

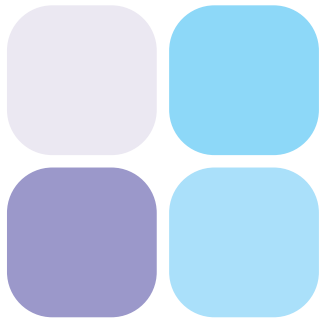
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STRATEGIC ROAD NETWORK AND PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STRATEGIC HIGHWAY NETWORK WILL BE PURSUED AS FOLLOWS:

- COLNE-NORTH YORKSHIRE BORDER
- BROUGHTON BYPASS
- FRECKLETON STREET BRIDGE, BLACKBURN
- COMPLETION OF THE HEYHOUSES/M55 LINK (LYTHAM ST. ANNES)
- HEYSHAM-M6 LINK
- NORCROSS-M55 CORRIDOR
- ORMSKIRK BYPASS
- PENWORTHAM BYPASS

6.2.7

Long-distance traffic will be concentrated onto motorways and primary routes identified in Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) and Local Transport Plans (LTP).

6.2.8

The improvements proposed in Policy 8 reflect the priorities established in the RTS and the LTPs. These priorities are expected to deliver significant improvements to road safety and environmental quality and help economic development. Policy 8 does not include road improvements below the DfT threshold for 'major schemes' (£5 million).

6.2.9

The A56 provides the most direct cross border link between East Lancashire and North Yorkshire from the end of the M65 Motorway at Colne. The route is substandard for much of its length and passes through the North Valley area of Colne and the villages of Foulridge, Kelbrook and Earby. The proposed A56 Village Bypasses scheme will remove all through traffic from the villages and significantly improve the environment and quality of life within them. The preferred route follows the former Colne-Skipton railway line for a significant part of its length. Before a final decision is made on the most appropriate road scheme further analysis of options will be undertaken, including consideration of the long-term viability of reinstatement as a railway.

6.2.10

The existing road-over-rail bridge on Freckleton Street, Blackburn is structurally inadequate to cope with modern traffic. The bridge is located on the Town Centre 'Orbital Route'. A replacement bridge has been identified as a Local Transport Plan Major Scheme priority.



6.2.11

The link between the M6 and the Port of Heysham is recognised in Regional Spatial Strategy as being of regional significance. The County Council's Local Transport Plan includes the Heysham to M6 Link as top priority. The scheme is seen as playing a key role in improving communications between Morecambe and Heysham and the M6 Motorway, including improved access to the Port of Heysham. Its construction will remove a significant volume of traffic from the River Lune bridges in Lancaster and create opportunities to enhance provision for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport in the centre of this historic city. The preferred route for the Heysham to M6 Link will be determined through Environmental Impact Assessment process.

6.2.12

Increasing congestion is being experienced from north-south movements on principal roads on the Fylde Peninsula, especially between Norcross and the M55. High traffic flows and congestion are having a significant impact on the local economy, restricting access to the regionally significant Port of Fleetwood and holding back the regeneration of Blackpool. Proposed new development, including that at the Strategic Location for Development at Fleetwood (Docks-North East Thornton) and within Blackpool, will also require improved links to the motorway network.

6.2.13

The A585 Trunk Road linking Fleetwood and the Wyre peninsula with the M55 Motorway is currently operating close to capacity with journey times becoming increasingly unreliable, and high traffic flows impact on the communities through which it passes.

6.2.14

The Highways Agency is preparing a Route Management Strategy which may identify relatively small-scale improvements that will ease traffic flows. In consultation with the Highways Agency, it will be important to secure improvements to the A585 in conjunction with major development proposals, including those at Fleetwood (Docks-North East Thornton) Strategic Location for Development, that would otherwise add to existing traffic problems along the A585.

6.2.15

Parallel to this the Joint Authorities will evaluate improvements to principal roads in the Fylde Coast, taking into account the role of the proposed Fylde Coast Light Rapid Transit scheme, and proposals to accommodate traffic demand in the Norcross-M55 corridor associated with the regeneration of Blackpool and Fleetwood. These proposals will emerge from a sub-regional transportation study. Any major improvements, including to the A585 Trunk road, will need to be pursued through the Regional Transport Strategy.

6.2.16

Construction of the Ormskirk Bypass on the A570 linking Southport with the M58 motorway will relieve the town of through traffic and enhance links to the surrounding areas of Merseyside and Greater Manchester.

6.2.17

Construction of the Penwortham Bypass would remove existing congestion and environmental problems from Howick and Penwortham. It would also enable construction of a high standard link between the M6/M65 and the A59 south of Preston.

6.2.18

Broughton experiences considerable congestion on the A6 which forms the main road through the village. A bypass which already has planning permission, will alleviate these problems. A significant proportion of this road will be funded through developer contributions from development at Goosnargh - Whittingham.

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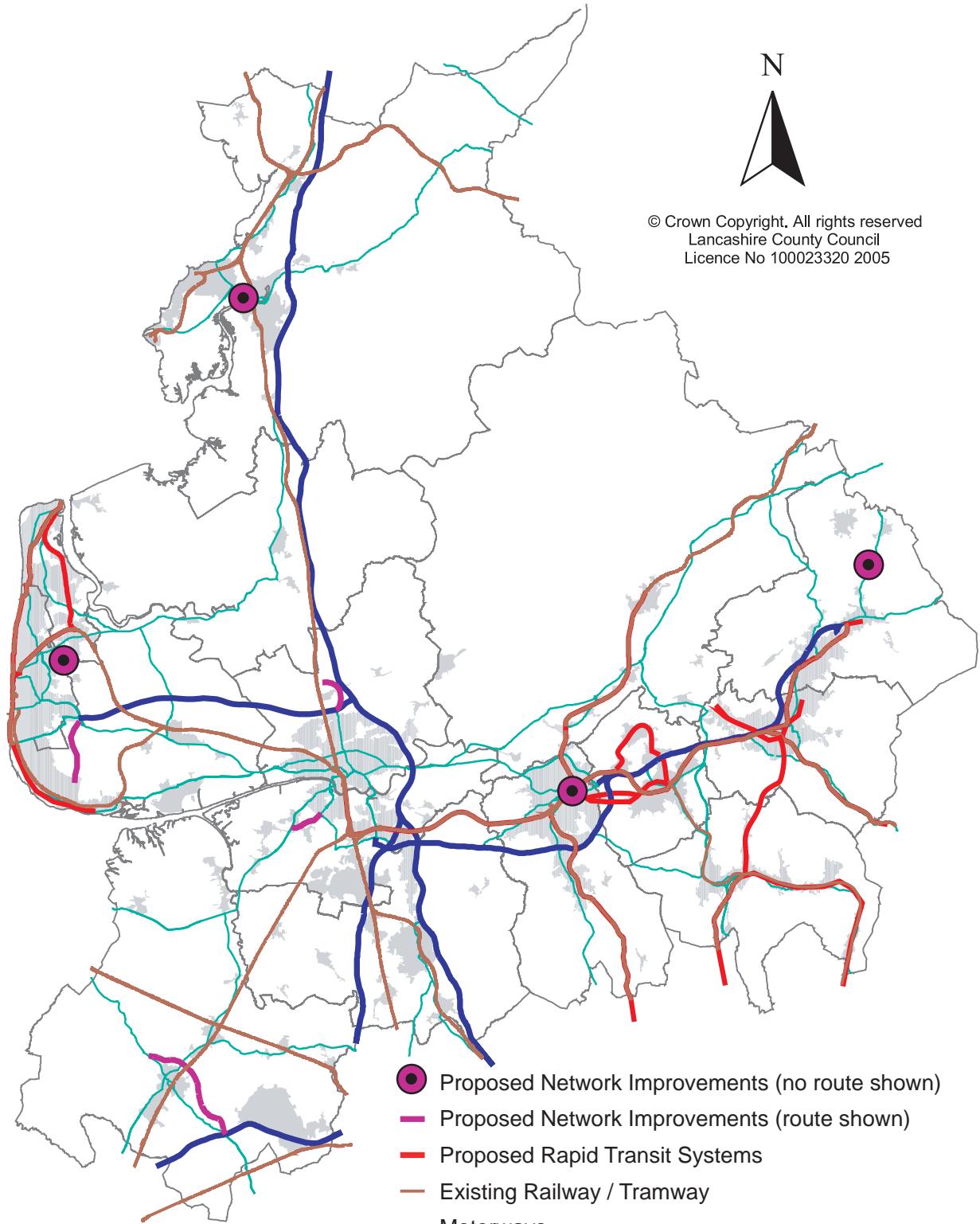
Completion of the M55-Heyhouses link will provide a high standard route from St. Annes to the M55, removing traffic from roads in the urban area and from inappropriate minor roads.

TARGET 8.1:









A 45% reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents by 2016 compared with 1994-98 average.



map 5 strategic transport schemes



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-  Proposed Network Improvements (no route shown)
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-  Proposed Rapid Transit Systems
-  Existing Railway / Tramway
-  Motorways
-  Other Main Routes
-  Urban Areas
-  District and Unitary Authorities

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Sources: Lancashire County Council 2001
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