

Return to Public Transport

By Transport for West Midlands

A year like no other

- Rail usage reduced to -90%
- Bus passenger journeys decreased by -60.7% to 97.5 million in 2020/21 as a result of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.
- Tram passenger journeys decreased by -57.8% to 3.4 million in 2020/21 as a result of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.
Network rapidly reduced, supporting key workers
- Several Lockdowns and subsequent re-emergence
- Changes required to how we all live, work and travel

OUR CUSTOMERS

Protected our
Customers



Protected our Staff



Worked collaboratively with
our Partners

COVID-19 Government Guidance

Followed & implemented the
guidance

How we supported our customers



Kept the network running

Current context

As of the end of September 2021:

- Rail has returned to 52% of pre-pandemic levels
- Bus has returned to 71% of pre-pandemic levels
- Metro has returned to 91% of pre-pandemic levels
- Car has returned to >90% of pre-pandemic levels
- Active Travel has increased to >100%

Emerging trends

- Changes in travel habits
- Changes in peak times
- Increase in people working from home
- Increase in people working differently
- A certainty that trends will continue to evolve further
- A return to the car based economy

Mitigation for car usage

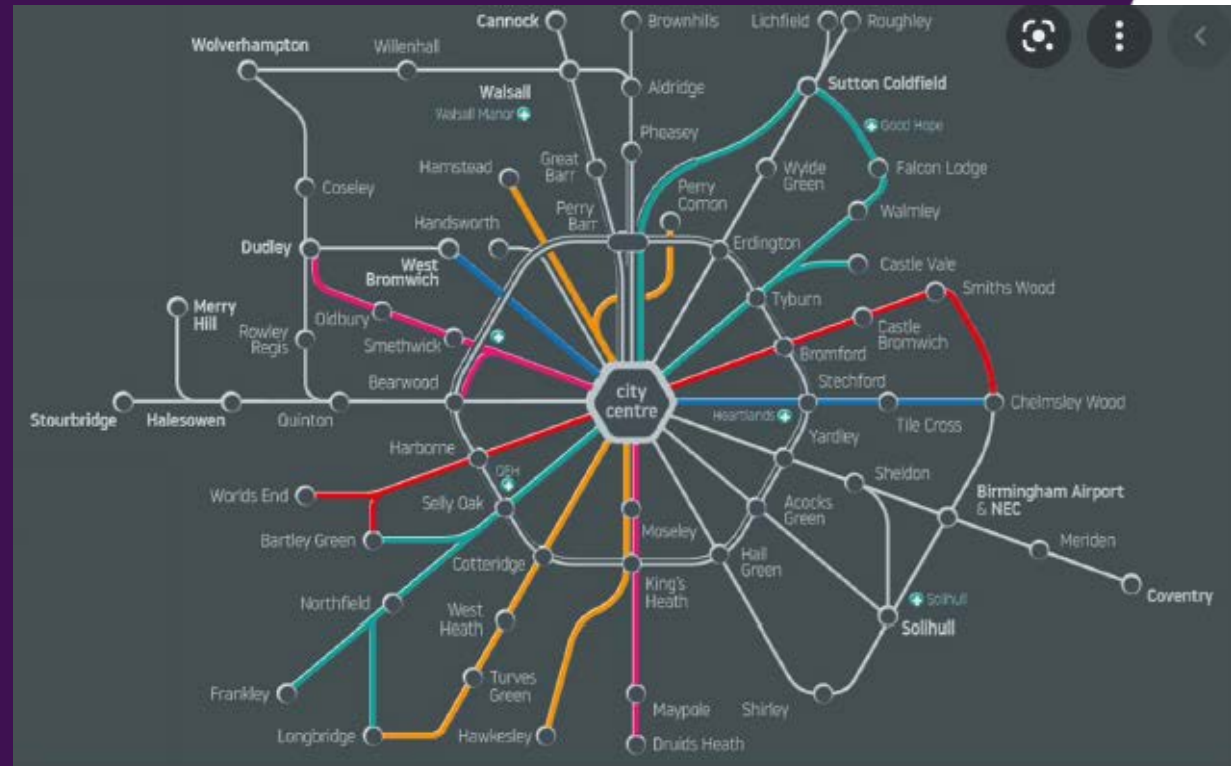
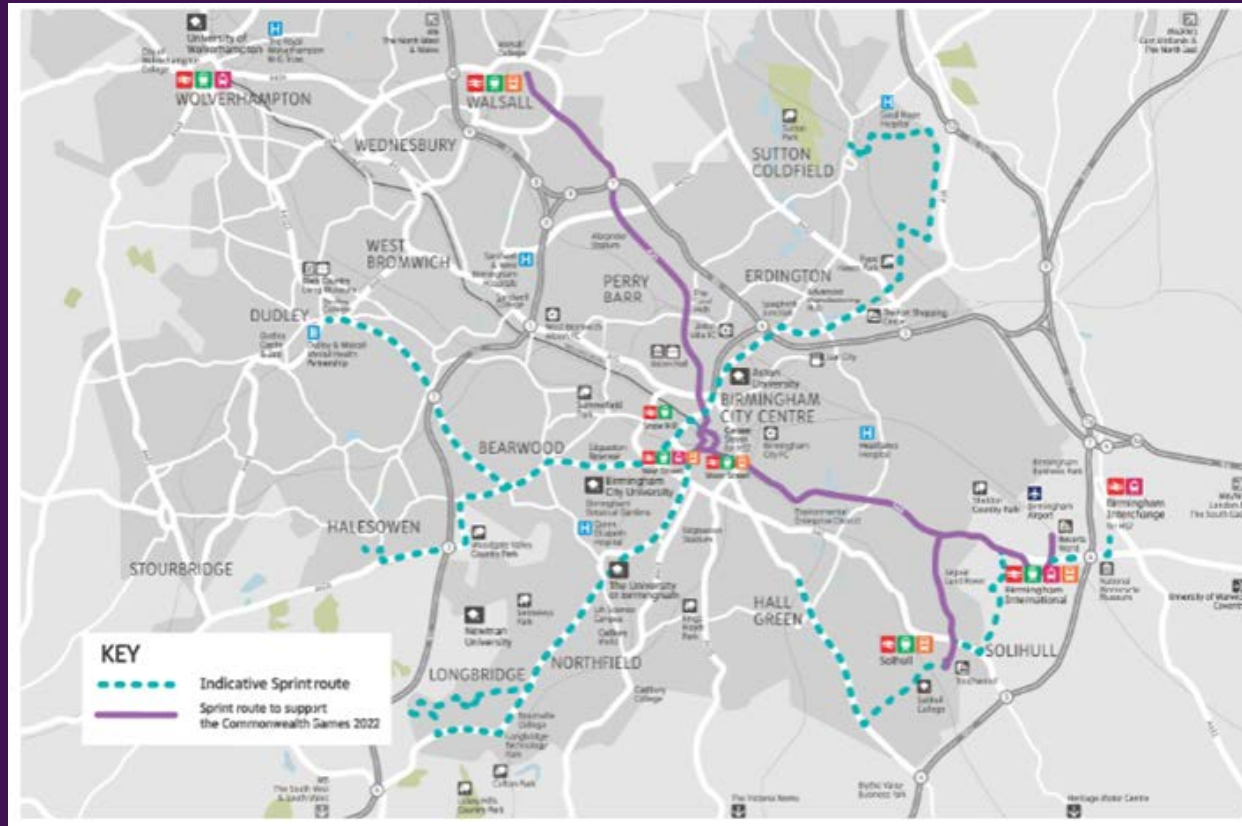
Continuation of the bold programmes underway prior to the pandemic – massive investment in fixed lines and bus priority

A bold City plan from Birmingham City Council

The emerging Local Transport Plan through TfWM

Increased promotion of, and investment in, sustainable travel

Sprint and Cross City





Active Travel

Emergency Active Travel Fund

On 9th May the Government announced that an 'Emergency Active Travel Fund' will fund local authorities across the country to help make it easier for people to use bikes to get around. An allocation of £250 million from the £2 billion investment in cycling and walking, previously announced at the March budget is to be made available immediately to support the delivery of temporary schemes such as pop up cycle lanes and widening pavements.

A total of 57 infrastructure schemes, including pop up cycle lanes, pedestrian and walking zones and Places for People (also known as Low Traffic Neighbourhoods) have been delivered through the EATF Tranche 1 programme.

Tranche 2 scheme are currently being implemented across the region and will be in place by March 2022.

Local Authority	No. Schemes	Length (miles)
Birmingham	15	13.38
Coventry	7	1.48
Dudley	7	1.25
Sandwell	4	1.30
Solihull	14	4.38
Walsall	5	1.57
Wolverhampton	5	0.76
West Midlands	57	24.12

Cycling & Walking Programme

- West Midlands Cycle Hire
- Cycling & Walking Programme
- Living Streets
- Better Streets Community Fund

E-Scooters



Progress



12 months active

1200 active eScooters

Over 80,000 registered users

c. 800,000 individual rides

1.6million km ridden...that's over 4x to the moon!

10% of all rides taken under Voi4Heroes (100% free) or Voi4All (75% discount) schemes

30% of all journeys modes shift away from car

c. 250,000 car journeys saved

From November 2021 this will expand to

1500+ eScooters

Area scaling **35sqkm – 50+sqkm**