

Local Highway Authority Funding – Transport Capital Programme 2023/24

In April 2022, the Secretary of State for Transport confirmed that Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) was to receive the full allocation of £310m of City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) funding to invest in local transport networks.

CRSTS consolidates funding from previous allocations of the Highways Maintenance Block, Potholes Fund and Integrated Transport Block, to ensure that Local Highways Authorities can carry out their responsibilities under section 41 of the Highways Act 1980 to maintain the highways network.

TVCA has allocated £3,067,984 to Darlington Borough Council in 2023/24, as part of a long-term settlement until March 2027.

The annual allocation is based on the following breakdown, received in 2021/22 (although there isn't a requirement to maintain the same spending profile):

Pothole Funding	Integrated Transport Block	Highways Maintenance Formula and Incentive	TOTAL
£969,246	£892,986	£1,205,752	£3,067,984

1. Highways Maintenance – funding to maintain the highway network including structures and street lighting.

CRSTS Allocation	£
Highway Maintenance & Pothole Funding	2,000,998
Fees	174,000
Total	2,174,998

The following maintenance schemes have been identified as the current priority based on the condition data surveys. This is a rolling programme and subject to tender returns:

A Roads	A68	West Auckland Road Phase 2 (Woodland Rd to A1m)
	A67	Merrybent (Phase 3)
	Various	Retexturing
B Roads	B6280	Coniscliffe Rd (Phase2)
C Roads	C39	Walworth Road, Heighington
	C38a	Neasham Road (Phase 2)
	C34a	Lime Lane / Lodge Lane (Phase 1) -Recycling
Unclassified Roads	Unc	Firth Moor Estate (Phase 9) Burnside Road
	Unc	Barnes Road Ph 2
	Unc	Summerhouse Back Lane / Blind Lane
	Unc	Back Lane (TBC)
Footways		Shearwater Avenue
		Avon Road Estate, Hurworth Place (Phase 1)

In addition the micro asphalt and patching programmes will include roads across the borough. This continues the investment in unclassified roads, which are predominantly residential streets. Bridges and structures will also be maintained.

2. Integrated Transport Block - funding to Manage and Improve the highway network

Manage/ Improve	Scheme	2023/24 (£k)	Notes
Network management			
Manage	Traffic monitoring	20	
	Traffic counter replacement programme	10	
	TVCA Digital Strategy	120	Strengthening local delivery of the Tees Valley Digital Strategy programme (traffic signal upgrades to support UTMC)
Active and sustainable transport			
Improve	Improvements to bus passenger and cycling facilities	80 – bus 20 - cycling	Includes raised kerbs, bus shelters (non-advertising priority corridors) and town centre cycle parking
	Dropped kerbs	50	Improves access for all
	Public Rights of Way	15 25	Improves access for all POW – S&DR
	Walking and cycling routes	80	Building upon existing funding to progress schemes, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albert Road/Redmire Close (delivery) • School Aycliffe Lane (feasibility) • S&DR (feasibility)
	Car Club	60	Town Centre Car Club feasibility study
Speed Management and Road Safety programme			
Manage	School speed management and safety schemes	250	Feasibility of Hurworth Comprehensive & Longfield School, including smaller schemes also.
	Area wide 20mph zones	30	Consolidation of 20mph zones
Subtotal			
		760	
		133	
		893	