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Local Transport Plans and Rights of Way

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- A little LTP history
 - The Government Office Role
 - Where Rights of Way fit in
 - Accessibility Planning
 - LTP funding
 - Reporting on LTP delivery
 - Local Area Agreements
 - Looking forward to LTP3
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- First LTPs produced in December 2000
 - Second LTPs introduced in 2005
 - 5 year statutory plans setting out policies, strategies, objectives and targets for improving transport in their communities
 - Based around 4 shared central/local government priorities:
 - Tackling congestion
 - Delivering Accessibility
 - Safer Roads
 - Better air quality
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- First point of contact for local highway authorities
 - Dissemination of local transport policy, key messages and best practice
 - ‘Critical Friend’ during LTP development and implementation
 - Assessment of LTPs and progress reports*
 - Integration of transport policies with other Government agendas
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“The Department for Transport now expects to see all local authorities developing proposals for making better use of their existing infrastructure, including any new infrastructure delivered over the course of the first LTP, and **also the rights of way network.**”

Full Guidance on Local Transport Plans (Second Edition), December 2004

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- Social Exclusion Unit Report “Making the Connections”
 - Set out the relationship between transport, accessibility and social exclusion
 - Framework for accessibility planning
 - Accessibility strategies fundamental to second LTPs
 - All LTPs have at least one target for improving local accessibility
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“Local authorities have an important role to play in improving accessibility by.....Implementing specific accessibility-related transport schemes and initiatives through planning, delivering and managing the local public transport, highways, cycle, footway **and rights of way** networks”

Guidance on Accessibility Planning in Local Transport Plans, December 2004

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- Should be integral to LTP strategies and delivery plans
 - RoWIPs and LTPs to be fully integrated by 2010
 - RoWIP should be referenced by, and linked to, accessibility strategy and funding programme
 - Looking to RoW officers to be engaged within the LTP delivery process in your authorities
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- December 2007 settlement:
 - 3 year funding settlement for integrated transport and maintenance
 - £1.768 billion across the country for integrated transport
 - £2.109 billion for capital maintenance
 - £649million in the South East
 - £490 million in the East of England
 - Unringfenced – can be spent on any capital purpose
 - 1/3 of the integrated transport allocation paid as cash grant
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- For authorities to determine their own priorities for expenditure
 - RoWIP and RoW work should be accommodated within existing funding allocations
 - No exceptional or supplementary funding streams within LTP process
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- Traditionally a scored assessment
 - Guidance in March, reports in July, decision letters in December
 - Tight constraints on content
 - progress reports graded from 'Excellent' to 'Weak'
 - Future allocations predicated on score
 - The LTT 'League Table'
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- Guidance issued in December 2007
 - Longer timescale for reporting
 - Stakeholder and partner involvement
 - Regular contact with Government Office
 - No scores or league tables
 - No impact on funding
 - No surprises
 - Final report to be published no later than December 2008
 - GO response summarising strengths, areas of concern and agreed actions
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- New LAAs to be agreed by June 2008
 - Radical streamlining of funding sources and performance indicators
 - Number of performance indicators to be monitored by authorities reduced from over 1200 to a National Indicator set of 198
 - Up to 35 indicators to be selected as targets
 - New targets replace existing PSAs and BVPIs (but not existing LPSAs)
 - 10 transport indicators, 9 of which stem from existing LTP targets
 - RoW work will continue under the accessibility theme
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- Expect there will be one!
 - No idea what the new LTP will look like
 - Guidance expected by summer 2009
 - Local authorities, Natural England and Defra will be consulted on the process
 - DfT welcome ideas and suggestions
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