

Merseytravel's Ambitions



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LCR Devolution Deal

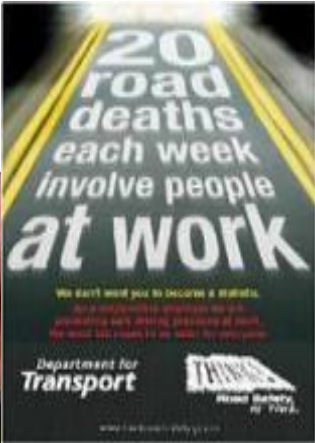
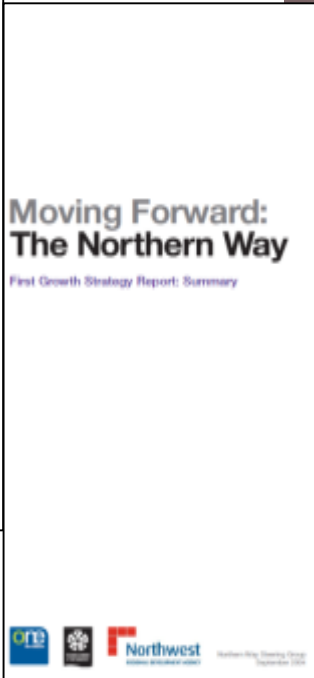
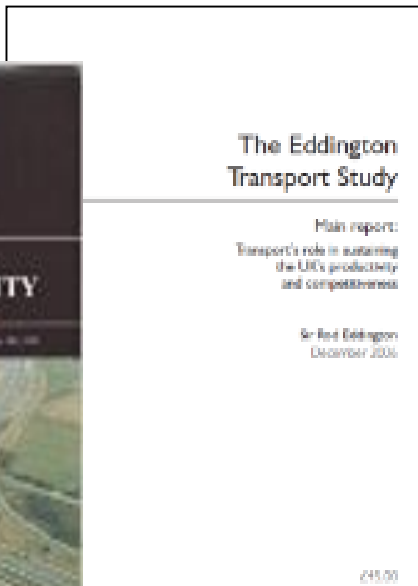
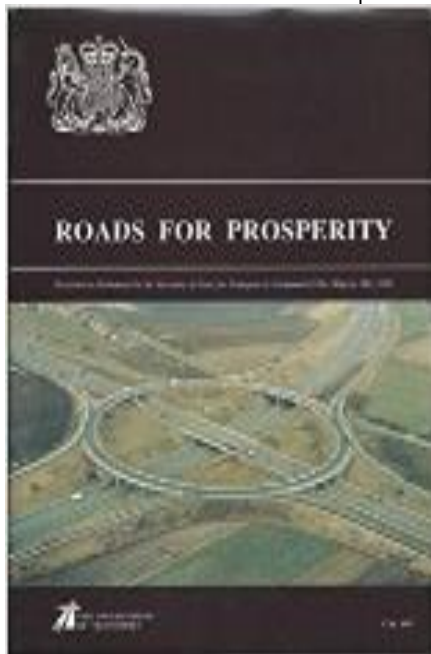
- Combined Authority established April 2014
- Population of 1.5million people with 2.4million within the travel to work area
- Responsible for;
 - Transport
 - Economic Development
 - Employment and Skills
 - Strategic Planning and Housing
- Formed of;
 - 5 leaders
 - Liverpool Mayor
 - Chair of LEP
- City Region Mayor (from 2017)
 - Co-opted members and Mayoral advisers



Transport Aspects of the Devolution Deal

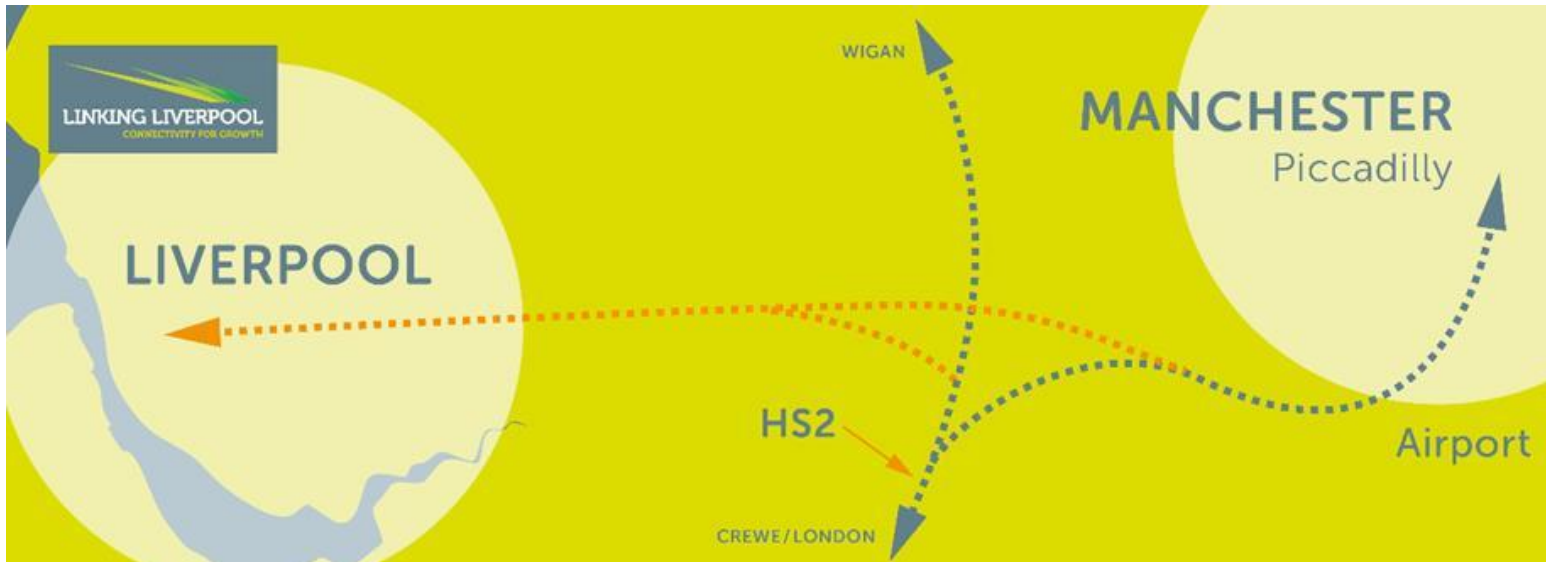
- Devolved Multi-year transport budget
- Creation of a Single Investment Fund (SIF)
- Powers for the CA to manage a Key Route Network of local roads
- Ability to franchise bus service, subject to Bus Service Act
- Long term Special Rail Grant (SRG) settlement to Merseyrail to assist in Rolling Stock Procurement
- Ability to manage local rail network in alternative ways – station ownership
- Government to work with Combined Authority on its Mersey Tunnels tolls review
- Explore ways LCR Mayor can implement measures to achieve better air quality

Integrating transport: Key to Economic Growth



NPR/HS2: Benefits at LCR Level

- A full, direct North-South HS2 and East-West Northern Powerhouse Rail connection would deliver major economic benefits to LCR



£15
BILLION
BOOST TO THE CITY
REGIONAL ECONOMY

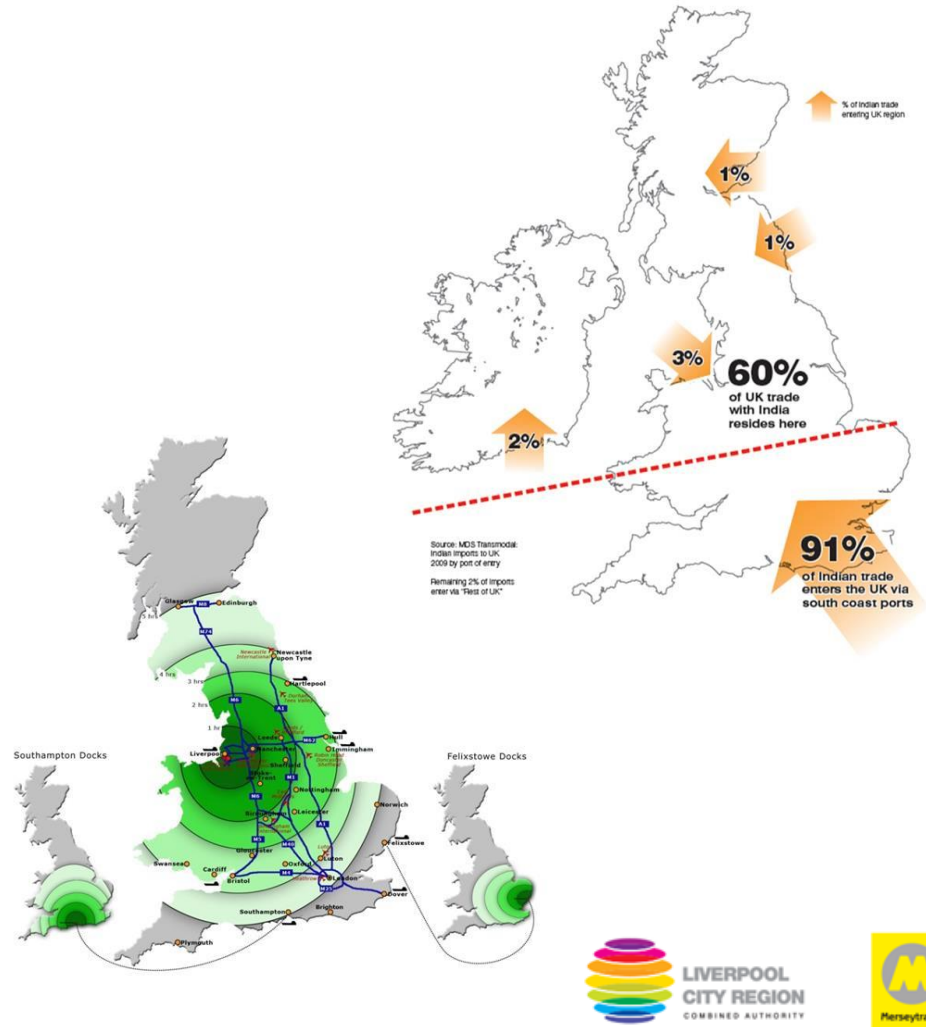
20,000
NEW
JOBS

10,000
NEW
HOMES

2.9 MILLION
MORE VISITORS
WEEKLY AND
LEISURE

Rebalancing the economy: the opportunity for freight & logistics

- 'Superport' developments, delivering a step change in the economy
- Liverpool 2 open
- Potential to remove over 150 million HGV miles per year from the congested roads in the South East
- But new rail capacity is vital



Strengthening our Rail Links

- Halton Curve & new services to Wales
- Maghull North
- Newton-le-Willows
- TPE- Scottish services
- Northern- new services and Rolling Stock
 - Sort out the failings of May



New Merseyrail Rolling Stock

- Stadler appointed to deliver new trains
- Project cost £450m- direct procurement: No ROSCO
- Manufacture commenced
- New trains commence service in 2020
- Potential battery operation or dual voltage
- Industry Leading accessibility
- Mock-up available for viewing



Future Rail Focus

- Vital importance of Liverpool Central
- Access for All
- Borderlands Line
- Skelmersdale work with LCC
- Case for full devolution of Northern & TPE to the North



LCR Bus Alliance



The Alliance has achieved a number of improvements since its inception, including:

- £40m + investment in new buses for the LCR
- Ticketing improvements including multi-operator day ticket and scrapping zonal fares system
- Improved customer information at bus stops
- One smart card platform for the LCR
- Newly designed customer service training course for all drivers
- Improved links to John Lennon Airport and new 24/7 services



16.5% growth in fare paying passengers

142% growth in young persons journeys

90% customer satisfaction

Over £50m invested in the bus offer

Buses Devolution: Future Options

Business case work continuing on Buses Act Powers. Options that are being evaluated are:

- Enhanced Partnership
- Franchising
- Reference Case (i.e. retaining the Alliance)

The following options have been ruled out:

- Termination of the Alliance (without replacement)
- AQPS

Crossing the Mersey

- Tunnels
 - A “golden asset” for the LCR
 - £1 Off Peak Fast Tag- now looking to fulfil the complete Manifesto pledge



- Ferries
 - *We will ensure our services remain sustainable in every way, from an environmental, economic and social angle*
 - Procurement of a new vessel soon

Active Travel

- Local Journeys Strategy
 - Huge latent potential
- CWIP
- Bike Hire Schemes
- Cycle Network Development



QUESTIONS