

MID WALES REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN – ENGAGEMENT PLAN

This Engagement Plan sets out the engagement activities that will be undertaken in developing the Mid Wales Regional Transport Plan (RTP). It sets out who will be engaged with, along with details of how, when, and why. It also provides details of what will be done with the feedback received. The Engagement Plan is a live document that will be updated as the project progresses.

In addition to the engagement identified in this Engagement Plan, the development of the Mid Wales RTP has also been informed by the results of previous engagement exercises undertaken across the region, such as the Powys and Ceredigion Well-being Assessments undertaken by the Public Services Boards.

The Engagement Plan is closely linked to the project programme, which is summarised in Figure 1. This highlights key milestones/ approval points by the Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) and the Welsh Government, which are also reflected in the Engagement Plan.

Figure 1 – Mid Wales RTP Delivery Programme (as of November 2024)

<u>Key tasks</u>	<u>Timescales</u>
Case for Change	April/ May 2024
RTP Objectives	
Engagement Plan	
CJC review and approval	May 2024
Welsh Government review period	May/ June 2024 (3 weeks)
Draft RTP (policies and high-level interventions)	June/ July 2024
IWBA	
M&E Plan	
CJC review and approval	July 2024
Welsh Government review period	August/ September 2024 (4 weeks)
Public consultation on draft RTP	February/ March 2025
Consultation Report	
Final draft RTP and IWBA	March/April 2025
Draft RTDP (schemes/ projects)	
CJC review and approval	April/ May 2025
Final RTP, RTDP and IWBA submission to Welsh Government	May 2025

Welsh language requirements will be followed in all engagement activities detailed in the Engagement Plan, e.g. use of a translation service in stakeholder workshops to enable those attending to listen and speak in Welsh, and translation of documents prior to review and approval by the CJC.

A Consultation Report will be prepared as part of the RTP, which will document all engagement activities undertaken and feedback received during the development of the RTP.

Table 1 – Mid Wales Regional Transport Plan – Engagement Plan

Who you want to engage with		Why you want to engage with them	How you will engage with them	When you will engage			What you will do with the feedback they provide
Stakeholder Group	Details of Stakeholders			Engagement frequency	Dates of engagement undertaken	Dates of future engagement	
Mid Wales CJC – RTP Sub Committee	Members of Mid Wales CJC – RTP Sub Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CJC ultimately responsible for the preparation of the RTP. RTP Sub Committee will review and approve key RTP documents prior to submission to WG, i.e. Case for Change, RTP, RTDP and IWBA. 	Attendance and presentations at CJC meetings at key stages.	As required in RTP programme	16 th May 2024	30 th July 2024 10 th Dec 2024 w/c 3 rd March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change, RTP objectives, policies and projects. RTP documents will be updated to reflect feedback (as required) prior to submission to WG.
Mid Wales RTP Working Group	Members of the Mid Wales RTP Working Group – includes Powys and Ceredigion LA officers, WG, TFW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key stakeholder group in RTP development. Feedback will inform the development of all stages of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change, RTP objectives, RTP policies and RTDP. 	RTP Working Group meetings (virtual).	Monthly	7 th May 2024 7 th June 2024 18 th July 2024	8 th August 2024 12 th Sept 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change, RTP objectives, policies and projects.
Growing Mid Wales Partnership	Members of the Growing Mid Wales Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change and RTP objectives. 	Stakeholder workshops.	Four workshops undertaken to date	Representatives attended stakeholder workshops on 25 th April 2024, 9 th and 10 th July 2024	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change, RTP objectives, policies and projects.
Welsh Government Officers (Regional Transport Planning)	Key contact is the Mid Wales Regional Transport Planner within WG NB. WG Regional Transport Planner also attends RTP Working Group meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WG will review and approve RTP documents at key milestones, i.e. Case for Change, RTP, RTDP and IWBA. 	Submission of RTP documents to WG for review and approval at key stages.	As required in RTP programme	Attended TFW data meeting on 3 rd April 2024 Attended stakeholder workshop on 25 th April 2024	Aug/ Sept 2024 Jan 2025 April-June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RTP documents will be updated to reflect feedback received from WG (as required).
Welsh Government Officers	Welsh Government officers representing North and Mid Wales Trunk Roads, TrawsCymru, Transport Planning and Freight and Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures the RTP reflects the linkages between the national and regional level. 	Stakeholder workshops.	Four workshops undertaken to date	Representatives attended stakeholder workshops on 25 th April 2024, 9 th and 10 th July 2024	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change, RTP objectives, policies and projects.
Local Government – Elected Members	Elected Members of Ceredigion and Powys County Councils NB. Elected Members also represented on CJC and attend RTP Working Group meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change and RTP objectives. 	Stakeholder workshops.	Four workshops undertaken to date	11 th April 2024 and 25 th April 2024 – Case for Change and RTP objectives 9 th July 2024 and 10 th July 2024 –	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change, RTP objectives, policies and projects.

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Local Government – Officers	Officers within Ceredigion and Powys County Councils, e.g. Transport, Planning etc, and the Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority NB. Officers also represented on RTP Working Group and Growing Mid Wales Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change and RTP objectives. 	Stakeholder workshops and meetings as required.	As required in RTP programme	11 th April 2024 and 25 th April 2024 – Case for Change and RTP objectives 9 th July 2024 and 10 th July 2024 – Policies and Projects	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change, RTP objectives, policies and projects.
Other CJs	Representatives from the North Wales CJC, South East Wales CJC and South West Wales CJC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures knowledge is shared, cross-border issues are reflected in the RTP and avoids duplication of work. 	Stakeholder workshops.	Four workshops undertaken to date	Representatives from SE Wales and SW Wales attended stakeholder workshop on 25 th April 2024 Representatives from SE Wales attended 9 th and 10 th July 2024	June/ July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change, RTP objectives, policies and projects.
Transport for Wales	TfW officers representing: Mid, North and Rural Wales; TrawsCymru; Bus and Rural Programme Manager; Rail; Active Travel; Mid Wales Transport Planning; and Communications and Engagement. NB. TfW also represented on RTP Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures the RTP reflects work being undertaken by TfW. 	Stakeholder workshops.	Four workshops undertaken to date	Representatives attended stakeholder workshops on 25 th April 2024, 9 th and 10 th July 2024	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change, RTP objectives, policies and projects.
	TfW officers involved in the provision of datasets to the CJs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures the RTP is developed using the most current data that is available through TfW for the region. 	Meetings as required.	As required	TfW data meeting on 3 rd April 2024	As required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TfW data provided will inform and be used within the Case for Change.
Neighbouring Local Authorities (England)	Representatives from neighbouring local authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures knowledge is shared, cross-border issues are reflected in the RTP and avoids duplication of work. 	Stakeholder workshops.	Four workshops undertaken to date	Representative from Telford and Wrekin Council attended workshop on 10 th July 2024	As required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. RTP objectives, policies and projects.

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Transport Operators	Representatives invited from companies and organisations delivering transport services, e.g. bus operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures stakeholders across a range of policy areas can input to the development of the RTP. 	Stakeholder workshops.	Four workshops undertaken to date	Invited to stakeholder workshops on 9 th and 10 th July 2024.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP.
Transport User Groups and Campaign Groups	Representatives invited from, e.g. Bus Users Cymru; Network Rail (Marches Corridor Study); Sustrans; Transport Focus; Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth Liaison Committee; and the Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures stakeholders across a range of policy areas can input to the development of the RTP. 	Stakeholder workshops.	Four workshops undertaken to date	Some groups represented at stakeholder workshops on 25 th April 2024, 9 th and 10 th July 2024	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change, RTP objectives, policies and projects.
Policy area: Health and wellbeing	Representatives from, e.g. GoSafe Wales and the Hywel Dda University Health Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures stakeholders across a range of policy areas can input to the development of the RTP. 	Stakeholder workshops.	Four workshops undertaken to date	Go Safe attended workshop on 25 th April 2024. Go Safe and Dyfed-Powys Police at workshop on 9 th July 2024. Hywel Dda Health Board at workshops on 9 th and 10 th July 2024.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change, RTP objectives, policies and projects.
Policy area: Education	Representatives invited from, e.g. Aberystwyth University, University of Wales Trinity St David, Coleg Sir Gar and Neath Port Talbot College NB. Education representatives are also on the Growing Mid Wales Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures stakeholders across a range of policy areas can input to the development of the RTP. 	Stakeholder workshops.	Four workshops undertaken to date	Some organisations represented at stakeholder workshop on 25 th April 2024 Invited to stakeholder workshops on 9 th and 10 th July 2024	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change and RTP objectives.
Policy area: Accessibility, Equalities and Inclusion, including young people	Representatives invited from disabilities and equalities organisations, e.g. RNIB, Stonewall Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures stakeholders across a range of policy areas can input to the development of the RTP. 	Stakeholder workshops.	Four workshops undertaken to date	Invited to stakeholder workshops on 25 th April 2024, 9 th and 10 th July 2024	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP.
Policy area: Environment and Heritage	Representatives invited from, e.g. Natural Resources Wales and The Royal Welsh Agricultural Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures stakeholders across a range of policy areas can input to the development of the RTP. 	Stakeholder workshops.	Four workshops undertaken to date	Invited to stakeholder workshop on 25 th April 2024	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. RTP objectives, policies and projects.

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Volunteering and training organisations	Representatives from, e.g. the Powys and Ceredigion Voluntary Organisations; Wales Council for Voluntary Action; and Cambrian Training NB. Volunteering and training representatives are also on the Growing Mid Wales Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures stakeholders across a range of policy areas can input to the development of the RTP. 	Stakeholder workshops.	Four workshops undertaken to date	Some organisations represented at stakeholder workshops on 25 th April 2024 and 9 th and 10 th July 2024	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change, RTP objectives, policies and projects.
Business and tourism organisations	Representatives from, e.g. Mid Wales Manufacturing Group; Midlands Connect; Federation of Small Businesses; Mid Wales Tourism; Visit Wales; Cwmpas; AberInnovation (Aberystwyth University); and North Wales Economic Ambition Board NB. Business and tourism representatives are also on the Growing Mid Wales Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures stakeholders across a range of policy areas can input to the development of the RTP. 	Stakeholder workshops.	Four workshops undertaken to date	Some organisations represented at stakeholder workshop on 25 th April 2024. Federation of Small Businesses represented at workshop on 9 th July 2024 and Midlands Connect at workshop on 10 th July 2024.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will directly inform the development of the RTP, e.g. Case for Change, RTP objectives, policies and projects.
Mid Wales RTP Working Group	Members of the Mid Wales RTP Working Group – includes Powys and Ceredigion LA officers, WG, TFW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will inform the development of the policies and RTDP in the RTP. 	Workshop via MS Teams	Two workshops	8th and 10th of October	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate feedback received into the final draft of the RTP and RTDP.
All stakeholder groups	All stakeholders to be directly contacted during the public consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures stakeholders across a range of policy areas can input to the development of the RTP. 	On-line public engagement will include an easy-to-understand, on-line consultation questionnaire.	One period of public consultation (8-weeks)	N/A	Feb/March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback received through the public consultation will directly inform the development of the RTP.
Members of the public	Members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the public can input to the development of the RTP. 	On-line public engagement will include an easy-to-understand, on-line consultation questionnaire.	One period of public consultation (8-weeks)	N/A	Feb/March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback received through the public consultation will directly inform the development of the RTP.