

5. Delivery



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

- Continue to develop the growing positive culture around sustainable travel, encouraging a flexible approach and making best use of related new technology.
- Utilise the University's fleet vehicles to demonstrate positive impacts.
- Increase the focus on and reduce University business air travel.
- Work with key stakeholders to maximise the benefits of external sustainable travel schemes and infrastructure.

For over 15 years we have implemented sustainable travel initiatives, facilitating a mature and well developed package of commuting initiatives for staff and students to participate in. We have seen a growing focus and move toward low carbon commuting and fleet vehicles, however, we have also seen an increase in University business air travel. Work to address and reduce increases will take place, examining the role of technology in providing alternative choices.

We have one of the highest staff cycling rates in Greater Manchester, house the first run-commute group outside of London and will work to switch more journeys to active travel⁹ to benefit health, wellbeing and the environment. The Living Campus Plan¹⁰ provides further details and targets for improving and increasing cycling, running and walking to the University.



We know that we cannot achieve our aims alone and recognise that transport infrastructure to improve connectivity across the city region is vital to success. The same is true of partnership working. Working with Corridor Manchester partners, on a local and regional scale, many initiatives continue to be taken forward allowing economies of scale and wider positive impacts to be realised. Related work also takes place with support from large public bodies such as Transport for Greater Manchester and Manchester City Council, as well as other organisations ranging from transport operators to charities, local bike shops to small enterprises.

⁹ Cycling, running and walking.

¹⁰ www.manchester.ac.uk/sustainability/strategy

Greater Manchester and the University are going through significant periods of change and this presents exciting opportunities to expand the valuable work that has already taken place. With large public transport infrastructure schemes, a much enhanced cycling network, smart ticketing and more, we are well placed to take advantage of such improvements, especially when combined with enhanced internal facilities and engagement via the Campus Masterplan. In addition, devolution within Greater Manchester also promises to create a level of autonomy that can improve transport provision across the region.



Sustainable travel, targets and baselines

	Baseline	Baseline year	2022 target
Fully electric fleet vehicles	2014/15	4	20
Electric charging bays	2014/15	8	16
Staff single-occupancy car journeys	2014/15	37%	30%
University business air travel	2014/15	83 million km	12% reduction

Sustainable travel, actions and programmes

- **Supporting delivery of the Triangulum research project:** Continued support for the University's involvement in the Triangulum research (EU funded) project, specifically relating to smart cities, and carbon reduction in transport.
- **Reducing University business air travel:** Development of initiatives and actions to reduce air miles and cost of University business air travel.
- **Greater Manchester-University public transport partnership:** Continued partnerships and activities between Manchester Corridor and Greater Manchester transport bodies in order to realise benefits for staff and students.