



Transport East

THE EASTERN DYNAMO

Powering the national economy

TRANSPORT EAST: ELEVATOR PITCH

We are the transport infrastructure partnership for the east

- Transport East is the Sub-national Transport Board (STB) for the east of England - representing Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Thurrock & Southend - tasked with delivering a cohesive transport infrastructure strategy.
- We are driving forward a truly connected and integrated transport network and securing vital investment in future infrastructure, allowing for transformational growth in the East of England.
- As a partnership, Transport East brings together local transport and planning authorities, Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) and business leaders, alongside Network Rail and Highways England. We enable the region to speak with one voice on the issues of transport and infrastructure investment, influencing decisions currently made by Central Government.
- Our vision is of a thriving economy for the east, with modern, fast, reliable, resilient and low carbon transport networks, transforming how people travel and goods are transported to drive forward a future of inclusive and sustainable growth for decades to come.

The east is brimming with energy, enterprise and exports

- We are an exemplar in rapid regional growth: with an economy worth £71bn, the east plays an important role in the overall success of UK and is one of the fastest growing regions outside of London.
- We are creating links between our high growth, booming clusters: enhanced links between our fastest growing places and business clusters are enabling the area to function as a coherent economy and boosting productivity.
- We are a gateway connecting the country to world markets: Connections to the rest of the world will be more important than ever, and early adoption of emerging technologies will be vital to keep us globally competitive. Better connected ports and airports help UK businesses thrive and boost the nation's economy through greater access to international markets and facilitate Foreign Direct Investment.
- We are energising coastal communities: we are creating a reinvented, sustainable coast for the 21st century which delivers on our ambition to become the UK's foremost all-energy coast, as well as supporting a year-round, competitive visitor offer.



“...we are the home of renewal energy and a key part of our mission is helping the UK achieve its ambitions for sustainable, low-carbon transport for all...”

We need government support to seize opportunities

- We have exciting ambitious for a mixture of vital transport schemes, for which we are seeking funding. These have the potential to radically enhance regional productivity.
- We want to see increased devolution of powers enabling us to co-create strategic road and rail investment programmes at a regional scale, allowing for greater integration and innovation. The success of regional growth corridor taskforces show what can be achieved when local authorities and MPs work across boundaries for the benefit of the region.
- We need government support and ministerial endorsement to make our objectives a reality. The east has traditionally been overlooked as a region by successive governments. We would like to see funding for our major infrastructure projects, but beyond that, we want to see Ministers recognising and advocating the east's potential as a dynamic economy and one of the major exporting regions of the UK.

The Eastern dynamo will positively impact through driving up productivity, attracting inward investment, supporting sustainable economic and housing growth and reducing pressure on public services, including the NHS.

We aim to:

- Rapidly reduce the dependency on our road and rail transport networks and vehicles running on fossil fuels, and replace these with greener, viable alternatives
- Establish cleaner air by tackling harmful levels of CO₂, NO_x and particulates, reducing the unacceptable incidence of respiratory diseases and deaths within our communities.
- Create a better connected and more mobile workforce, able to seize the opportunities for study, training and employment.

We want to create an attractive environment for further investment in transport infrastructure. There has been tremendous investment here by the private sector, such as the new port facilities at DP WORLD and Tilbury II, as well as the £1.2 Billion investment secured by Abellio Greater Anglia in new state-of-the-art trains. We intend to build on this.



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Essex



Thurrock



Southend-on-Sea



Suffolk

Norfolk



“...we have more major seaports and airports than any other region... they are also the seaports and airports for the North and the Midlands... connectivity through the East by road and rail to sea and air is an essential element of our national economic health...”