



SEMMS Relief Road News





Funding for Phase O **SEMMMS Relief Road**

Following the announcement earlier this year that full funding is in place for the SEMMMS Relief Road A6 to the Airport, Stockport Council is working in partnership with Cheshire East Council and Manchester City Council to drive the scheme forward.

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Councillor Dave Goddard, Leader of Stockport Council said: "Receiving funding for the SEMMMS Relief Road is great news for Stockport and something that we have worked long and hard to secure. I'm pleased to have all party support on this within the Council. The road will boost Stockport's economy, ease traffic congestion, help businesses and residents, and also improve access to the Airport – it's brilliant news for everyone within Greater Manchester."

The Relief Road is one key element of the SEMMMS transportation strategy, and this phase of the road will provide a link from the A6 at Hazel Grove to the Airport through Stockport, Cheshire East and Manchester.

Councillor Val Stevens, Deputy Leader of Manchester City Council said: "This scheme will greatly improve access to Manchester Airport and the economic benefits that the new relief road will bring will further enhance regeneration around this important international gateway."

Councillor Wesley Fitzgerald, Leader of Cheshire East Council said: "This project has been in the pipeline for some time and I am extremely pleased that we are now a step closer to implementation."



“Cheshire East Council remains completely supportive of the project, which will improve travel for many between the north of Cheshire East and Manchester, in particular to the Airport.

“We now look forward to working with the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities in taking the project further.”

In autumn 2008 the Government announced the offer of £165m to partially fund the scheme, linking the A6 to the Airport. The remainder of the funding would need to be provided by the three local authorities.

In May this year the Leaders of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) agreed to create a Greater Manchester Transport fund of over £1.5 billion to fund key schemes across Greater Manchester including Metrolink extensions and the SEMMMS Relief Road A6 to Airport phase.

Work has now commenced on planning and developing the road scheme and the three local authorities are working closely to deliver the first phase of the SEMMMS Relief Road, A6 to the Airport, whilst continuing to seek funding for the remaining elements of the scheme.



What will the Scheme provide?

The SEMMMS Relief Road, A6 to Airport will provide benefits to residents across the Greater Manchester area. In particular the scheme will:

- Provide a direct link to Manchester Airport and M56 from the A6, A523 and A34
- Remove unnecessary freight traffic from the local road network
- Reduce congestion and the negative impacts of traffic from local communities adjacent to the route including Hazel Grove, Bramhall, Poynton, Woodford, Styal, Heald Green, Cheadle, Cheadle Hulme, Handforth and Wilmslow
- Provide a segregated / shared use pedestrian / cycle route alongside the road
- Link local employment areas in Hazel Grove, Woodford and Stanley Green to the M56 motorway network and Manchester Airport



The SEMMMS Strategy

In spring 2001 the South East Manchester Multi Modal Strategy (SEMMMS) was accepted by Government. Since then the Local Authorities within the SEMMMS area - Cheshire, Derbyshire, Manchester, Stockport and Tameside and the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority and Executive have been working hard to deliver the various elements of the strategy.

The 20 year strategy was developed to deal with existing and predicted transport problems in the area and aims to:

- Improve public transport
- Improve the use of road space
- Encourage transport change
- Encourage urban regeneration
- Improve highways

In order to improve public transport, improvements have been made to bus and rail services and facilities as well as identifying potential Metrolink lines within the SEMMMS area.

A major £23M improvement programme for bus priority has been completed which has led to increased patronage and customer satisfaction with bus services.



An ongoing programme for access improvements to rail services implemented, along with improvements to rail station facilities.

Over the years the local authorities have worked closely with the Department for Transport (DfT) to identify funding for the relief road. Due to the scale of the scheme the DfT recommended that the scheme be split into phases. In summer 2007 the three local authorities began further work to develop a phased approach in order for the scheme to be delivered.

The SEMMMS Relief Road: what happens next

Now the funding for the scheme has been identified Stockport Council is working closely with Cheshire East Council and Manchester City Council to drive the scheme forward.

The next steps include further developing a business case for the scheme and reviewing the design to ensure the first phase of the scheme, A6 to the Airport, delivers the maximum benefit to its surrounding areas.



How you can get Involved

The scheme is being developed this autumn. During this time the three Councils will be undertaking consultations with landowners and key stakeholders, such as the Emergency Services and Environment Agency, as well as local interest groups before the public consultation in the spring.

It is expected that there will be a public consultation on the final proposed scheme next Spring which will include local exhibitions where you can see details of the proposed scheme.

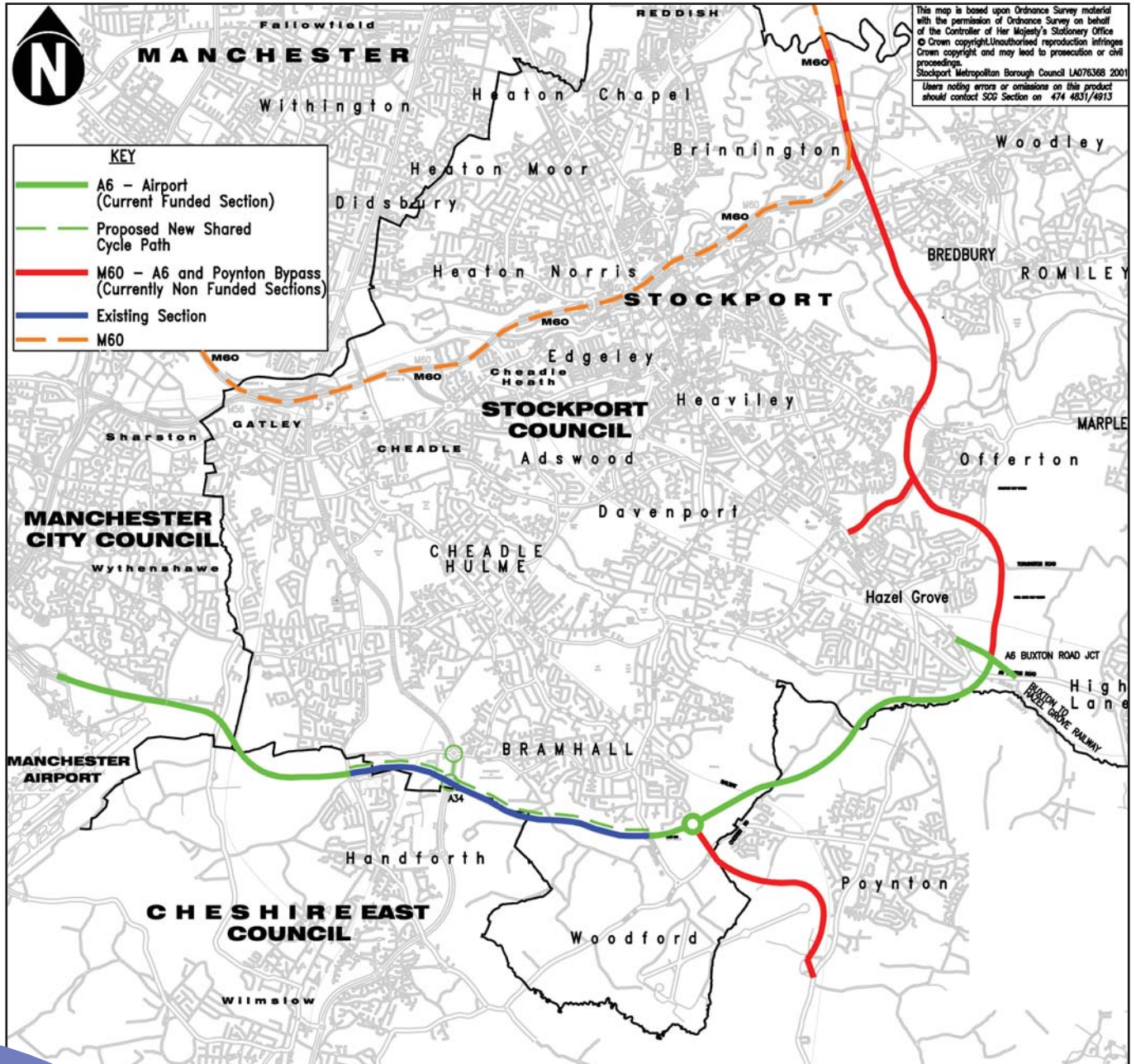
A planning application for the scheme will then be submitted in summer 2010.

If planning permission is granted it is expected that work could commence on site in 2012 and the road will be ready for opening in 2015.

If you have any queries or comments regarding the scheme please contact us via the phone line tel: **0845 300 6717** or web site:

www.stockport.gov.uk/semmms

SEMMMS Relief Road Map - A6 to Airport



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