

# Briefing Note: Steeton and Silsden Crossing

## Background

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority's CityConnect programme is delivering improvements to cycling and walking infrastructure and routes across the region. Working in partnership with councils across West Yorkshire and York, we are aiming to improve and encourage more people to make every-day journeys by bike or on foot.

## Steeton and Silsden Crossing

The Combined Authority and Bradford Council have been working with Arup to outline potential options for the next stage of development. The scheme is aimed at enabling people to move more safely between Steeton and Silsden and will provide better access to facilities such as the rail station, and Airedale Hospital.

Options to provide a safe and accessible route across the A629 include a new signalised crossing, an underpass, or a footbridge across the road, and these are aimed at reducing people's barriers to travelling on foot or by bike between Steeton and Silsden, and to also provide better access to facilities such as Steeton and Silsden rail station, and Airedale Hospital.

Once this engagement exercise has been completed, this will be included as part of the project's Outline Business Case and submitted to the Combined Authority's assurance framework. The remaining funding is ring-fenced (by the Department for Transport) for the development of the preferred option by Bradford once agreed. At present, **this scheme does not have funding beyond the £700k**. However, Bradford Council are committed to doing all it can to secure the necessary funding to enable construction of the crossing.

## Scheme Objectives

- To provide a safe crossing across the A629 that will help remove the barrier to cycling and walking between Steeton and Silsden
- To provide better access to facilities and services, such as Steeton and Silsden Station and Airedale Hospital, with a cycling and walking link between Steeton and Silsden, that has level access and is mainly segregated from general traffic
- To make travel on foot and by bike a natural and popular choice, delivering an increase in the number of walking and cycling trips between Steeton and Silsden
- To eliminate accidents involving cyclists and pedestrians at the junction of the A629, Keighley Road and Station Road, and reduce by 20% on Keighley Road and Station Road within one year of the scheme opening
- To reduce harmful emissions and noise pollution through a 5% reduction in motor vehicle movements within five years of the scheme opening.

## Public engagement

The public engagement for a Steeton & Silsden Crossing is being delivered in partnership with Bradford Council, and is looking at a range of options for a facility that will provide a link for people travelling by bike or on foot across the A629, reducing the barriers to travel between Steeton and Silsden. We are seeking views on these options for the crossing across the A629, to allow us to take plans to the next stage of development.

Public engagement on this project will start on 27 November until 22 December 2020.

It will also be available at [www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/steeton-silsden](http://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/steeton-silsden) once the engagement is live.