



Travel Renfrewshire 2035

Renfrewshire Council Local Transport Strategy 2025-2035

Summary

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1. Overview

Renfrewshire's new Local Transport Strategy (LTS), also referred to as Travel Renfrewshire 2035, sets the future direction of transport and travel across the council area and covers the period 2025 to 2035.

This document provides a summary of the LTS and should be read alongside the full LTS document. Supporting materials (Integrated Impact Assessment and Environmental Report) are also available.

The following sections present an overview of the LTS Vision Statement, Priorities, Objectives, Policies and Actions. The Policies and Actions are presented by theme:

- Active Travel
- Behaviour Change
- Public Transport and Shared Mobility
- Road Safety
- Parking
- Road Network and Freight
- Environment
- Digital Technology

Development of this strategy has been informed by [Local Transport Strategy Guidance](#) and has followed the principles of [Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance](#) (STAG). Central to the development of the LTS has been public consultation and stakeholder engagement, which, alongside a review of data and a review of relevant policy and strategy documents and legislation, has informed the identification of transport and travel problems and opportunities. The problems and opportunities have directly informed the development of a Vision Statement, Priorities and Objectives that are presented in this document.

2. Vision Statement

An overarching Vision for the Council with regards to transport and travel by the time the LTS is delivered has been developed. This reflects the views and priorities expressed by the public and stakeholders during consultation and has also been informed by a review of problems and opportunities and by the wider policy context.

The vision is for:

“Renfrewshire to be an attractive place to live, work and visit, with walking, wheeling and cycling and public transport opportunities that are inclusive, affordable, integrated and safe to use; and a transport system which supports net zero targets, inclusive economic growth and the health and wellbeing of all”.

3. Priorities

The Vision Statement is supported by a set of Priorities:

- Equality and Accessibility;
- Net Zero Emissions;
- Inclusive Economic Growth;
- Safety and Security; and
- Resilience and Maintenance

The Priorities are further supported by objectives.

4. Objectives

The identified objectives form part of the criteria against which actions will be monitored and evaluated in future years.

The objectives have been developed to take into consideration the problems and opportunities identified. The objectives for this LTS are as follows:

- Objective 1: Support fair and equitable access to sustainable modes of transport in Renfrewshire, that is integrated and easy to use for all
- Objective 2: Support the continued reduction in harmful transport emissions across Renfrewshire
- Objective 3: Increase the proportion of trips undertaken by walking, wheeling and cycling and public transport for everyday journeys
- Objective 4: Improve transport connections within Renfrewshire and to neighbouring local authorities to support inclusive economic growth

- Objective 5: Improve the safety of Renfrewshire's transport network through meeting Scottish Government casualty reduction targets
- Objective 6: Provide a secure, resilient and well-maintained transport network that meets the needs of users

5. Polices and Actions

Consideration has been given to the problems and opportunities identified through discussions with stakeholders and members of the public, as well as consideration of national, regional and local policies when developing policies and actions for this LTS, and how strongly these help to address the objectives of this strategy. With this in mind, policies have been developed for Renfrewshire Council to work towards, alongside actions. These are presented over the following pages.

Alongside each action indicative timescales are provided.

5.1. Active Travel

5.1.1. Active Travel Policies

- Policy 1 (Active Travel) – Prioritise provision of walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure in Renfrewshire where practicable, in line with the Sustainable Travel Hierarchy and Sustainable Investment Hierarchy, with a view to increasing the proportion of people travelling by active modes for everyday journeys.
- Policy 2 (Active Travel) – Deliver an active travel network and active travel infrastructure in Renfrewshire that is safe and accessible to all users.
- Policy 3 (Active Travel) – Support use of sustainable freight solutions, including cargo bikes, to serve key service centres in Renfrewshire.
- Policy 4 (Active Travel) – Maintain active travel infrastructure (including footpaths and cycleways) to a high standard.

- Policy 5 (Active Travel) – Monitor use of active travel infrastructure and expand our network where new infrastructure can support modal shift.

5.1.2. Active Travel Actions

AT1: Design and extend the cycle path network across Renfrewshire to be safe and accessible, in line with locations identified in the Proposed Active Travel Network Map

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council; Sustrans; SPT

Potential Funding Partners: Transport Scotland

Timescale: 10 years +

AT2: Work with Sustrans to implement and adopt lighting across the off-road active travel network

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, Sustrans

Timescale: 10 years +

AT3: Work with SPT to deliver regional and longer distance cycling connections set out within the Regional Active Travel Strategy

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, Sustrans, SPT, Neighbouring Local Authorities

Potential Funding Partners: Transport Scotland

Timescale: 10 years +

AT4: Prioritise pedestrian safety through a review of crossing facilities on the local road network at locations identified in the Annual Accident Assessment and through working with local communities

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

AT5: Review cycle safety and priority at junctions, including review of on-road infrastructure and measures for implementation of early release signals for cyclists at locations identified in the Annual Accident Assessment and through working with local communities

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

AT6: Create a Maintenance Plan for the active travel network, including adoption, prioritisation and maintenance of active travel paths across Renfrewshire, including winter maintenance and removal of vegetation

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

AT7: Undertake a signage review and implement a signage and wayfinding strategy to support more local journeys by walking, wheeling and cycling

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, Sustrans

Potential Funding Partners: Transport Scotland

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

AT8: Review feasibility and implement the expansion of cycle training into secondary schools and / or adult cycle training through local providers

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Third Sector Active Travel Delivery Partners

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

AT9: Build a monitoring and evaluation framework for the active travel actions of the LTS in order to collect relevant baseline data and effectively monitor progress

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

AT10: Increase the number of secure cycle parking spaces, with a focus on locations serving local communities identified in the Proposed Active Travel Network Map

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Third Sector Active Travel Delivery Partners

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

AT11: Support access to bikes by working with SPT to investigate potential for delivery of a partial / fully regional public bike hire scheme (including e-bikes) that is available at locations which would be served by the Proposed Active Travel Network

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Public/Private sectors, Other Local Authorities

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

AT12: Undertake a feasibility study to create a public charging network for electric bikes in Renfrewshire, potentially linked to Mobility Hubs

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

AT13: Support measures to make it easier for the last mile of small goods deliveries to be undertaken by sustainable modes, such as by cargo bikes

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, Freight and logistics operators

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

5.2. Behaviour Change

5.2.1. Behaviour Change Policies

- Policy 1 (Behaviour Change) – Make it easier for people to change their travel behaviours, by raising awareness of the benefits of sustainable travel, including health, and improving multi-modal transport access across Renfrewshire.
- Policy 2 (Behaviour Change) – Continue to deliver Council-led Behaviour Change programmes – including in our schools – and engage with organisations across Renfrewshire to assist in the promotion of sustainable transport solutions.

5.2.2. Behaviour Change Actions

B1: Provide support to parents and carers to apply for young persons' concessionary travel entitlement card

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

B2: Work with schools on Behaviour Change initiatives with local partners

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, School Communities, SPT, Third Sector Active Travel Delivery Partners

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

B3: Provide more opportunities for pupils leaving primary school across Renfrewshire to receive Bikeability Levels 1 and 2 cycle training as a minimum

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Cycling Scotland, Third Sector Active Travel Delivery Partners

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

B4: Continue discussions on sustainable transport solutions and engage with employers to promote Cycling Scotland's Adult Cycle Training, including with employers at:

- Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland (AMIDS)
- Inchinnan Business Park
- Westway Park
- Hillington Industrial Estate
- Braehead Retail Park

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, Cycling Scotland, Health Board, Employers

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

B5: Encourage employers and schools to implement Travel Plans to support a shift to sustainable travel modes

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Employers, Developers, School Communities

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

B6: Renfrewshire Council to update its staff Travel Plan

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

B7: Review Behaviour Change programmes currently delivered in Renfrewshire and provide targeted, strategic support to organisations delivering Behaviour Change within Renfrewshire through external funding sources

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Health Board, Third Sector Active Travel Delivery Partners

Potential Funding Partners: Transport Scotland

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

5.3. Public Transport and Shared Mobility

5.3.1. Public Transport and Shared Mobility Policies

- Policy 1 (Public Transport and Shared Mobility) – Work with partners to support measures to increase patronage on the bus and rail networks, by making public transport more attractive to use through improvements to frequency, reliability, connectivity and affordability of fares.
- Policy 2 (Public Transport and Shared Mobility) – Work with partners to provide an accessible, safe, sustainable and integrated public transport system that is seamless and improves the quality of experience for users, including through improvements to transport hub facilities, public transport infrastructure and ticketing.
- Policy 3 (Public Transport and Shared Mobility) – Facilitate improved access to transport in Renfrewshire through support for the expansion of Community Transport and Demand Responsive Transport services.
- Policy 4 (Public Transport and Shared Mobility) – Engaging with partners, support the roll-out of initiatives that improve the ability for Renfrewshire residents to access shared transport options, including car club schemes and bike hire initiatives.

5.3.2. Public Transport and Shared Mobility Actions

PS1: Working with partners; enhance facilities at transport hubs such as Paisley Gilmour Street Station to improve safety, security and dissemination of information for all users

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, ScotRail

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

PS2: Working with SPT and operators; make buses, trains and taxis accessible and easier for all to use, including through reducing physical accessibility barriers and improving the accessibility of travel information

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Public Transport operators

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

PS3: Working with SPT and operators; support measures to improve integrated ticketing across public transport modes and operators, including exploration of a daily price cap

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Public Transport operators

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

PS4: Working with partners; explore opportunities to increase the frequency and improve reliability of bus services across Renfrewshire

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Bus operators

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

PS5: Working with Transport Scotland, ScotRail and Network Rail; improve accessibility at all rail stations, including ramp access on all platforms and between platforms (as applicable), including at Lochwinnoch station

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, Network Rail, ScotRail

Potential Funding Partners: Transport Scotland, SPT

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

PS6: Working with partners; explore opportunities to expand network coverage of bus services in rural areas of Renfrewshire and between areas of deprivation and employment such as AMIDS

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Bus operators

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

PS7: Renfrewshire Council to work with SPT, Glasgow City Council and other partners to support development of Clyde Metro, and Renfrewshire Council to continue advocating for options to provide a fixed link to Glasgow Airport and AMIDS

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Glasgow City Council, Other delivery partners as relevant

Potential Funding Partners: Transport Scotland

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

PS8: Working with partners in the short term; explore options to provide a direct and frequent public transport service from Paisley Gilmour Street Station to Glasgow Airport and AMIDS

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Bus operators, Glasgow Airport

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

PS9: Support development of the bus network through provision of bus priority lanes on key corridors and bus priority at signalised junctions including at:

- Glasgow Road
- Renfrew Road
- Neilston Road

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, Glasgow City Council, SPT

Potential Funding Partners: Transport Scotland

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

PS10: Support provision of existing and new Community Transport and Demand Responsive Transport, with a focus on rural areas and access to health and providing transport that is fully accessible

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Community Transport and Demand Responsive Transport operators

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

PS11: Investigate the implementation of Community Bus Hubs, to enable community operated services to connect with commercial bus routes

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

PS12: Working with SPT; continue to implement a programme of bus stop improvements, including to provide high kerb access at bus stops in town and village centres and in neighbourhood locations as appropriate

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

PS13: Support SPT to establish local bus franchising within Renfrewshire and across the Strathclyde region

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

PS14: Support measures to make public transport affordable for all, including through actions identified in Transport Scotland's Fair Fares Review, where relevant

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Public Transport operators

Potential Funding Partners: Transport Scotland

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

PS15: Support the expansion of car club schemes across Renfrewshire, including clubs with electric vehicles

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, LEAP, Other car club providers

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

PS16: Work with partners to explore the potential for Mobility Hubs across Renfrewshire, with a focus on existing transport hubs and town centre locations such as Paisley Gilmour Street and Piazza Shopping Centre

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, Other delivery partners as relevant

Potential Funding Partners: Transport Scotland

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

5.4. Road Safety

5.4.1. Road Safety Policies

- Policy 1 (Road Safety) – Apply the principles of the Council’s Road Safety Policy to create a road network that is safe for all users.
- Policy 2 (Road Safety) – Continue to work towards Scottish Government’s road casualty reduction targets of 50% fewer people killed and seriously injured; and 60% fewer children (aged under 16) killed or seriously injured by 2030 (against a 2014/2018 baseline) and Vision Zero serious injuries or fatalities by 2050.
- Policy 3 (Road Safety) – Work with partners, including Police Scotland and Transport Scotland, to identify and implement road safety initiatives on the Renfrewshire road network.
- Policy 4 (Road Safety) – Work with schools across Renfrewshire to promote road safety in school environments.

5.4.2. Road Safety Actions

RS1: Work with Transport Scotland to introduce 20 mph speed limits on urban residential streets

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Potential Funding Partners: Transport Scotland

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

RS2: Implement measures to reduce congestion outside school gates, including consideration of short-term parking restrictions and work with schools and local communities to develop measures

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, School Communities

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

RS3: Implement traffic calming measures and other road safety interventions on local roads, where considered appropriate, following assessment as defined by Renfrewshire's Road Safety Policy

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

RS4: Partner with Police Scotland on priorities for enforcement and improve collaboration on road safety matters

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, Transport Scotland, Police Scotland

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

RS5: Seek collaboration with secondary schools to promote road safety

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, School Communities

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

RS6: Undertake Annual Accident Assessments to identify locations for targeted road safety improvements

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

5.5. Parking

5.5.1. Parking Policies

- **Policy 1 (Parking)** – Continue to implement Renfrewshire Council's Parking Strategy (2023-2028), to support Transport Scotland's targets for reducing car kilometres and thereby carbon emissions, and to support the economic growth and vitality of town and village centres.
- **Policy 2 (Parking)** - In line with the Sustainable Travel Hierarchy, support parking measures which encourage sustainable travel.

Policy 1 above refers to supporting Transport Scotland's targets for reducing car kilometres. It is noted that while there remains a commitment to reduce reliance on cars, a

[Renewed Policy Statement](#), published in June 2025 by Transport Scotland, sets out that a new, longer term target for reducing car use will be developed.

5.5.2. Parking Actions

P1: Explore options to manage parking capacity issues, including at Johnstone Rail Station, and the need for Park and Ride / mobility hub provision where there is currently none, including at Milliken Park Rail Station, and to serve towns and villages which do not have their own railway station

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT, ScotRail, Network Rail

Potential Funding Partners: Transport Scotland

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

P2: Support the private sector expansion of the publicly available electric vehicle charging network

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, Private sector

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

P3: Increase the number of disabled parking spaces in proximity to major trip attractors

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

P4: Implement pavement parking exemptions and enforce the national pavement parking ban, including the offences of double parking and parking across pedestrian dropped kerbs

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

P5: Investigate the potential for a workplace parking license and / or local road user charging to be implemented in Renfrewshire

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Potential Funding Partners: Transport Scotland

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

5.6. Road Network and Freight

5.6.1. Road Network and Freight Policies

- Policy 1 (Road Network and Freight) – Prioritise making better use of the existing road network above infrastructure improvements, but where new road infrastructure is required, this will be introduced through developer contributions to support economic growth and development opportunities, facilitate the efficient movement of people and goods and reduce congestion.
- Policy 2 (Road Network and Freight) – Support improvements in freight transport facilities to facilitate a sustainable, efficient, resilient and reliable freight transport network.

5.6.2. Road Network and Freight Actions

RNF1: Renfrewshire Council to explore the feasibility of road improvements, including:

- Alignment / junction improvements at Arkleston Road staggered junction
- Seedhill Road / Hawkhead Road mini-roundabout
- Strengthening Penilee Road Railbridge

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, Network Rail

Potential Funding Partners: Transport Scotland

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

RNF2: Renfrewshire Council to progress with the construction of new road links, including at AMIDS South link road from Inchinnan Road to Renfrew Road and Harbour Road

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Potential Funding Partners: Transport Scotland

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

RNF3: Undertake an assessment of the road safety and environmental effects of HGV routing through Renfrewshire's urban road network

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, Freight Operators, Stakeholders

Timescale: 10 years+

RNF4: Encourage developers to consider rail as an alternative to road for moving freight, including considering the feasibility of allowing loads heavier than the maximum gross weight for heavy goods vehicles to use the Burnbrae Drive approach to Elderslie Railhead

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, Transport Scotland, Network Rail, Freight Operators

Timescale: 10 years+

5.7. Environment

5.7.1. Environment Policies

- Policy 1 (Environment) – Support measures to create a healthier and greener environment, including to support priorities and actions captured in our Plan for Net Zero.
- Policy 2 (Environment) – Adapt the transport network to be resilient in response to climate change.

5.7.2. Environment Actions

ENV1: Continue to monitor air quality at existing automatic monitoring stations within Paisley, Johnstone and Renfrew

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

ENV2: Expand the decarbonisation of Renfrewshire Council's vehicle fleet

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

ENV3: Design and implement climate change adaptation and resilience measures to strengthen and protect the transport network from weather related events

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council; Transport Scotland; Network Rail; ScotRail

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

5.8. Digital Technology

5.8.1. Digital Technology Policies

- Policy 1 (Digital Technology) – Work with partners to explore digital and technological innovations to reduce the need to travel, or where travel is required, support more sustainable travel and the efficient movement of people and goods.

5.8.2. Digital Technology Actions

DT1: Working with SPT through wider processes, including Clyde Metro and Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy, consider opportunities to support the development and delivery of improved integrated journey planning app(s) that includes booking and payment functions

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

DT2: Working with SPT; continue implementation of the remaining elements of a programme to provide Real Time Passenger Information at bus stops on the busiest corridors and village centre locations across Renfrewshire

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council; SPT

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

DT3: Undertake a study to expand the UTC traffic signal network across Renfrewshire, expanding adaptive control and bus priority at signalised junctions on bus routes, where identified as necessary

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council, SPT

Timescale: 0 to 5 years

DT4: Work with partners to add connections to the existing fibre network as and when new council building development dictates, to continue to improve digital connectivity across Renfrewshire and thus reduce the need to travel

Delivery Partners: Renfrewshire Council; Digital delivery partners

Timescale: 5 to 10 years

6. Summary

This document summarises key points captured in the LTS for Renfrewshire. This Summary should be read alongside the full LTS document and supporting materials (Integrated Impact Assessment and Environmental Report).



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