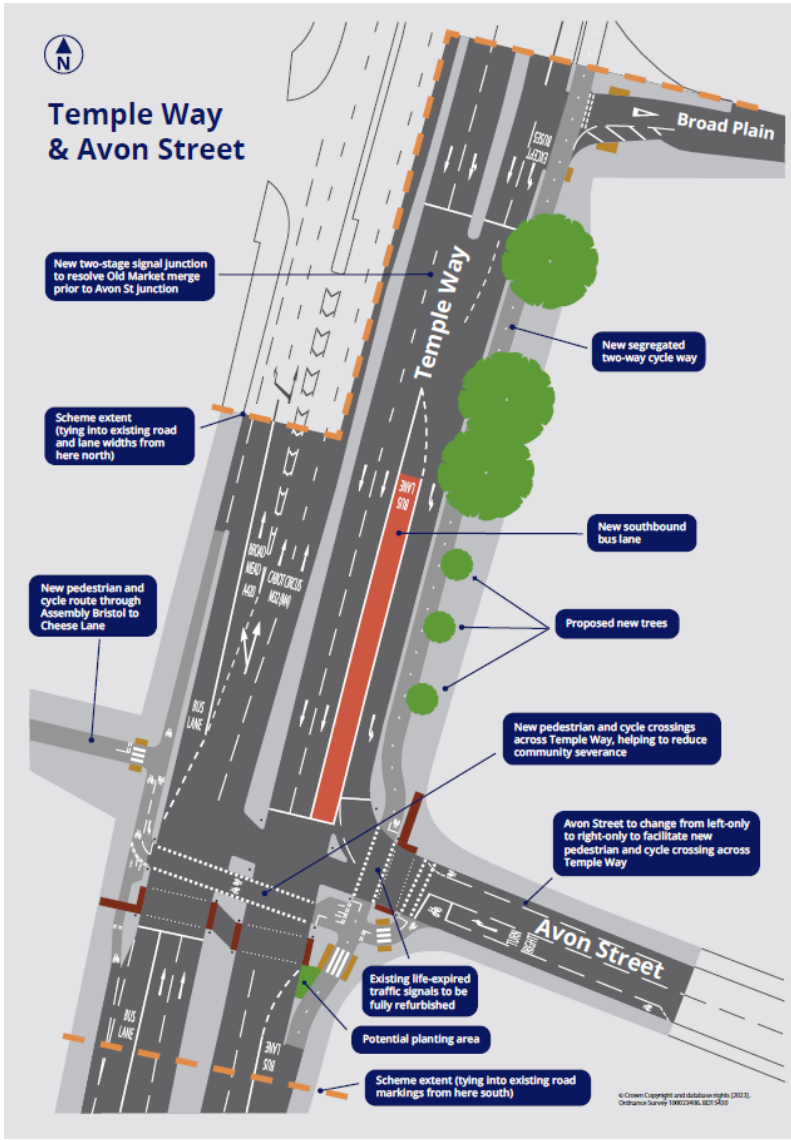
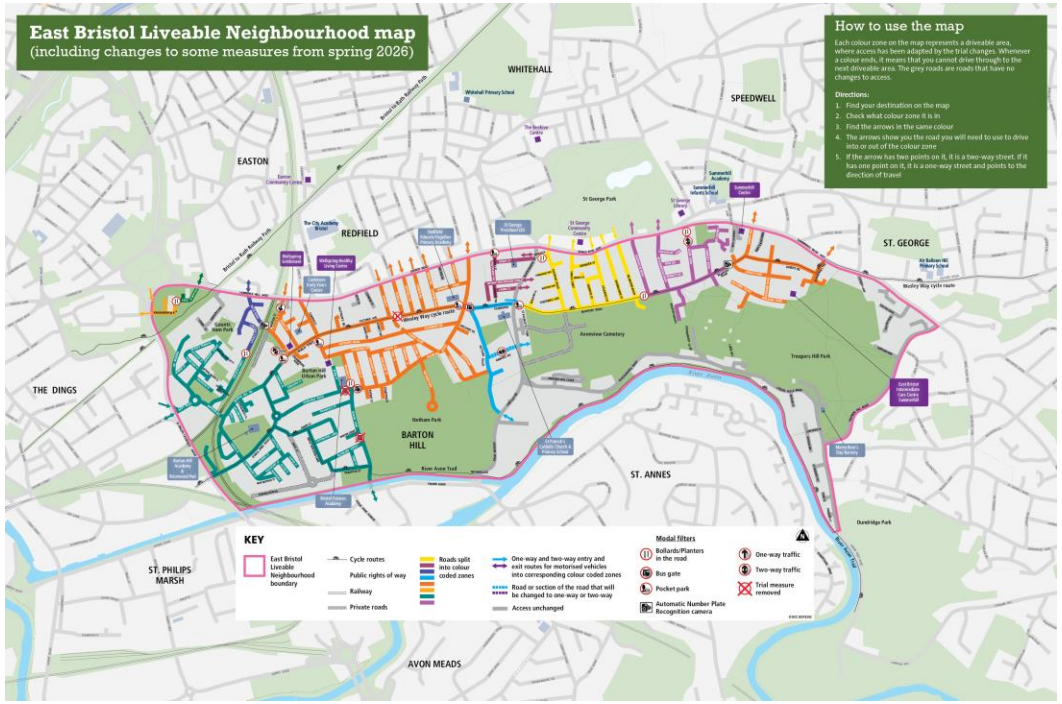


A38 south – Malago Way & Hengrove/Hartcliffe

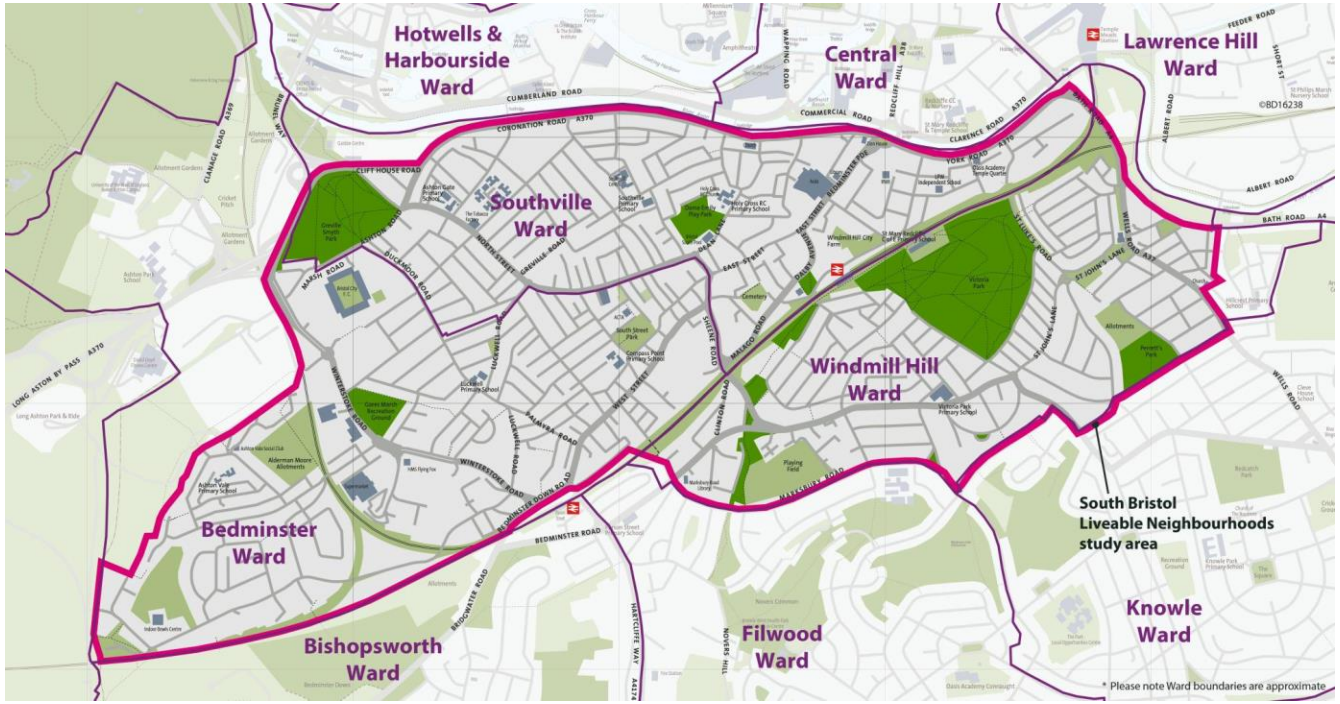


Temple Way Avon Street junction

In progress (Liveable Neighbourhoods)



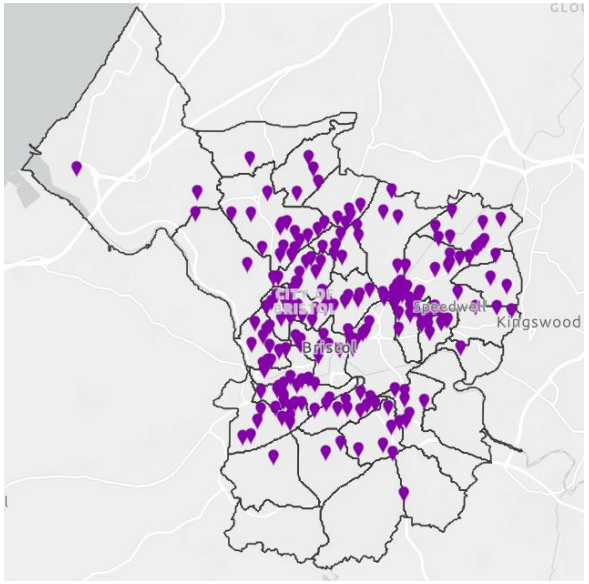
East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood



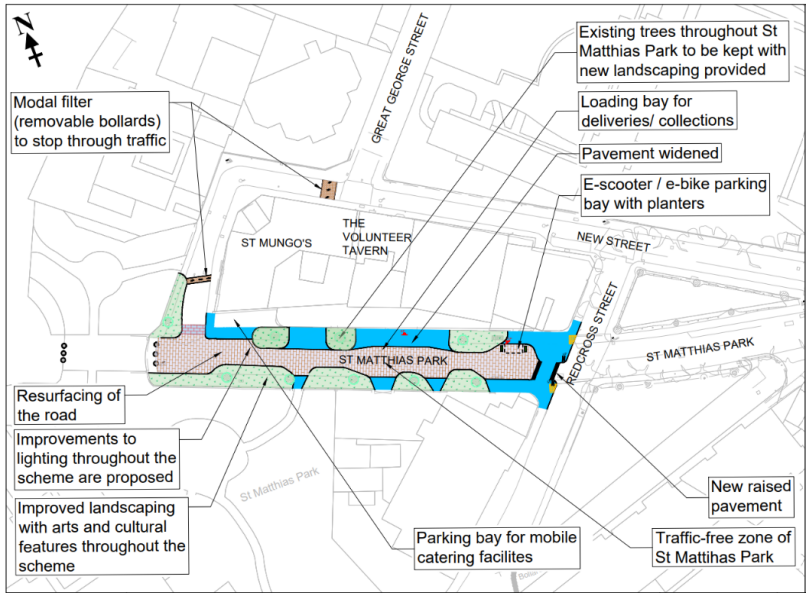
South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhoods

In progress (local projects)

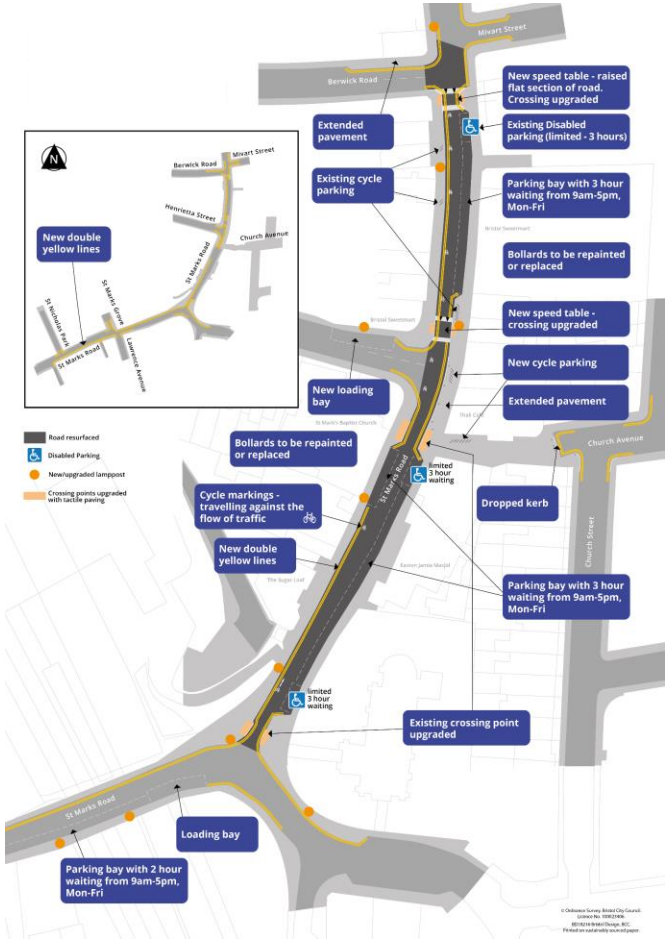
Cycle hangers



Micromobility parking bays

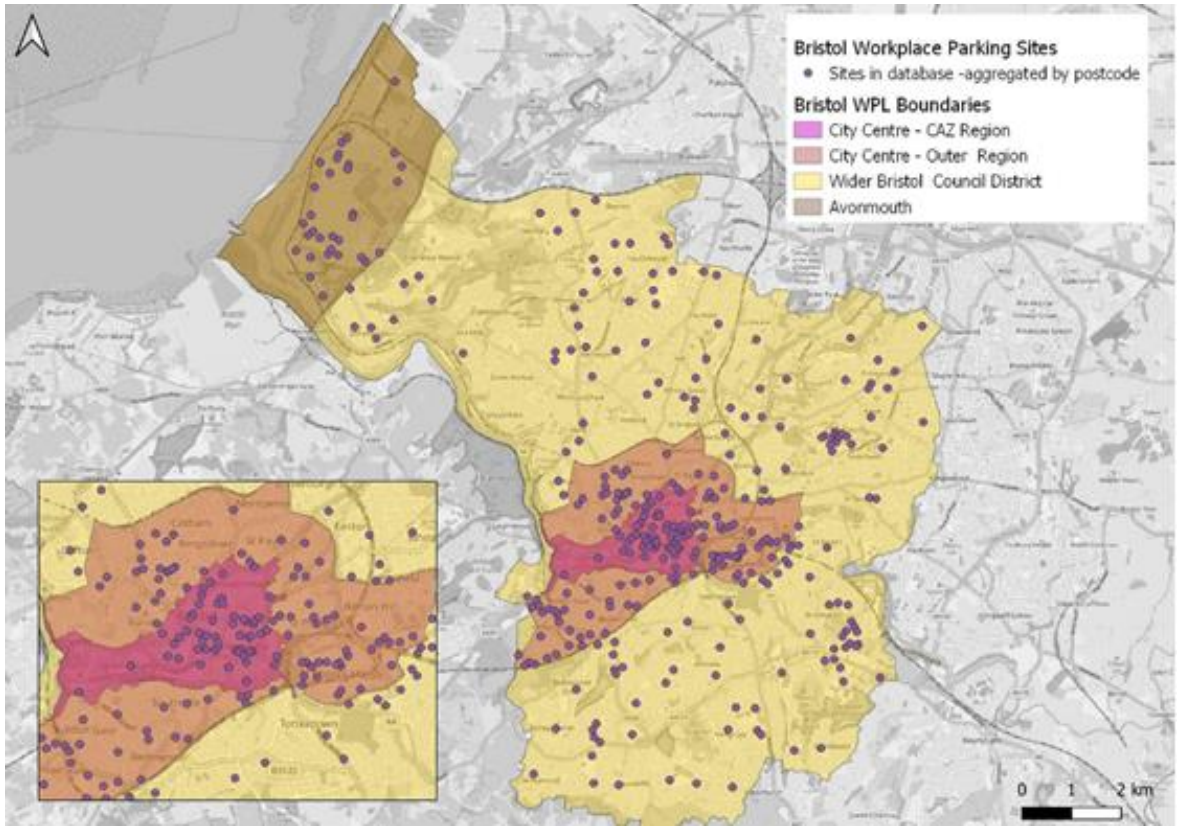


Local Transport Schemes (CIL funded projects)

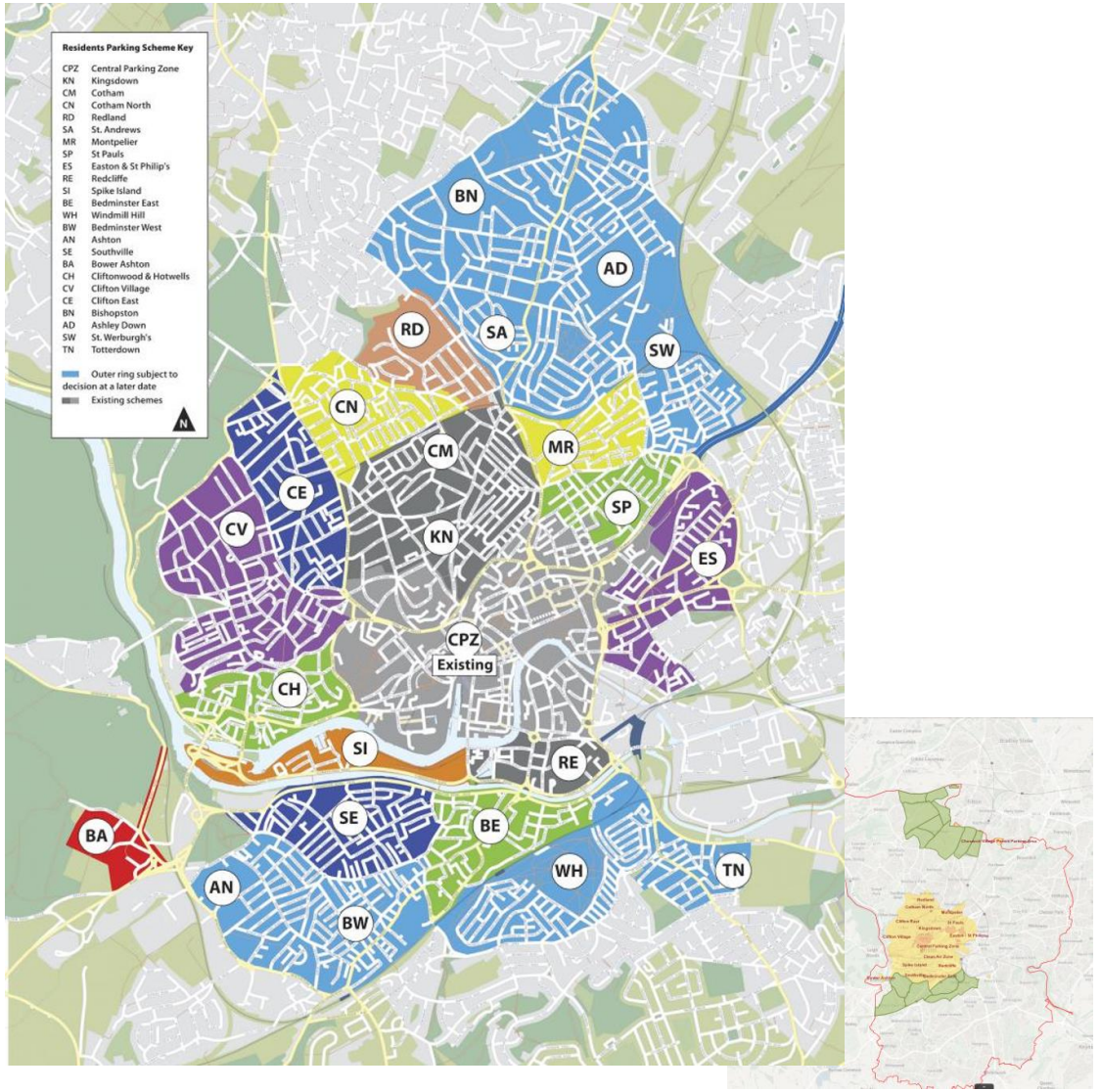


St Mark's Road

In progress (policies)



Workplace Parking Levy



Residents' Parking Schemes

Future plans

Transport for City Regions (TCR)

2027/28 - 2031/32

DFT: *To drive growth and productivity through investment in integrated transport networks; support the delivery of new homes and improve access to opportunity; and decarbonise transport while enabling healthy lives through greater use of public transport, walking and cycling.*

WECA allocation:

- £150m for bus
- £150m for rail
- £150m for mass transit
- £50m for active travel
- £215m for maintenance

Mass transit

- £150m of TCR committed to next stage of development
- Four strategic transport corridors
- Commitment to start construction in 4-5 years
- Core element of WECA Mayor's Transport Vision

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Future strategies

Transport Infrastructure Plan

- A transport **infrastructure** plan focussed on how we spend capital funds and change physical aspects of the transport network
- **Comprehensive:** covers all wards, all modes, all routes and by extension all trip types. There should be something for everyone in the plan
- Sets out a framework for **prioritising schemes** using a combination of data, political/technical input and performance against the Treasury's Green Book
- **Communicates** a long-term vision for the network to government, WECA, key stakeholders and the public
- Outlines a vision, key challenges and opportunities and a delivery strategy

Kerbside Strategy

- A policy setting targets for how we better manage kerbside space in the city
- >95% of space currently allocated to parking or parking restrictions
- Very little 'sustainable' use, such as trees, cycle hangars, public charge points and car clubs
- Use of kerbside space has substantial bearing on travel choices, such as shade and shelter, a place to park your bike, accessible car clubs, places to rest and community space
- Policy will set targets to grow sustainable use of the kerbside space

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Behaviour change support

Support available for businesses

- 50% match funded grants
- Electric pool and cargo bikes
- Bike repairs (Dr Bike)
- Bike maintenance training
- Emergency cycle repair kits
- Travel to Work Survey
- Campaigns and events

Support for employees and individuals

Travel offers:

- Bike loans
- Public transport taster tickets
- Car club membership

Walking and cycling platforms:

- Go Jauntly
- Love to Ride

140 business initiatives since January

1,800 individual offers since April

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Calls to action

1. Respond to transport consultations: **www.bristol.gov.uk/ask**
2. Participate in the annual **WEST Travel to Work Survey**
3. Review, update or create **Your Workplace Travel Plan**

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Workshops
10:35 – 11:30

Developing our Transport Strategy

Bristol city centre: the future of Bristol

Bristol Workplace Parking and Transport Investment

Thank you