

FoBRA Transport Report - August 2026

Movement Strategy

Following the consultation in late 2025 a final version of the Movement Strategy has been adopted. You can find information about the engagement outcomes and access the final version from this webpage: <https://www.banestransport.co.uk/> This is likely to form part of the reference documentation for transport in the forthcoming consultation on the Draft Local Plan.

Temporary disruption to vehicle access to station and bus station

Manvers Street is currently closed to traffic between Henry Street and Dorchester Street. Pedestrian routes remain open on the pavements, but all traffic is currently diverted, including diversions of many bus routes especially to eastern Bath, Bath University, and destinations in Wiltshire. If you use this route to the railway station or bus station areas you should factor this into your plans. If you are just dropping someone off for the train station, you might consider using the layby on the opposite side of the river near the Halfpenny Bridge where you can drop train passengers off with ca. 100m walk across the bridge to the back entrance of the station.

These are major essential maintenance works arising from the degradation of concrete slabs which date from the 1940s. This will be done in sections, which means it is hoped the road can be open during the Christmas market before work on the next section begins.

Corridor Links

These are the major projects aiming to improve access to Bath along two of the principal transport corridors between Bath and neighbouring towns within the WECA area.

(i) *A4 Bath to Bristol consultation (Keynsham section)*: This project covers the entire corridor between Bath and Bristol but only the section around Keynsham is included in the current consultation. Material changes have been made to the proposals for this section in light of feedback from the last consultation phase. If you wish to consider/comment on the revised Keynsham proposals you can find the WECA consultation pages here:

Link: <https://haveyoursaywest.co.uk/keynsham/>

Consultation Ends: **22 September 2026**

(ii) *Somer Valley Links*: This project was originally led by WECA but is now led by B&NES. Some of the measures within Bath are currently being implemented at Bear Flat including improved crossing and bus stop facilities, with the currently open consultation only relating to Midsomer Norton, Peasedown and Farrington Gurney.

University of Bath Development

The construction of the Consented new on-campus student accommodation has commenced. This is a major project that will generate significant amounts of traffic on local roads. The Construction Management Plan including designated large vehicle access routes (which site traffic should be complying with) can be seen on the Planning Portal at https://app.bathnes.gov.uk/webforms/planning/details.html?refval=25%2F03757%2FEFUL#documents_Section

Other regular transport information

The following may be useful for location of relevant information on ongoing local transport-related matters:

- For a schedule of planned surfacing works see <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/find-planned-street-works> or for fuller information about works likely to disrupt traffic there is an area-wide interactive map available at <https://one.network/uk/bathnes>
- Minor highways-related matters requiring work (broken pavement stones/kerbs, dangerous road surface, damaged/obstructed road signage, blocked drains, overhanging vegetation obstructing road or signs etc) can be reported most easily – and are then usually addressed more quickly – using Fix My Street <https://fix.bathnes.gov.uk/>
- Traffic Regulation Orders: There is a fairly constant stream of these, generally notified by on-site notices, for anything from speed limit changes to significant changes of parking or road layout. as well as temporary Orders for road closures for eg parades or RA street parties. You can locate TROs relevant to your RA area by selecting from the long list by location or type. <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/traffic-regulation-orders>
- A reminder that Liveable Neighbourhoods schemes have individual timelines and if there is any scheme that may be relevant to your RA area you can monitor progress on the B&NES “Your Liveable Neighbourhoods” webpage: <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/your-liveable-neighbourhoods>

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