The Greater Cambridge Partnership aims to develop a better and greener transport network that keeps people, business and ideas connected, as the area continues to grow.

The Milton Road project plans to provide faster and more reliable bus journeys into the city, as well as safe and high-quality cycling and pedestrian facilities along its length. This will help to accommodate future growth and forms part of a wider strategy to encourage a shift to sustainable travel.

We’re working up designs to ensure that Milton Road is safe for all road users, reduces congestion and improves air quality. We want to maintain Milton Road as a green gateway into the city and to enhance its natural environment.

**Benefits**

- Safer and more convenient routes for cycling and walking
- Improve the environment, air quality and local area
- Maintain road capacity for vehicles
- Improve routes to workplaces and education
- Priority for buses in both directions

**Background**

Peak-time congestion on Milton Road has increased in recent years, with approximately 24,500 using the road every day in 2012, to over 27,000 in 2015. Over the next 15 years, the number of people who need to travel along Milton Road is predicted to increase.

An initial public consultation on two options for improving the road layout was carried out in winter 2015/2016.

To gather further feedback from the public and local elected representatives, a Local Liaison Forum (LLF) was set-up in August 2016. Workshops with the LLF in autumn 2016 led to an alternative design for Milton Road.

The Milton Road project team have taken on-board feedback from the community and come up with a Final Concept design. The Greater Cambridge Executive Board will discuss approving this conceptual design to be worked up to a detailed design in the upcoming July meeting.

**Fast Facts**

- **Up to 4 minutes faster** bus journey times in 2031
- **Over 1,700m** of new cycle lanes added to Milton Road
- **More than 1,500 responses** to the Milton Road consultation in Winter 2015/16.
- **Up to 20,500 new homes** at Northstowe and Waterbeach planned – adding further congestion to Milton Road.
Design Features

- Minimum 1.8m footways
- Fully segregated cycleways along most of the route
- Only 190 metres of additional bus lanes
- Segregated crossing points at major junctions for cyclists and pedestrians
- Two-way cycle path from Ascham Road to Ramsden Square
- Trees replaced with suitable species using community and expert feedback
- Grass verges and rain gardens to protect space from vehicles
- Copenhagen style crossings at side roads, which give priority to pedestrians and cyclists over vehicles entering and exiting these roads
- Signalised roundabout at Elizabeth Way, providing better traffic management and prioritisation for buses and full segregation for cyclists
- New signalised crossing at Kings Hedges Road junction with cyclists segregated from the traffic and continuous cycle/pedestrian crossing facilities

Summary diagram, not to scale

New Timeline

- SUMMER 2017: Executive Board to review the Final Concept Design and confirm the next steps.
- SPRING 2018: Executive Board to review detailed design.
- SUMMER 2018: Public consultation on detailed design.
- AUTUMN 2018: Executive Board to review final design and consultation feedback.
- AUTUMN 2019: Construction starts.
- AUTUMN 2021: Construction finishes.

Further information on the Milton Road scheme is available on our website: https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/milton-road/