

New maps of Welsh Metro project aimed at helping get Wales to net zero

Delivering the £1bn Welsh Metro project will be one of the most “ambitious and complex programmes” Welsh Government has undertaken says Deputy Minister for Climate Change Lee Waters.

The minister, with a responsibility for transport, today unveiled new maps showing the enormous scale of the project.

It comes a week before the Welsh Government publishes its Net Zero plans in the run up to COP26.

The Deputy Minister the project would deliver on plans set out in [Llwybr Newydd](#), the Wales Transport Strategy, by creating a “modern, integrated and sustainable transport network that supports modern lifestyles”.

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This plan lays out targets for up to 2029 as well as longer term ambitions like electrification of the North Wales mainline and the line into south west Wales.

Proposals include:

- 172km of electrification to improve journey times and frequency
- Up to 30% more services to improve connectivity across Wales, such as new tram-trains offering fast turn-up-and-go services at 45 stations on Valleys Lines by 2024
- New and improved rail and bus services and active travel routes to reduce rural isolation, provide a door-to-door commuting experience and open up job, business and leisure opportunities across North Wales
- New integrated tickets and more flexible fare options delivered through new technology on all buses and more than 200 new ticket machines at stations
- New and improved train stations across Wales to provide a viable public transport alternative to the congested road network and;
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Priorities for the North Wales Metro scheme up to 2029
(Image: Welsh Government)



Longer term projects for the North Wales Metro scheme
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South Wales:



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Deputy Minister Lee Waters said: “The Metro is not simply a transport project, it’s about changing the lives of people across Wales and is an excellent example of how investment in tackling climate change has far broader community benefits.

“Improving our public transport and active travel network routes is the right and responsible thing to do for the environment – making low carbon transport options more attractive, affordable, and easier to use – enabling people to leave their car at home particularly in the more densely populated parts of Wales linking up with active travel routes to provide door-to-door journeys in an integrated, sustainable transport network.

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“Next month we will be attending COP26 – the most important COP since Paris in 2015 – and we will take a clear message to Glasgow that Wales is a globally responsible nation – ambitious projects like this prove that and show how everyone here is willing to play a part to combat global warming.”

The Welsh Government has also announced today an additional £2m cash injection to expand existing plans for South East and

South West Wales metros, to include new bus and rail stations and services as well more active travel routes making public transport more attractive and accessible and connecting communities.

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