

Job Title	Transport Strategy Manager
Team	Strategic Transport
Reporting To	Head of Strategic Transport

About your role

The Transport Strategy Manager will take the lead in for the development of innovative, technological developments and new ways of travelling to create a better and fairer transport system that meets our changing travel and transport needs as we transition to Net Carbon Zero. Applying current best practice and developing next practice opportunities occurring across the country and internationally.

In the role you will collaborate with colleagues and four constituent local authority partners, and other stakeholders to ensure that the MCA's Transport Strategy and supporting plans are at the forefront of our growth ambition. The role will horizon scan for future transport methods and models of delivering an integrated, active, fairer and sustainable transport system for the people, places, and business of South Yorkshire.

Why is your role important or how does it add value?

- Policy leadership and expert advice is at the heart of this role and underpins the advice provided is vital to support the Mayor, Council Leaders and across senior management.
- By taking the lead in creating a new Transport Strategy and associated policies and programmes across decarbonising transport, securing modal shift from private car, supporting sustainable economic growth.
- You will work with and be active across national institutions, research networks, universities and thought leaders in the sphere of transport to deliver transport solutions for individual modes and system-wide challenges.
- You will work in a collegiate and collaborative way with colleagues and partners to influence change inside the MCA and with colleague professionals in our Local Authorities.

What are the tasks or work areas you are responsible for?

- Research and out forward recommendations for future transport systems and models that could present solutions to the region's transport challenges.
- Develop recommendations, advise and prepare appropriate reports, papers and briefings on all future transport matters for elected representatives, MCA Boards, other bodies and senior managers, which affect, or present opportunities to, the region.
- Lead the process of creating the MCA's Transport Strategy, working closely with stakeholders to secure and shape their input and reporting progress to the Head of Strategic Transport.
- Provide expertise to the organisation on future transport trends & technologies, to shape our policies and programmes across the MCA, partner organisations and communities.

- Represent the MCA on future transport issues to influence opportunities, strategies, policies, funding and codes of practice in ways that best serve South Yorkshire, including speaking at conferences and supporting national sector work with other Transport Authorities.
- Work closely with other internal teams (e.g., finance, communications) to ensure information is accurate, timely and available to inform decisions on strategy development.
- Responsible for the active and accurate management of all delegated budgets ensuring that the appropriate systems, processes and financial procedures are utilised and complied with, to ensure that expenditure is within spending limits and timeframes, or remedial action is taken.
- Develop and maintain effective relationships with key stakeholders, including local authorities, central government, other MCAs and anchor partners to influence thought leadership and ensure the MCA is always up to date with the latest thinking.
- Provide expert guidance on future national and local transport projects and initiatives at every opportunity and to keep abreast of information technology to assist in the delivery of the service.
- Through active involvement with professional and sector bodies, ensure you are up to date, and leading change in transport development, legislation, national and regional policy, and best practice relating to transport and sustainability.
- Undertake any other duties commensurate with the role as requested by management.

About You

What kind of **behaviours** are important?

Ambition	Does not give in easily, prepared to stick at things to get something finished - persistent
	A consistent and persistent focus on what matters most for delivery
Innovative	Urgency in identifying problems and finding imaginative ways to solve them – avoiding added bureaucracy or unnecessary work
	Willing to be challenged by colleagues – and to bring constructive challenge and support
Integrity	Organised and structured in how they work, demonstrating good personal time management
	Able to balance conflicting demands on their time, prioritises their workload well
Collaborative	Open minded to the ideas, contribution, or comments from colleagues, does not dismiss what others have to say
	Willingly adapts their style to suit different situations
Flexible	Moves quickly to get things done, invests additional effort if needed to meet a deadline or a goal
	Open minded and receptive to new ideas and suggestions, acknowledges the benefit of change even if they have personal concerns
Impact	Understands the purpose of the organisation, knows the vision and the strategic intention of the organisation
	Sees opportunities to make processes or how they work better, speaks up and shares their ideas

What qualifications or wider knowledge do you need?	Rank	Measure
Educated to degree level in a relevant discipline and evidence of continuing professional development, or experience and evidence of professional development.	E	A
Substantial knowledge of relevant local and national strategies, policies and legislation and experience of consultation in applying these locally and regionally	E	A/I
Substantial knowledge of partnership working and approaches to engaging and collaborating with a range of stakeholders.	E	I
Substantial knowledge of the key principles and practices of horizon scanning and research to inform policy development	E	I
Knowledge of data management and conveying complex data to inform decision making	E	I

What previous experience and knowledge is needed?	Rank	Measure
Proven leadership of future thinking research, with an active interest in the Transport agenda.	E	A/I
Proven track record of working in partnership with a wide range of organisations and individuals, including key stakeholders	E	A/I
Experience of providing advice and guidance to managers at all levels of seniority, external agencies and other forums on a regular basis	E	I
Experience of commissioning works, analysis, projects of work from a range of providers.	E	I
Understanding of highly complex and political environments.	D	I

What skills should you have?	Rank	Measure
Excellent verbal, presentation and written communications skills – in particular the development and articulation of concise clear reasoning and recommendations. Particularly the ability to cut through complexity to give advice.	E	I
Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to influence and facilitate partnerships deals with a variety of internal and external stakeholders, sometimes in areas of tension and conflict with evidence of sound judgement and an ability to anticipate and plan for future developments and options	E	I
Strong organisation and time management skills with the ability to work under pressure, being self-motivated and able to use own initiative under minimal supervision.	E	I
Skilled in producing quality documentation including reports, ensuring they are suitable for particular audiences	E	I
Ability to think creatively and implement solution and outcome focused problem solving, including the ability to initiate and manage change through influence and collaboration	E	I
Ability to work within a dynamic and changing environment and introduce change to established ways of operating.	E	I

Key

E = Essential / D = Desirable

A = Application / I = Interview