



A better transport future is possible in Bristol

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MOVING BRISTOL FORWARD

Imagine living in a city where it's quick and affordable to get to where you need to go – no matter how far you live from the centre.

Where people who don't own a car aren't disadvantaged, because you can still get to work on time without one. Where you can hop on a tram and a bus with the exact same ticket – whether it's a card or on a smartphone app – and know that you'll never pay more than a capped price for travelling in the city each day.

In this city, we all breathe clean air. Neighbourhoods in all parts of Bristol are green and quiet. When you walk through your local streets, you hear less traffic noise, and more birdsong.

It's a city where children have more safe places to play – on car-free streets near where they live. Getting active outside is easier and more enjoyable for everyone. You can walk or cycle on traffic-free routes which connect you to friends and family, or use fast and reliable public transport.

Living in this city can help us all become healthier and happier, as well as achieve Bristol's climate change targets. It will take some big changes to get us there, but we know from pioneering cities like Amsterdam that this kind of change is possible.



Together we can move from vision to reality

This is our vision for Bristol's transport future, which we've written into the manifesto below. If locals from all walks of life get behind it, we can demand change from our leaders. The changes won't happen overnight – they'll need to be rolled out in stages. However, we've seen that when citizens and leaders work together, it is possible to rethink transport in a way that transforms neighbourhoods, bringing huge benefits to local people.

Why now?

The details of the manifesto are still evolving. However, it's important for us to share it now, ahead of Bristol's two mayoral elections in May 2021. Getting the mayoral candidates to back the manifesto would be an important step towards making the vision a reality.

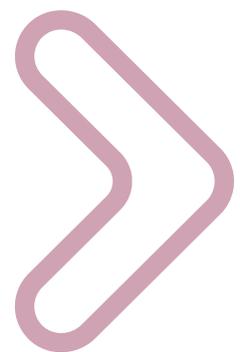
Not everyone has had their say in shaping our manifesto yet. We're committed to changing this over the next few months, by partnering with underrepresented groups to make sure we take everybody's ideas on board.

Take action

You can help us make this vision for Bristol transport a reality by:

1. Reading the manifesto below.
2. Tweeting the candidates for Bristol's two mayoral elections on 6th May 2021, asking them to back the manifesto too.

Every tweet helps us move Bristol transport forward – thank you! Find out more about the Moving Bristol Forward campaign at movingbristolforward.co.uk



MANIFESTO FOR BRISTOL'S TRANSPORT FUTURE

1. Make public transport fast and efficient

Improving public transport is key to overcoming traffic congestion and making sure everyone gets where they need to go in good time.

Buses and trams will have priority on every road and junction along their routes – alongside walking and cycling. This will make them faster and more cost-effective to run.

As public transport becomes a cheaper, more reliable option, more people will use it to get to work, school and elsewhere. Those who really need to use their cars will then benefit from clearer roads, where they'll be less likely to get stuck in traffic.

WE PROPOSE:

1

Building a tram line as a pilot scheme within 5 years.

2

Using measures such as 'bus gates' to give priority to buses, trams and taxis over private cars.

3

Making trains, buses and trams more frequent, so they can be used as 'turn up and go' services.

4

Integrating tram plans with extended MetroWest rail lines to make a 'rapid transit system' that's truly fast and efficient. This will make it easy to plan a journey that combines a tram and a local train, for example, as the different modes of transport will connect up. There will be enough stops to make journeys to and from all Bristol neighbourhoods.

5

Charging larger businesses a levy for workplace car parks (wherever their employees can use public transport instead). This would encourage a shift away from relying on cars to get to work. In some places, the money raised by the parking levy could be used to fund a shuttle bus for employees.

2. Improve walking and cycling to make 'active travel' the top choice

By designing neighbourhood streets to give people a better experience of walking and cycling, we can make these the most appealing choice for short trips. There will be separate routes for walkers and cyclists – kept free of traffic – and these will join up, making it quicker and easier to get between neighbourhoods or to transport hubs.

WE PROPOSE:

1

Planning walking and cycling networks (including designated, traffic-free routes) to span the entire city. These routes could be shared by walkers and cyclists in some areas, where appropriate and well managed.

2

Remodelling our streets to prioritise active travel (for example, by making pavements wider, removing obstructions such as bins, and tackling pavement parking).

3

Improving routes for pedestrians with continuous pavements (where the pavement continues across the road at junctions), dropped curbs and crossings.

4

Consulting and seeking the support of local people for extending 'liveable neighbourhood' schemes. These are low-traffic neighbourhoods where local people can enjoy cleaner, quieter and safer streets.



3. Improve air quality and tackle climate change

To make Bristol a clean, green place to live, we must aim for zero carbon emissions from transport and cut air pollution drastically.

WE PROPOSE:

1

Expanding car clubs, with zero-emission vehicles and charging points as needed.

2

Encouraging people to car share, and rent cars and other vehicles instead of owning them.

3

Fast-tracking the roll out of electric vehicle charging points across our city.

4

Transitioning public transport and delivery/utility fleets to zero-emission vehicles.

5

Stopping investment in major road-building.

6

Producing a route atlas for Greater Bristol for drivers of delivery vans and other commercial vehicles. This would work with a satnav to help drivers stick to main roads, keeping side streets clear of congestion and other blockages.

7

Designing and enforcing speed limits on main roads to keep traffic moving smoothly, without so much stop-and-start. This will help reduce congestion and noise pollution too.



4. Make transport accessible and affordable for all

We'll design transport services to be accessible to the most vulnerable – which means they'll be accessible for all. Public transport will be affordable, especially for people on low incomes.

WE PROPOSE:

1

Making public transport, including rail stations, fully accessible, with space for wheelchairs, pushchairs, shopping and luggage.

3

Designing ticketing and information systems so nobody gets excluded. This includes people who don't have smartphones, lack tech skills or don't have a bank account.

5

Maintaining public toilets in easy reach of all 'transport hubs' (places where you can access several forms of transport, e.g. trains, buses, trams and bike parking racks).

2

Capping fares on travelcards, extending fare concessions and making travel free for under-18s. This would be made possible by bus franchising (giving local government more control over fares and routes), creating a service that serves passengers first, not shareholders.

4

Ensuring that routes and timetables take people to work at night and for shift work.



5. Make transport work for local communities

By prioritising the needs of local people, we can design transport to enhance life in our neighbourhoods and communities.

The majority of travel will be local journeys, connecting us to our neighbourhood and neighbours. Some longer trips, using wider transport networks, will also be vital.

WE PROPOSE:

1

Creating a new road hierarchy that routes traffic passing through the city away from local neighbourhoods. This will mean fewer people taking a shortcut through our local areas, making the roads we live on quieter. Because of all the measures to reduce traffic overall (improved public transport, active travel, etc.) and the shift to zero-emissions vehicles, we can lower the impact of this on main roads. Speed limits on main roads will also help reduce noise and improve air quality.

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2

Designing transport hubs to meet our community and social needs. That means, they won’t just be places where we catch a bus, tram or train, but where we can access public services and fresh food – in the neighbourhood, or within walking distance.

3

Ensuring disabled people and their carers have vehicle access in all neighbourhoods.

4

Enhancing walking and cycling through careful neighbourhood planning.

5

Setting up delivery hubs (e.g. click and collect points) in each locality, with measures in place to minimise the impact of delivery traffic (for example, smaller vehicles and efficient delivery routes).

6. Make it easy to get between neighbourhoods

Transport will be designed to allow people to get between different neighbourhoods without having to go through the city centre. Travelling from one neighbourhood to another by foot, bike, or public transport should be quick, simple, and enjoyable.

WE PROPOSE:

1

Designing public transport routes so people can travel direct from one neighbourhood to another. This will include neighbourhoods that are far from the centre.

2

Routing 'through traffic' (traffic passing through Bristol on its way to other places) away from neighbourhoods (see proposal under point 5, above).

3

Building extra rail interchanges to make it easy to change from one local route to another, and making sure that buses and trams connect easily with trains.



7. Join up transport services to make journeys simple

Different modes of transport will run in a joined-up way, meaning they'll be timed so you can easily change from a tram to a bus (for example) to complete your journey.

One ticket will give you access to any transport service – buses, trains, trams, rented bikes, community transport like taxicard journeys, etc. – however you get around.

WE PROPOSE:

1

Creating transport hubs in key neighbourhoods and at railway stations (both new and existing), where you can transfer easily and quickly between different forms of transport – including park-and-ride, buses, trams, trains, walking, cycling and car club vehicles.

2

Having one ticket for all forms of public transport in the West of England. You'll be able to use either a contactless travelcard or a phone app. The daily cost of the ticket will be capped.

3

Giving local government more control of public transport, for example through bus franchising. (This is how buses are run in London, where buses run regularly, prices are capped and important routes are protected.)

4

Create an Integrated Transport Authority, with specialist staff to organise the joining up of different transport services across Greater Bristol. They will also monitor services to make sure they're running smoothly and promote them to the public.



8. Give everyone a say in the future of our transport in Bristol

Local people from all walks of life will be consulted and have the chance to share their ideas and concerns about transport – not just people who typically attend transport forums (because they have the time and money to do so).

WE PROPOSE:

1

Better streets are for everyone – not just those who live in better-off parts of the city.

2

Disability groups must be consulted as a central part of designing infrastructure for walking and cycling, as well as public transport.

3

Bristol needs a people's transport forum that's designed to make sure the voices of under-represented groups are included. No-one should be excluded because they can't get to the forum.



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If you, as a public figure or your organisation would like to endorse our manifesto you can do so [here](#).

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