

Regional Transportation Strategy 2011

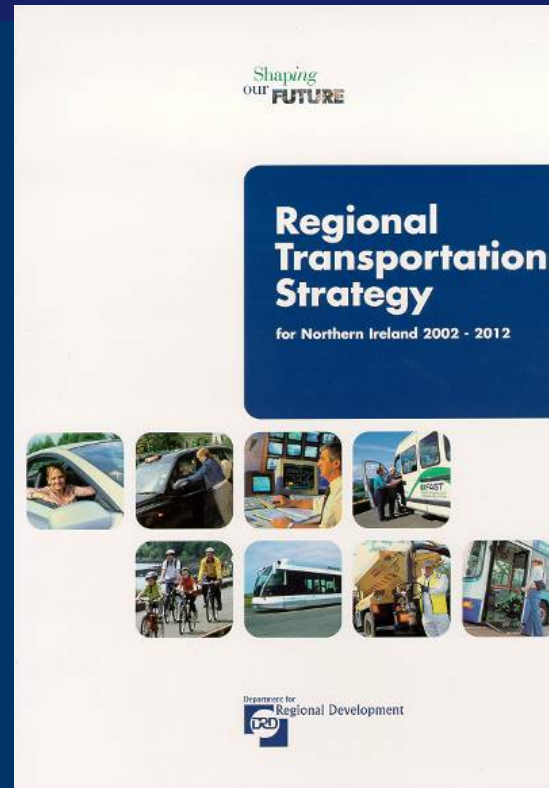
A Sustainable Transport Future

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Current Strategy



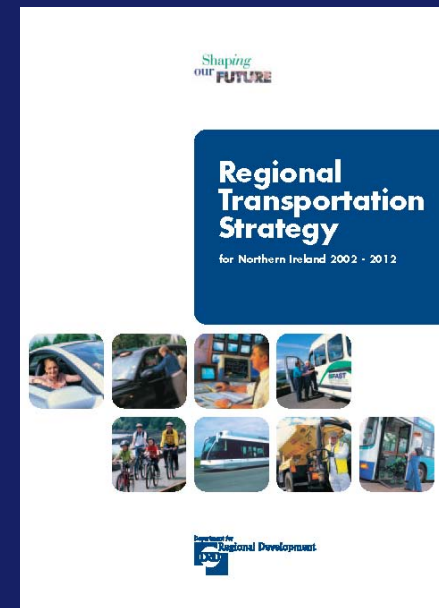
The Transportation Vision

“To have a modern, sustainable, safe transportation system which benefits society, the economy and the environment and which actively contributes to social inclusion and everyone’s quality of life.”



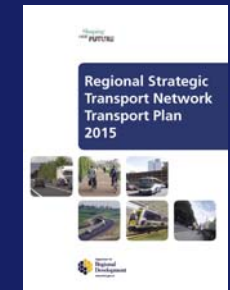
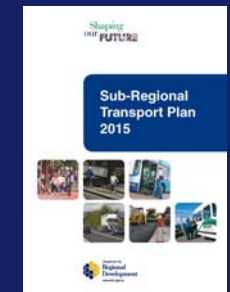
Current RTS

- supports the RDS Vision
- identifies strategic investment priorities
- recognises underinvestment in transport infrastructure and public transport



RTS

- implemented through the 3 transport plan
 - BMTP – Belfast
 - RSTNTP – key transport corridors
 - SRTP – the rest of the region
- includes:
 - roads schemes
 - public transport schemes
 - measures to improve walking and cycling



Developing a revised Strategy

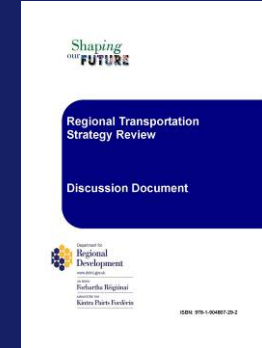
- commitment to Review
- looked at implementation of the RTS
- considered the changing context
- looked at trends in transport
- identified key challenges
- developed High Level Aims and Strategic Objectives
- considered implementation

Trends

- number of vehicles increasing
- freight increasing
- traffic speeds falling to 2007
- bus speeds falling
- no increase in people walking
- some increase in cycling
- growing, ageing population

Discussion Document

- Identified Challenges
 - modal shift
 - GHG emissions
 - climate change
 - funding in the current economic climate
 - spend on Roads v Public Transport
 - public transport reliability and affordability



Discussion Document

- Suggested solutions:
 - bus priority, better rural services, cheaper fares, integrated ticketing
 - address spend on Roads v Public Transport
 - better use of existing road space
 - Car Sharing/Park and Ride
 - Congestion Charging
 - Active Travel



The Challenges

- supporting the economy
- maintaining the transport infrastructure
- making better use of the transportation network
- reducing the environmental impact
- improving accessibility in rural and urban areas
- supporting communities
- improving safety

The Revised Strategy

What it is not

- is not constructed on schemes and projects
- does not contain any costs
- is not a bidding document



The Revised Strategy

What it is:

- proposes 3 High Level Aims for transport
- suggests Strategic Objectives against aims
- sets out how to achieve the Strategic Objectives – Policy Prioritisation Framework
- allows informed decision making

High Level Aims

A. Support the growth of the economy

B. Enhance the quality of life for all

C. Reduce the environmental impact of transport



A. Support the growth of the economy

1: Improve connectivity within the region

2 Use road space and railways more efficiently

3: Better maintain transport infrastructure

4: Improve access in our towns and cities

5: Improve access in rural areas

6: Improve connections to key tourism sites



B. Enhance the quality of life for all

7: Improve Safety

8: Improve Social Inclusion

*9: Develop transport programmes focussed
on the user*



C. Reduce the environmental impact of transport

10: Reduce Green House Gas Emissions from transport

11: Protect biodiversity

12: Reduce noise and air pollution



Making choices

- Policy Prioritisation Framework
- assessment of “policy fit”
- guidance on “scoring” – fair and consistent
- work alongside our key stakeholders
- will not replace detailed project appraisals
- allows informed decision making

Implementation of the RTS

Pre-
publication of
final RTS

Stage One
Policy Prioritisation Workshop

Policy Prioritisation Framework



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Implementation of the RTS

Stage Two

Preparation of long-list of interventions
initial sift

Initial Long List of Interventions

Stage Three

Apply Prioritisation Framework

Initial Prioritised List

**Post-
publication of
final RTS**



Implementation of the RTS

Stage Four
Transport Appraisal

Prioritised Appraised List

Stage Five
Decision on strategic interventions to
proceed

Draft Delivery Plan 2015

**Post-
publication of
final RTS**

Comprehensive Spending Review

Draft Budget 2015



Assessments

Assessments on RTS include

- Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)
- Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
- Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)



Next Steps

- consultation events – June
- analysis of responses – July
- Policy Prioritisation Framework workshop
- briefing to Minister – September
- endorsement by Executive – October

Questions?



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