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AN EASY READ GUIDE TO THE GLASGOW TRANSPORT STRATEGY – POLICY FRAMEWORK

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Final Policy Framework, 2022

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What is the Glasgow Transport Strategy?

This section tells you about the Glasgow Transport Strategy, and the Policy Framework

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Question: Why do we need a Glasgow Transport Strategy?

Answers:

- The Council must respond to some targets set by the Scottish and UK Governments on transport, including on climate change.

- We also want to improve transport in the city. Glasgow has a strong transport system already, but it could be better. Better transport systems can help in tackling climate change and air pollution, creating a more equal society, supporting our economy and improving the places we live, work and spend time in.

Question: What is the Glasgow Transport Strategy – Policy Framework?

Answers:

- This is **Part 1 of the Glasgow Transport Strategy**.
- It sets out the Council's policies on transport up to 2030. These aim to influence and direct decision-making to achieve our goals.
- It is the overarching transport strategy for the city. There are other separate but related strategies – the [Active Travel Strategy](#), [Liveable Neighbourhoods Plan](#) and [City Centre Transformation Plan](#).
- These policies have been designed to tackle specific problems. You told us about the transport problems you wanted us to tackle in the **Public Conversation on Glasgow's Transport Future** in Sept/Oct 2020. You can read more about that at www.glasgow.gov.uk/connectingcommunities
- All the background evidence to the Glasgow Transport Strategy policies is set out in a **Case for Change report**, at www.glasgow.gov.uk/transportstrategy.
- **Part 2 of the Glasgow Transport Strategy, a Spatial Delivery Framework**, will be consulted on in 2022. It will help us make decisions on certain projects e.g. on where we need bus priority.

Question: What is in the Glasgow Transport Strategy – Policy Framework?

Answers:

- The main parts of the Policy Framework are:
  - A vision for a sustainable transport future in Glasgow by 2030, and a set of goals (the outcomes that we want to achieve)
  - Some background on the issues we are trying to tackle
  - **A set of technical policies across different topics – this is the core part of the Policy Framework**
  - How we will monitor our progress (that is, check we are moving in the right direction) up to 2030
  - We are also doing environmental and equalities assessments of the Glasgow Transport Strategy to make it stronger, and you can find information on that at www.glasgow.gov.uk/transportstrategy under "Impact Assessment"

What is in the Glasgow Transport Strategy Policy Framework?

This section summarises the contents of the Glasgow Transport Strategy: Policy Framework

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What are we trying to make happen with the Glasgow Transport Strategy? Here are our **"outcomes" or goals**.

- Transport contributes to a successful and just transition to a net-zero carbon, clean and sustainable city.

- Transport has a positive role in tackling poverty, improving health and reducing inequalities.

- Transport contributes to continued and inclusive economic success and a dynamic, world class city.

- Places are created where we can all thrive, regardless of mobility or income, through liveable neighbourhoods and an inclusive City Centre.

As well as these "outcomes", a few **principles** have guided the development of transport policies and influenced our thinking.

These are:

- **Managing uncertainty** – the world is uncertain and our policies need to be able to respond to that.
- **Post-Covid recovery** – we must work to support sustainable travel post-Covid-19 as well as economic recovery.
- **Thinking long-term** and not just about the next few years.
- **Setting out the future we want** rather than wait for things to happen to us.
- **A whole systems approach** – transport is part of a much bigger picture and we must all work together.
- **Sustainable travel hierarchy** which puts walking, wheeling and cycling at the top, then public transport, then shared transport and taxis, with cars at the bottom.
- **Sustainable investment hierarchy** which includes reducing the need to travel by vehicles in particular as well as making better use of what we have.

Whilst we have a strong transport system in many ways, there are **problems** we have to tackle. There are also **opportunities** we can build on.

If you are interested in reading more about this, you can head to www.glasgow.gov.uk/transportstrategy and:

- Read the Full or Summary **Case for Change report**, under "**Case for Change**".
- Read the Full **Glasgow Transport Strategy: Final Policy Framework**.

The **Policy Framework** sets out core policies and actions under the following headings, which tell the 'story' of what we need to do to achieve our sustainable transport future in the city.

- Reducing the need to travel and in particular, reducing the need to travel by car
- Applying the sustainable travel hierarchy meaningfully in our decision-making
- Encouraging more journeys on foot, by cycles and creating quality places which support this
- Supporting more people in the city and the region to travel by public transport by creating a world class, integrated system
- Shared mobility, community and on-demand transport to help reduce the need to own a car and adapt to changing travel needs

The Glasgow Transport Strategy
Technical Policies

The **Policy Framework** sets out policies and actions under the following headings, which tell the 'story' of what we need to do to achieve our sustainable transport future in the city.

- Developing more affordable sustainable transport choices with integrated ways to pay
- Creating a barrier-free transport system that supports those with disabilities or who have additional mobility needs
- Creating a stepchange in personal security and safety
- A fair and equitable transport system
- Creating a transport system that supports Glasgow's strong and inclusive economy
- The movement of goods
- A smart and digital city

The Glasgow Transport Strategy Technical Policies

The **Policy Framework** sets out policies and actions under the following headings, which tell the 'story' of what we need to do to achieve our sustainable transport future in the city.

- Managing the demand to use a car including parking and pricing
- Changing behaviour, communications and engagement
- Decarbonising vehicles
- Reducing air pollution from transport
- Reducing the environmental impacts of transport, enhancing the environment and adapting to climate change
- Our everyday but crucial policies on designing and maintaining our infrastructure

- Don't forget to read the **Full Policy Framework** at www.glasgow.gov.uk/transportstrategy for more detail

Here is a broad summary of the **delivery policies**:

- Within the Council, we will work to better join up our efforts and policies.
- We will work collaboratively with partners in the city, region and nationally on transport goals.
- We will work to ensure people have a better understanding of our policies and decision-making on transport, and have better access to information.
- We will continue to explore better ways to run transport in the city and the region to make it more joined-up.
- We'll continue to make the most of external and innovative funding streams for transport improvements.

How will we know if our policies are working?

- We will review the policies in 2025/26.

- We will keep an eye on certain statistics in the city, including:
  - Carbon emissions from transport
  - Proportion of vehicles that use diesel or petrol or are ultra low emission
  - Household car and bike access
  - Proportion of people using bikes and cars for important journeys such as to work and to education
  - Distance travelled by cars
  - Satisfaction with public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure

A quick guide to the Full Policy Framework Document

Interested in reading policies and actions on…..?	Head to this section in the Full GTS: Policy Framework
Walking & cycling?	Chapter 4, from page 41
Buses?	Chapter 4, from page 42
Fairer, more inclusive transport?	Chapter 4, from pages 51 & 55
Technology?	Chapter 4, from page 59
Parking?	Chapter 4, from page 63
Low carbon vehicles?	Chapter 4, from page 69

Thank you for reading our Easy Read guide to the Glasgow Transport Strategy: Policy Framework

Don't forget to head to http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/transportstrategy to read the Full Policy Framework and all related material

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