

Ken Skates announces £2.8m Local transport network funding to help boost bus travel

This year's funding primarily focuses on improving bus reliability and reducing journey times by improving accessibility, congestion and integration between modes of transport.

Economy and Infrastructure Secretary, Ken Skates said:

"I'm delighted that we've been able to support these schemes, which will see improvements to bus journeys on strategic Welsh Government and local authority routes across Wales.

"Today's announcement includes funding for a range of proposed interventions including bus priority measures, junction improvements and technical based solutions to further support the bus industry and widen the appeal of buses as an attractive, reliable mode of transport.

"I look forward to seeing these projects underway at the earliest possible opportunity, with communities able to soon feel the benefits of the improvements."

The projects which will receive 2017-18 Local Transport Network Fund

- £100,000 for Developments for Passenger Growth on the B5129 strategic bus corridor
- £617,000 for an Integrated Transport Package in Neath Port Talbot
- £425,000 for TrawsCymru Corridor Passenger Enhancements through improved Accessibility in Powys
- £600,000 for A4119 & A4059 Bus Corridor Improvements in Rhondda Cynon Taf
- £1,000,000 for Strategic Bus Corridors & Public Transport Hubs in Swansea
- £15,500 for junction improvements at Union Street / Broad Street, Abersychan.

The funds will be made available immediately to the local authorities.