



# Planning Future Investment in England's Strategic Roads

The Strategic Road Network Initial Report (SRNIR)

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# 1. INTRODUCTION TO HIGHWAYS ENGLAND

# Highways England has a crucial role in connecting the country



Our role is to operate, maintain, enhance and renew the strategic road network (SRN) to ensure that road users have safe and reliable journeys and businesses have the effective road links they need

## We manage the SRN in the interests of our customers



# We have a proven track record of delivery

We are halfway through the Road Period 1 (2015-2020) and have already delivered a lot, with more to come:

£4 billion	value of road improvements delivered to date in RIS1
£169 million	efficiency saving in first two years of Road Period 1 – 21% ahead of target
18	new road schemes already completed
15	projects currently under construction
61	cycle paths and footways built or improved since 2015
1,150	parts of the network where we have started to reduce the impact of noise
100	number of biodiversity improvement schemes complete, underway or planned
36,000	number of new homes supported by our growth and housing fund
73	number of innovation projects in areas such as traffic management

## We are delivering in the East

During Road Period 1 (2015-2020) over £2bn is being invested to modernise the roads in the East – the biggest road investment in 50 years. Projects include:

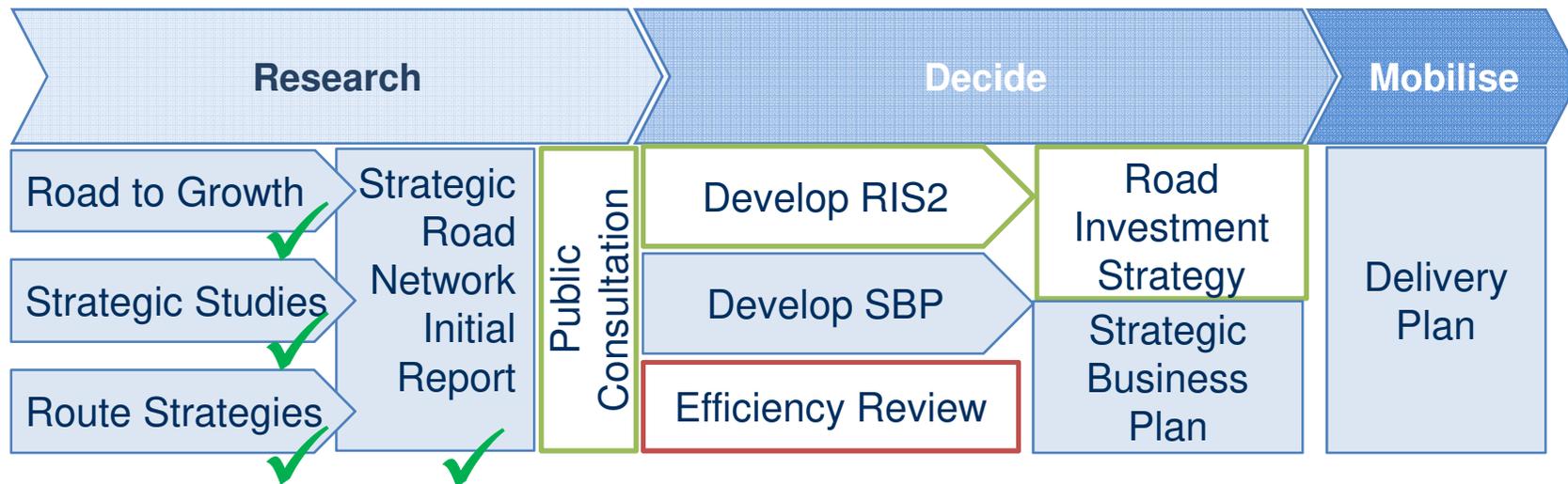
- A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon
- A47 Corridor Improvements
- A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet
- A12 Chelmsford to Marks Tey Widening
- A1(M) J6-J8 Smart Motorway

# We take a long term approach to planning for the future



- The second Road Investment Strategy (RIS2) is the first time we have run the five year planning cycle in full
- We are taking a structured approach to investment planning, using this cyclical approach
- Prediction becomes more difficult as we attempt to look further out, but we must still attempt to anticipate the changes that will affect how we operate

# The RIS2 programme comprises three pre-delivery phases



-  Highways England-led
-  DfT-led ✓ Published
-  ORR-led ✓ Imminent



## 2. PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

# We are strengthening our strategic approach



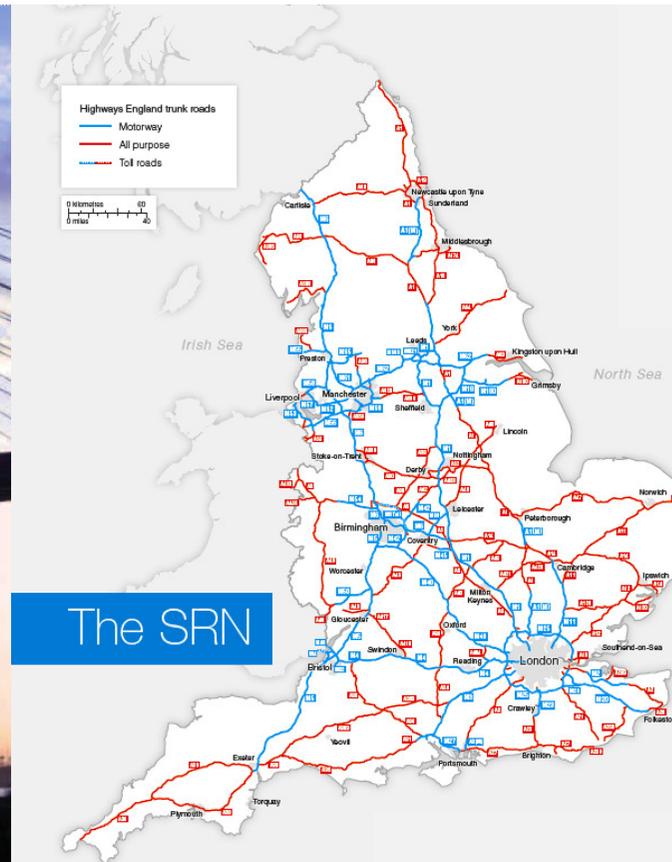
**Connecting the country**  
We believe that connecting people builds communities, creates opportunities, and helps our nation thrive.

**We care about your journey**  
We aim to provide all our customers with safe and reliable journeys through the way we operate, maintain and enhance one of the most advanced road networks in the world.

**Safety. Customer service. Delivery**  
Our imperatives guide all our activity and remain our focus – keeping people moving today, and moving better tomorrow.

**Safety. Teamwork. Ownership. Integrity. Passion**  
Our values are who we are.

**We are Highways England**

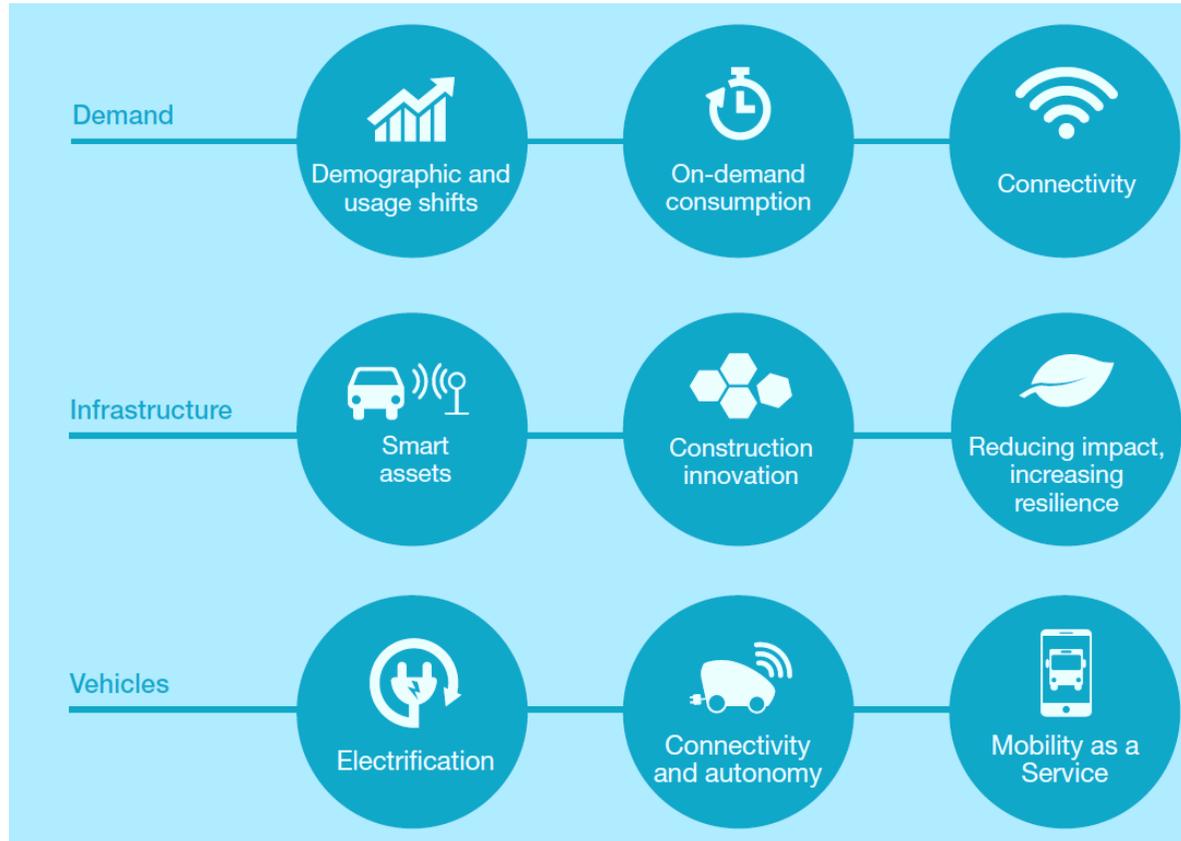


# We are laying the foundations for delivery

During the second road period (2020-2025) we will lay the foundations for the delivery of our long term ambition:

- **Focus on operations, maintenance and renewals** – recognising they provide the foundations for a safe, reliable network
- **Building the Smart Motorway spine of the network** – stable, continued investment in our smart motorway network, prioritising completion of the ‘champagne flute’
- **Rollout expressways** – driving forward the ambition from the first RIS to develop an expressway network
- **Next generation of transformational investments** – Transformational construction spend on A303, LTC, A12-A120 and Black Cat/A428. Prioritising the Oxford to Cambridge corridor and the M60 from the strategic studies
- **A balanced programme** – ensuring sufficient funding for medium sized schemes (through scoping/scheduling of RIS1 for RIS2 schemes and strategic studies)
- **Renewed focus on small schemes** – creating dedicated funding for small (sub £10m.) regional schemes
- **Refined designated funds** – Continued investment in Designated Funds, with an increased focus on roadside facilities, more flexibility within each fund and new ways of working with our partners
- **Laying a foundation for the future** – considering how we should respond to longer term developments such as electrification and CAVs, and enabling through pilots and appropriate investment (e.g. in charging infrastructure)

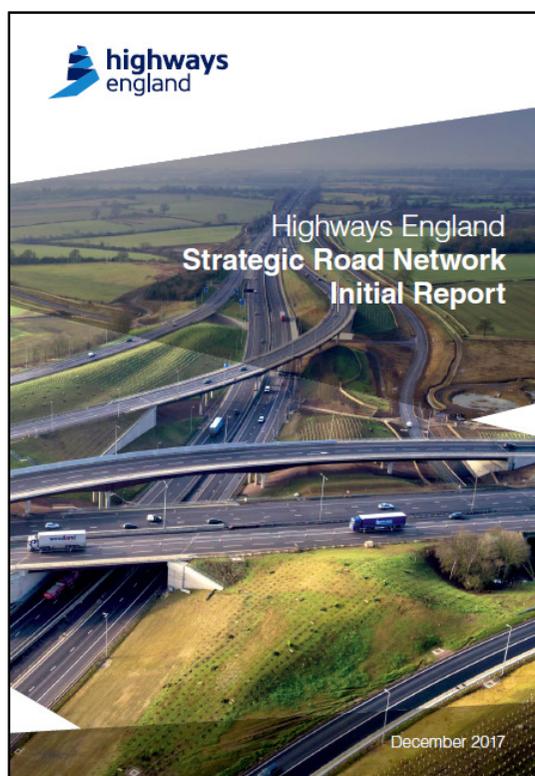
# Nine key trends will shape the future of the SRN





### 3. THE STRATEGIC ROAD NETWORK INITIAL REPORT (SRNIR)

# Our first SRNIR supports the development of RIS2



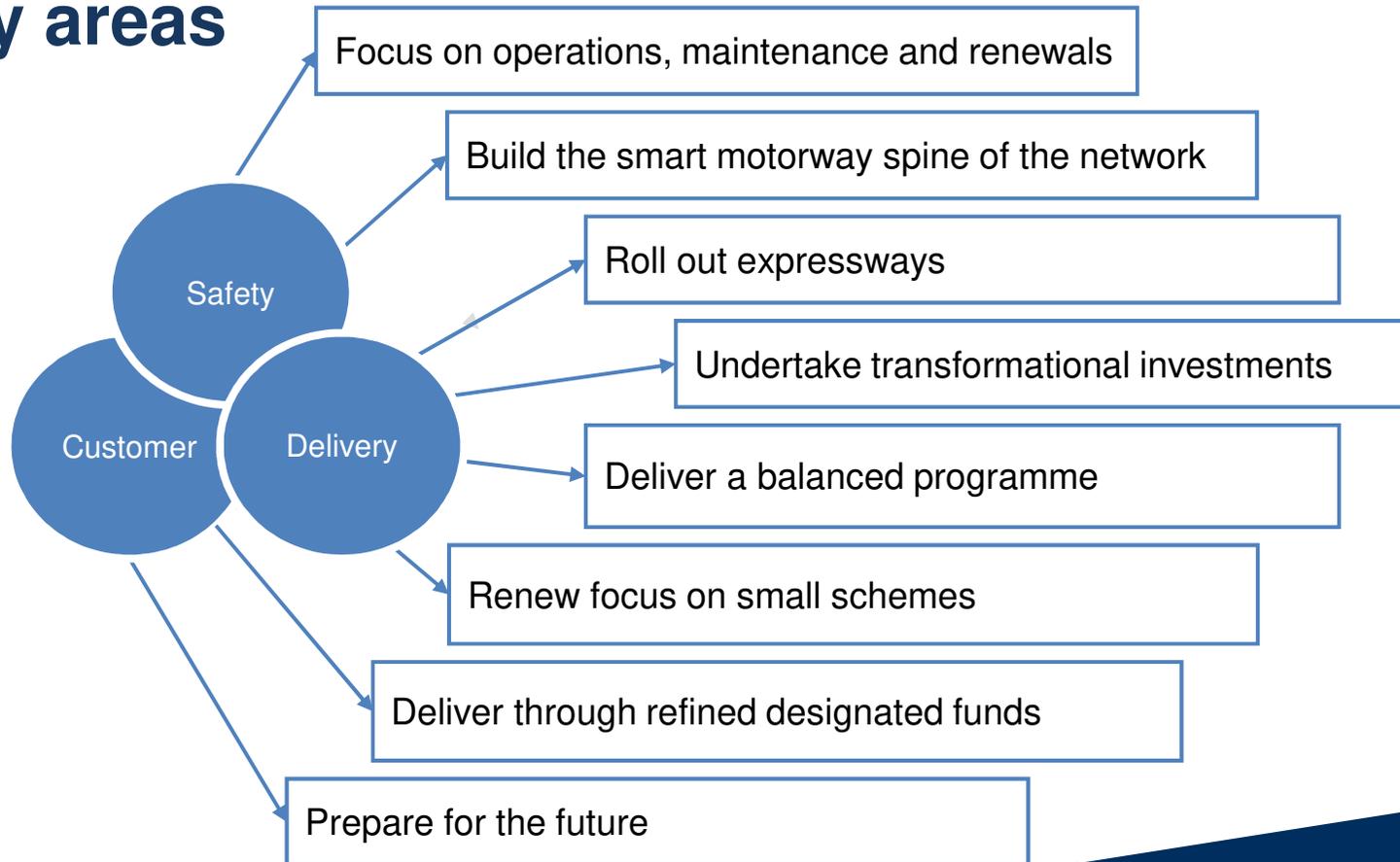
The report outlines:

- Our track record of delivery in RIS1
- The extensive engagement undertaken and evidence gathered on the network
- The trends that will affect future road use
- The factors that will influence new investments needed to improve journeys and connect the country
- How we will improve our impact on the environment and prepare for the opportunities of the future

Although the report does not recommend specific schemes, we show how we have developed our thinking on investment priorities across the country

# We recommend focusing RIS2 investment on key areas

The SRNIR



## Please take part in the consultation

The SRNIR forms part of a DfT-led public consultation on investment priorities for the second road period. It started on 13 December and runs until 7 February, supported by Highways England. We want your views on whether these are the right strategic priorities for the next road period.

- To participate in the consultation, visit the DfT website – <https://www.gov.uk/dft#consultations>
- To keep in touch with progress on the consultation, follow @highwaysengland and @transportgovuk on Twitter

# What you need to do

- Register your interest on gov.uk to receive alerts
- Follow @highwaysengland and @transportgovuk on Twitter
- If you have further questions about the role of Highways England in the second Road Investment Strategy - e mail  
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