

Section A: Scheme Summary

Name of scheme:	CityConnect Phase 3 - Canals – Leeds Liverpool Shipley
PMA scheme code:	LTP-CCAG-003g
Lead organisation:	Canal & River Trust
Senior responsible officer:	Caroline Farnham-Crossland
Lead promoter contact:	Paul Tranter
Case officer:	Neil Johnson
Applicable funding stream(s) – Grant or Loan:	West Yorkshire Transport Fund Get Building Fund
Growth Fund Priority Area (if applicable):	Priority Area 3 – Clean Energy & Environmental Resilience Priority Area 4 – Infrastructure for Growth
Approvals to date:	Decision Point 3: September 2020
Forecasted full approval date (decision point 5):	29 July 2021
Forecasted completion date (decision point 6):	February 2022
Total scheme cost (£):	£1.981 million
Combined Authority funding (£):	£1.981 million West Yorkshire Transport Fund Get Building Fund Active Travel Fund (Tranche 3) - tbc
Total other public sector investment (£):	None
Total other private sector investment (£):	None
Is this a standalone project?	No
Is this a programme?	No
Is this project part of an agreed programme?	Yes – CityConnect (Phase 3)

Scheme Description:

The scheme will deliver a high-quality cycle route in the Bradford District between Apperley Bridge and Shipley, and from Silsden town centre to the West Yorkshire border at Cowling Swing Bridge on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal. In total the 4.5km of towpath will be improved, providing a traffic free, flat and attractive alternative to the main roads. The new upgraded towpath will increase widths available for cyclists and pedestrians, as well as providing a durable all-weather surface that is also in keeping with the nature and historic value of the canal environment.

The project forms part of the existing CityConnect programme and will build upon routes already constructed in the area and enable the linking of towns and settlements (including rail stations and destinations) in Bradford and beyond.

Business Case Summary:

Strategic Case	<p>The aim of the CityConnect programme is to encourage more people to travel by walking and cycling. The scheme will support CityConnect aims by providing high-quality pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and making cycling accessible for all by building upon the routes already constructed through CityConnect, ensuring a high-quality cycle and walking network.</p> <p>The scheme will make an important contribution to achieving the West Yorkshire Transport Strategy's target of 300% more trips to be made by bike by 2027 and increasing the mode share of cycling and walking to 3% and 22% respectively.</p> <p>This scheme is being delivered through the West Yorkshire Transport Fund as part of the CityConnect (Phase 3) programme.</p>
Commercial Case	<p>The scheme received very high support from the public consultation, with 80% of all respondents fully agreeing with the proposal to upgrade the towpath surface and over 82% of respondents saying they would use the towpath more if the surface was improved.</p> <p>The scheme will be delivered by the Canal & River Trust and the delivery contract will be awarded under their New Engineering Contract (NEC3) Framework.</p>
Economic Case	<p>The Economic Appraisal indicate that the scheme will benefit all users, both existing cyclists and pedestrians. With improved towpaths, new pedestrians and cyclist will be attracted to the route.</p> <p>The core Benefit Cost Ratio for this scheme has been calculated as 4.14 representing very high Value for Money.</p>
Financial Case	<p>The total scheme cost is £1.9 million. The scheme is to be funded through the West Yorkshire Transport Fund, Get Building fund and Active Travel fund.</p>

	<p>The ongoing revenue costs to maintain the towpath over the long term will be met by the Canal and River Trust and a maintenance agreement will form part of the funding agreement.</p>
Management Case	<p>The scheme will be delivered by the Canal & River Trust with the overall CityConnect Programme being project managed by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.</p> <p>A programme level monitoring and evaluation plan is in place covering the monitoring requirements. Scheme risks will be managed through a costed risk register and agreed change management process. The scheme is currently projected to start the delivery in Autumn 2021 with a projected delivery timescale of 19 weeks.</p>