

Strategic Transport Leadership Board

September 2026: Update on Actions

From 20 th June 2025 Strategic Transport Leadership Board		
Invite representatives from NESO to a future meeting to explain their work.	In Progress	Representatives from NESO's RESP team have been invited to attend a future meeting. We are currently coordinating with them to agree on a suitable date for the board. EEH has convened Place Directors from across the region to discuss the governance arrangements required for the Regional Energy Strategic Plan (RESP). This engagement has helped build consensus on the preferred governance approach, ensure local authority perspectives are reflected in the emerging model, and establish a strong foundation for regional collaboration as the RESP moves towards delivery.

From 19 th March 2026 Strategic Transport Leadership Board		
Managing Director's Update EEH to explore the development of an analytical pack on different funding models	In Progress	EEH is working with sector experts and has commissioned a small piece of additional advice. An update will be presented to the Board in December 2026.
Rail Benjamin Feeney North to provide a map/list of planned stations and	In Progress	This is in progress and will be shared with board members once complete.

develop a tracker of station proposals, including funding and progress.		
Data Insights		
Mingfei Ma to share the Power BI mapping data with Cllr Tracey Wye.	Complete	EEH officers have contacted Cllr Tracey Wye and offered a demonstration session to showcase the finalised Power BI mapping data.

From 18 th June 2026 Strategic Transport Leadership Board		
Oxford-Cambridge Growth Corridor Vision		
Board Members interested in joining the Quality-of-Life Vision Subgroup to notify Hanane Elmaarouf or Naomi Green.	Complete	The scoping phase of the Quality of Life vision project is due to commence shortly. Board members will have opportunities to shape the vision throughout its evolution.
Rail		
Ben Feeney-North to bring a future update on the Chiltern Main Line Strategic Advice work, including electrification proposals.	In Progress	This will be brought to a future board meeting, likely December, once there is more clarity on publication/sign-off of the Network Rail route study. In the meantime, Ben will provide a short written update to the board.
Major Development Activity		
EEH to review the wording in the East West Rail consultation response regarding engagement and consultation.	Complete	Wording has been reviewed and the consultation response was submitted on the 6 September 2026.
EEH to consider strengthening references to London Luton Airport within the East West Rail consultation response.	Complete	References to Luton airport have been strengthened within the East West Rail consultation response.
Integration Programme Update		
EEH to explore how delivery organisations and infrastructure operators can be involved in the Integration Taskforce.	In Progress	EEH will look at how best to involve relevant delivery organisations and infrastructure operators, including Network Rail and National Highways where appropriate.

Bus Integration Activity EEH to consider how progress on the Heartbeat Network can be monitored and reported back to the Board.	In Progress	Progress on the Heartbeat Network is being considered as part of the wider integration/connectivity work, rather than a standalone workstream. An update can be provided to Board through the wider integration programme reporting.
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