

ACTIVE TRAVEL TRANSFORMATION

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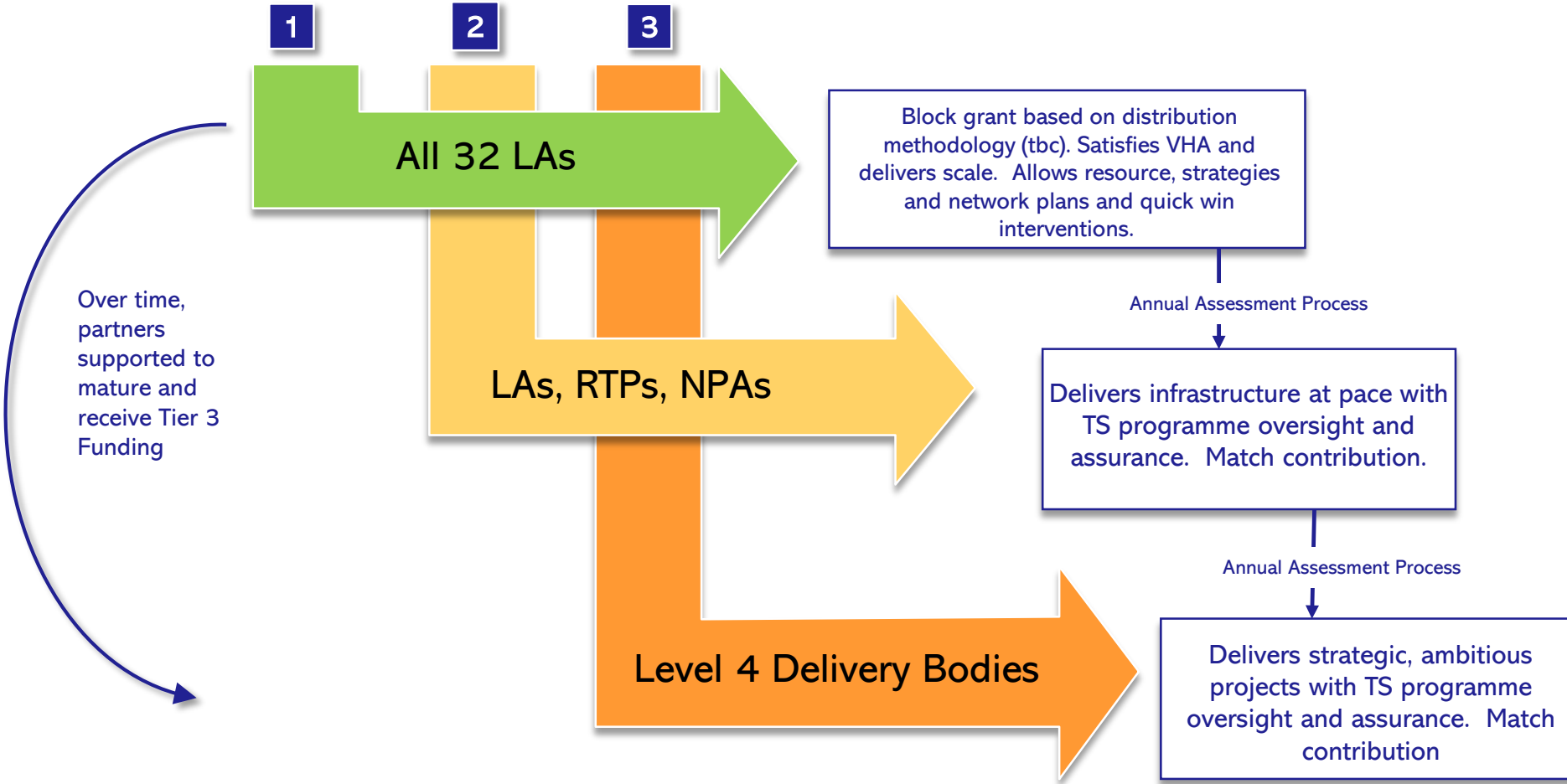
Transformation Objectives

1. To deliver **high quality, integrated networks** of Active Travel infrastructure per the Vision for Active Travel
2. To retain the ability of Transport Scotland to **achieve policy outcomes** at local level, while satisfying the conditions of the **Verity House Agreement**.
3. To **reduce governance and reporting** burdens while retaining assurance mechanisms.
4. To devise and implement a standardised monitoring and evaluation methodology to **measure the impact, track benefits, and demonstrate the value** for money of Active Travel infrastructure.
5. To enable **greater alignment** of transport infrastructure projects and programmes at local, regional and national levels.





Infrastructure: Tiered Delivery Model



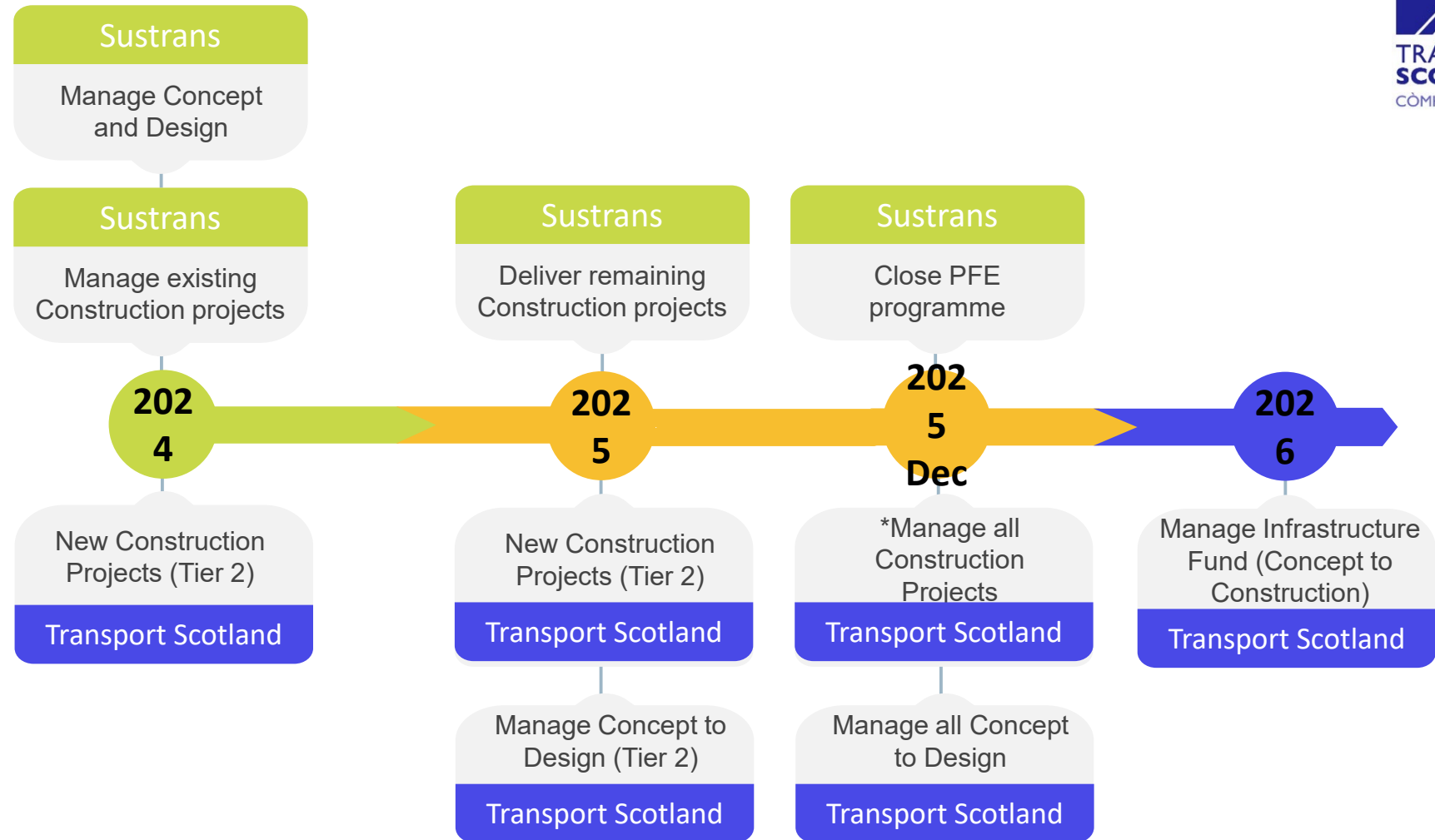
Infrastructure outside the tiers

- National Cycle Network
- Places for Everyone

A trust-based relationship, delivering on outcomes at pace and scale



Transition from PfE



** TS to adopt historic or legacy Sustrans construction projects beyond December 2025, subject to assurance processes, quality control and legal review.*



Tier 1 Funding

Tier 1

- Proposed distribution methodology including a minimum allocation combined with a pro-rata approach which accounts for population density and deprivation.
- Revised approach being finalised now, positive discussion by DIWG (7 May) and due at SDG and Leaders later in May

Places for Everyone

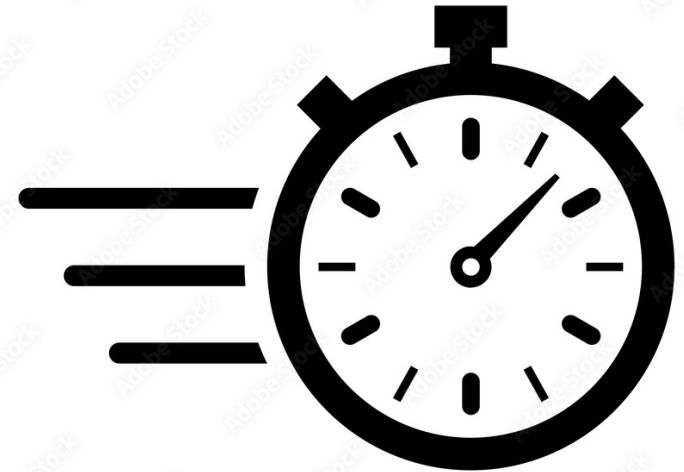
- Funding approved and Grant Offer Letter issued (£46.7m)

Ian Findlay Path Fund

- Funding approved and Grant Offer Letter issued (£1.52m)

Sustrans Infrastructure Development Support

- Funding approved and Grant Offer Letter issued (£3.7m)



Transformation Today



£20m Transformation Fund



Prioritising delivery of construction-ready, ambitious AT schemes at pace and scale

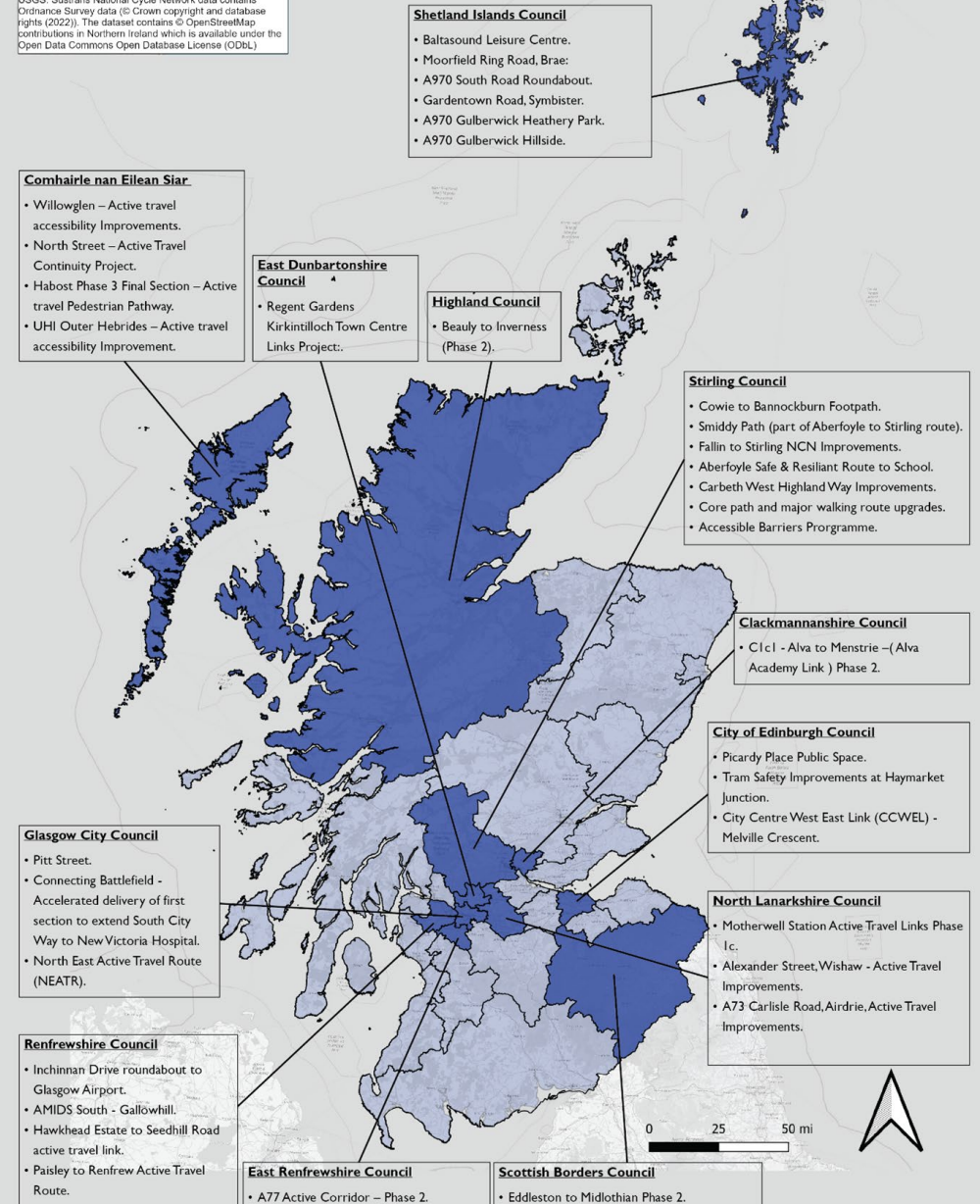


c20km new and improved walking and cycling infrastructure in 2023/24 alone



Transport Scotland Active Travel Transformation Fund 2023/24 Construction Ready Schemes

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Transformation Fund – Delivery timescales





Transformation Fund: Impact



Dianne Mc Keown

Brilliant, look forward to the Alva to Fishcross one too. Be great to walk to my brothers without fearing for my life.

16 w



Gerry Tyrrell

That link will open up a quality traffic-free route almost all the way into Stirling from Alva. Brilliant development & asset to have.

25 w

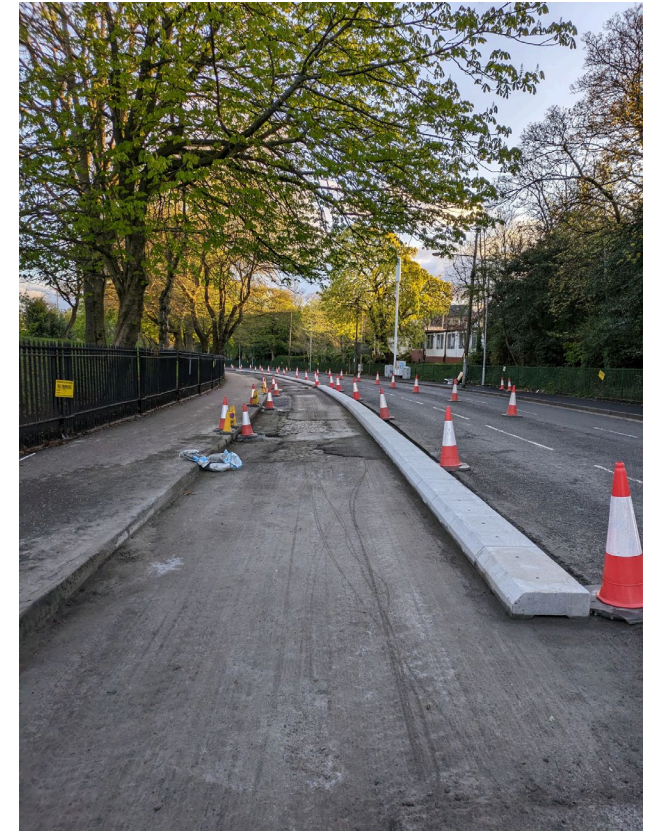


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Transformation Fund: Impact Connecting Battlefield – *Glasgow City Council*

- Space previously used for non-residential parking
- New bidirectional path extends South City Way to dense housing and local high street.



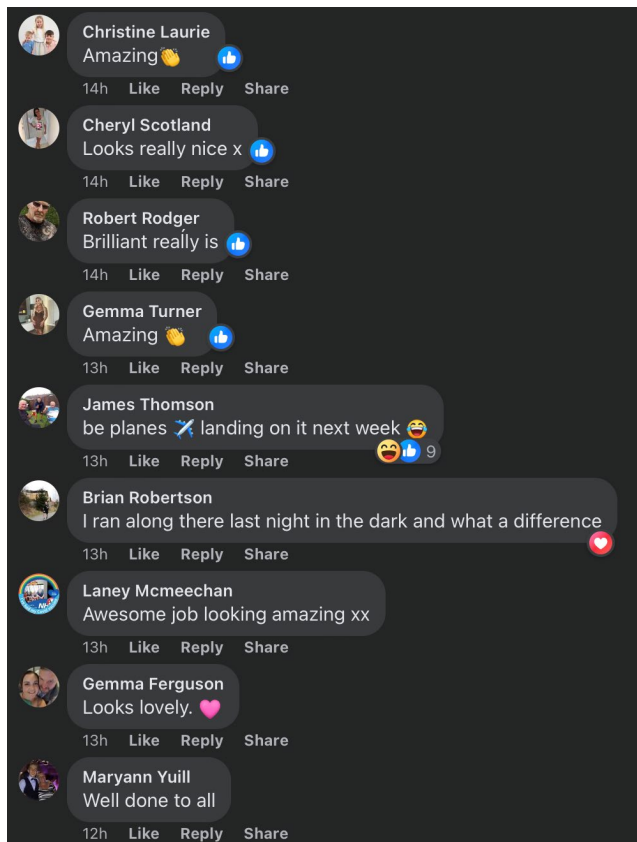
Transformation Fund: Impact

A77 Active Travel Corridor (Phase 2)

East Renfrewshire Council



Transformation Fund: Impact Fallin *Stirling Council*



Infrastructure Fund 2024/25: At a glance

Applications

- Received from Local Authorities, Regional Transport Partnerships, and National Park Authorities.
- c70 applications received
- Bids total nearly £60m.

Next Steps

- Assessment of applications is being finalised following meetings with partners
- A prioritisation exercise for PfE and Tier 2, with partners confirming their priority projects.



Transformation – next steps



- Business Case publication
- Annual infrastructure report
- Updating AT Outcome Framework indicators
- Updating our website
- Initiating the National Evaluation Framework
- SCOTS Active Travel group.

Active Travel Transformation II – People and Place programme

Behaviour Change intervention programme 2024/25

SCOTS conference May 2024

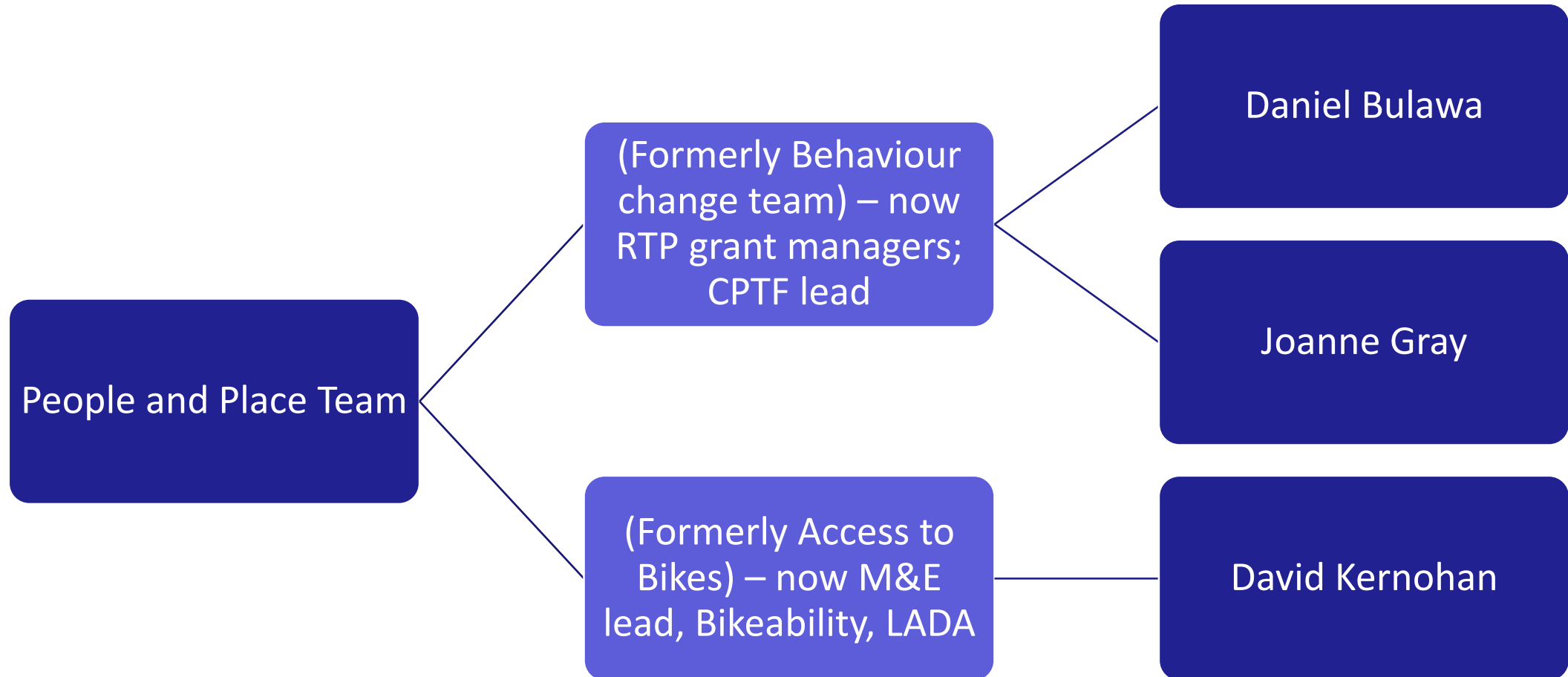
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Active Travel – People and Place
Team leader





People and Place Team



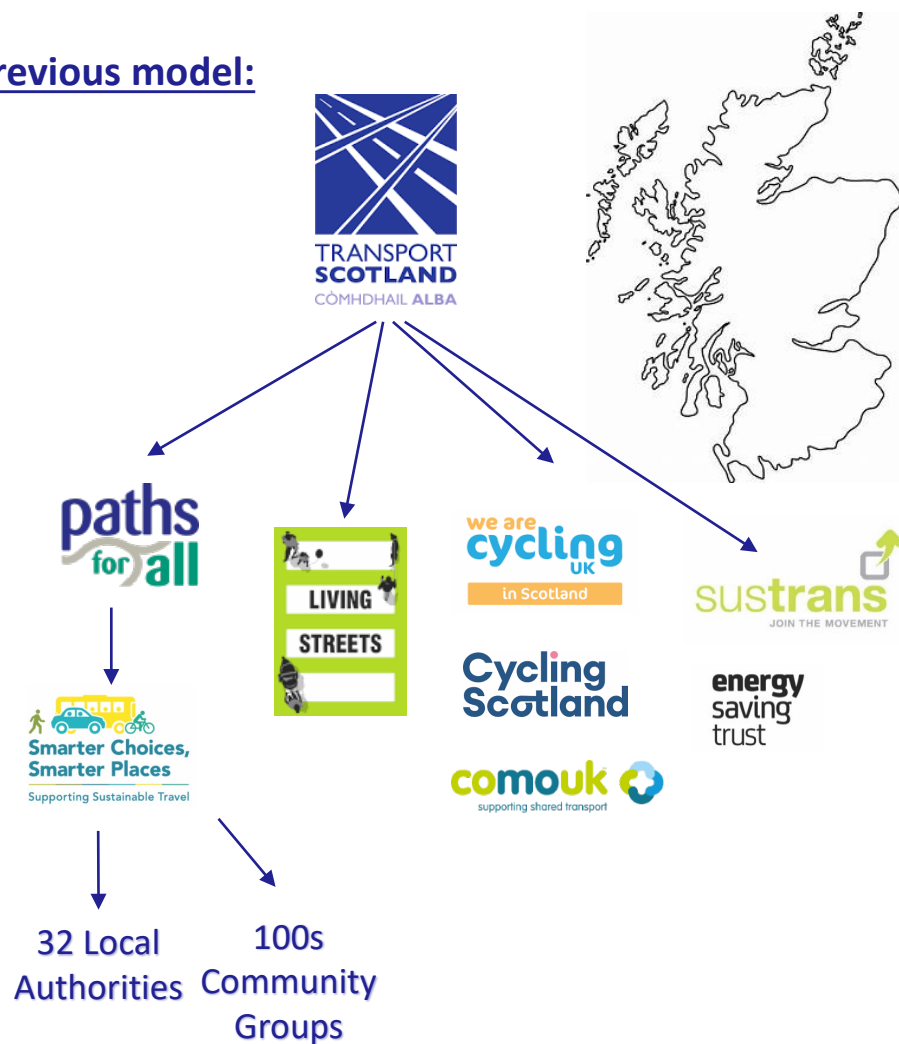


People and Place Programme

- The People and Place Programme is new for 2024-25 and merges the Behaviour Change and Access to Bikes programmes.
- The P&P programme is also a new delivery model rolled out by the 7 Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs) in conjunction with their delivery partners rather than TS direct funding to delivery partners.
- The final budget allocation for People and Place programme is £19m for 2024/25
 - This is complemented by other funding for the Community Projects Transition Fund (£2.5m), Local Authority Direct Award (£4.5m) and Bikeability (£2.2m)
- This will deliver the outcomes and indicators in Scotland's Active Travel Framework supporting the Scottish Government's long-term shared vision that by 2030, Scotland's communities are shaped around people and place, enable walking and cycling to be the most popular mode of travel for short, everyday journeys.
<https://www.transport.gov.scot/active-travel/active-travel-framework/>

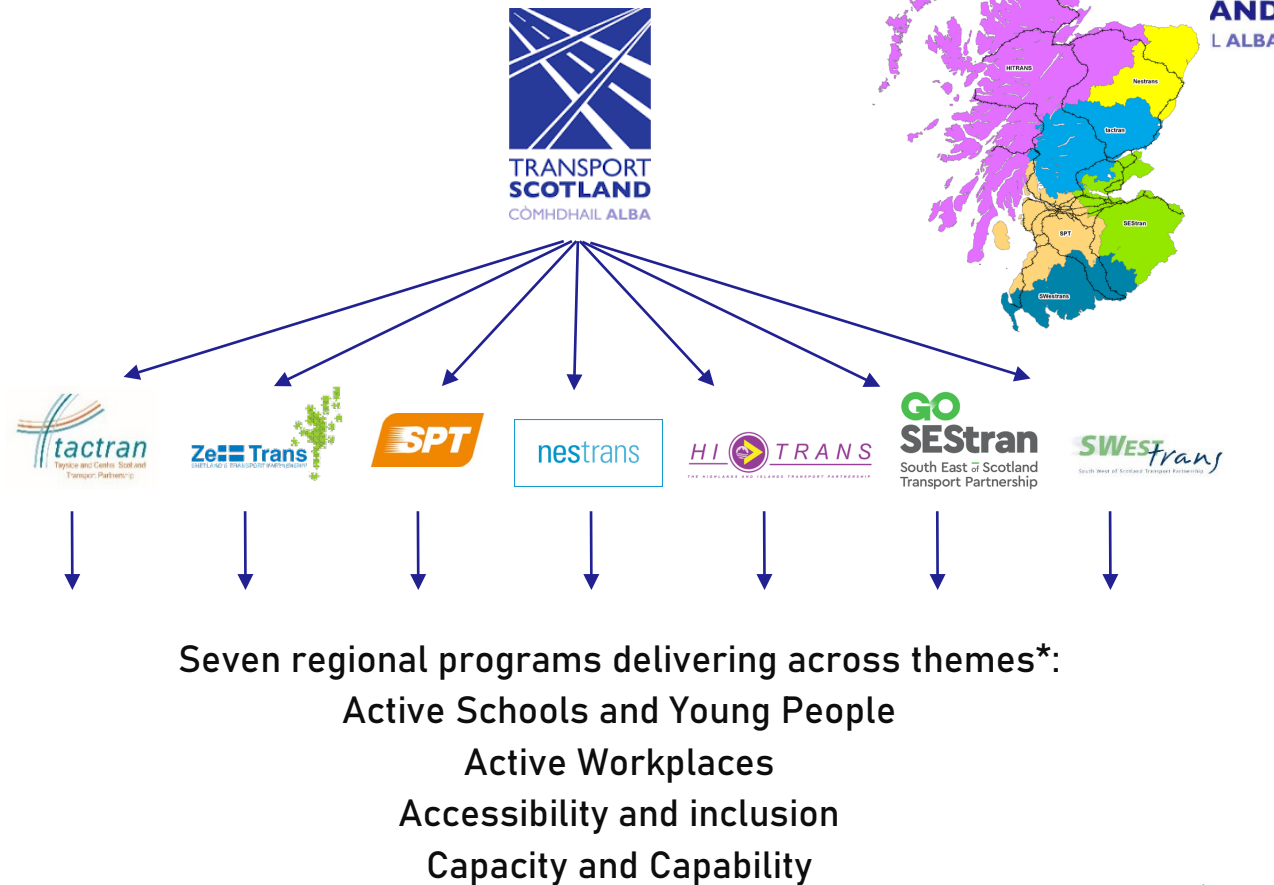


Previous model:



Dozens of nationally funded programs delivered by third sector delivery partners.

2024/25 model:



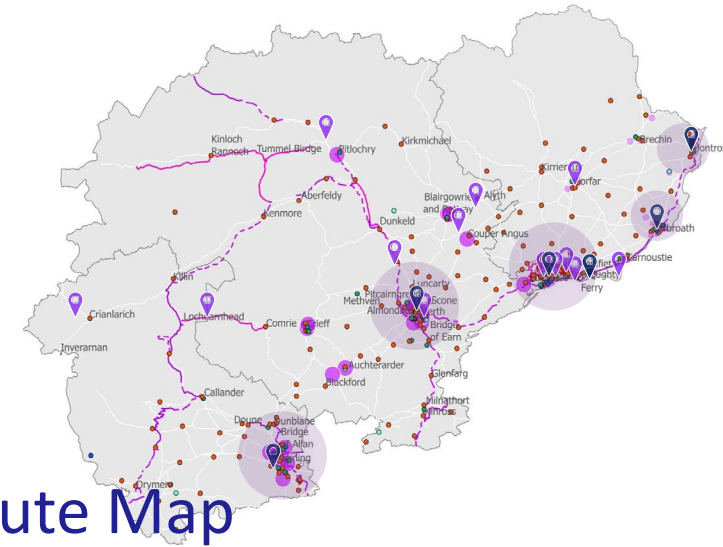
* Plus national support for Bikeability, direct funding to LAs, and a transitional fund for community groups



Strategic context

The RTP People and Place programme is aligned to Transport Scotland's core purpose and wider Scottish Government priorities and ways of working. For example:

- Active Travel Outcomes Framework
- Scottish Government's Walking Strategy
- Transport Scotland's Cycling Framework
- The Verity House Agreement
- Programmes for Government and the Scottish Budget
- Climate Change Plan and the 20% Car KM Reduction Route Map
- The Place Based Investment Programme and Framework



Outcomes and Themes:

The RTPs developed a set of costed proposals under key themes that will deliver the greatest impact on behaviour change towards active travel as a deliberate choice of travel instead of the private car for daily travel to work, school and other activities. Some of these projects are a common theme across the RTPs and stem from projects previously funded by Scottish Government grant direct to the active travel delivery partners:

- Active Schools;
- Active Workplaces;
- Accessibility and Inclusion; and
- Capacity and Capability



Types of programmes

Project description	Theme
Swestrans: Active Travel Workplaces D&G - The development and implementation of a Dumfries & Galloway workplace walking programme that will deliver walking support and provision to at least 5 large/medium sized businesses where new or improved active travel infrastructure is planned and/or where improved links with the public transport network are provided.	Active Workplaces
SPT: Active Travel Hubs: The concept and aim of the project is to provide transformational change to the active travel facilities within the footprint of SPT's Subway and Bus Stations, linking the sites with current and proposed wider active travel networks to provide seamless integration and interchange, developing the stations as a network of Active Travel Hubs.	Active schools; Active workplaces; Accessibility & inclusion
Sestran: Access to Bikes: Young People - This proposal will enable continued delivery of the Access to Bikes for Young People Programme, to increase affordable access to bikes (including adaptive bikes) for young people who need a bike and wish to access one.	Schools and Young People



People and Place Programme

Monitoring and Evaluation

- The RTPs are required to report quarterly on their grant progress. We have provided the RTPs with template for reporting which focuses on financial management, outcome progress, and risk reporting.
- The P&P Team will meet with the RTPs regularly to discuss progress, identify risks and provide any guidance required during this inception year.
- We have worked closely with the Active Travel delivery partners to develop a robust Monitoring and Evaluation framework – to ensure detailed data capture at the end of the interventions.



Community Projects Transition Fund

The Community Projects Transition Fund (CPTF) will serve two main purposes:

- **Bridging a funding gap to protect current Third Sector capacity:** With winding-down the SCSP Open Fund in 2024/25, the CPTF will continue to provide funding opportunities for effective community-level projects that are encouraging more walking, wheeling, and cycling.
- **Building RTP capacity and supporting the design of future delivery model/s:** Through the process of managing the fund, and with Tactran administering it on behalf of RTPs collectively, Paths for All will support all of the RTPs to build their capacity, and relationships with communities and Third Sector organisations, enabling them to decide if and how to incorporate support for community groups and projects into their main Active Travel People and Place programmes from 2025/26.





Local Authority Direct Award

- Will provide continuity of funding for local authority roles and projects in FY 24-25 that would have been supported through Smarter Choices Smarter Places during transition to the new People and Place model
- Funding will be eligible for sustainable and active travel initiatives including staff costs and the resource cost of infrastructure maintenance
- Light touch process with no requirement to apply; progress reports at 6 and 12 months
- In response to feedback, the minimum award available will be increased from £50,000 in 23/24 to £64,000 to account for inflationary pressures
- Grant offer letters have been issued.



Any questions?

