Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership Transport Strategy

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Transport and the LEPs - the National Agenda

- **DfT Priorities:**
  - Supporting investment & growth
  - Decarbonisation
  - Passenger experience - customer care & smart networks
  - Decentralisation
  - Rail reform - McNulty Review & local accountability
  - Highways Agency - taking forward Cook Review
  - Airports
- **Supporting investment and growth needs 'joined up government' - DfT; BIS; CLG & Treasury**
- **Looking to the LEPs to drive the 'joining up' process at local level**

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Background to LEPs

- Government invited business and LA leaders to form local partnerships in June 2010 with a key mandate to set the strategy to drive economic growth
- Brought together public and private sector partners with a business leader as chair
- First wave of LEPs given go ahead in October 2010
- Now 38 LEPs across the UK, including 6 within the West Midlands

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- Birmingham
- Bromsgrove
- Cannock Chase
- East Staffs
- Lichfield
- Redditch
- Tamworth
- Solihull
- Wyre Forest

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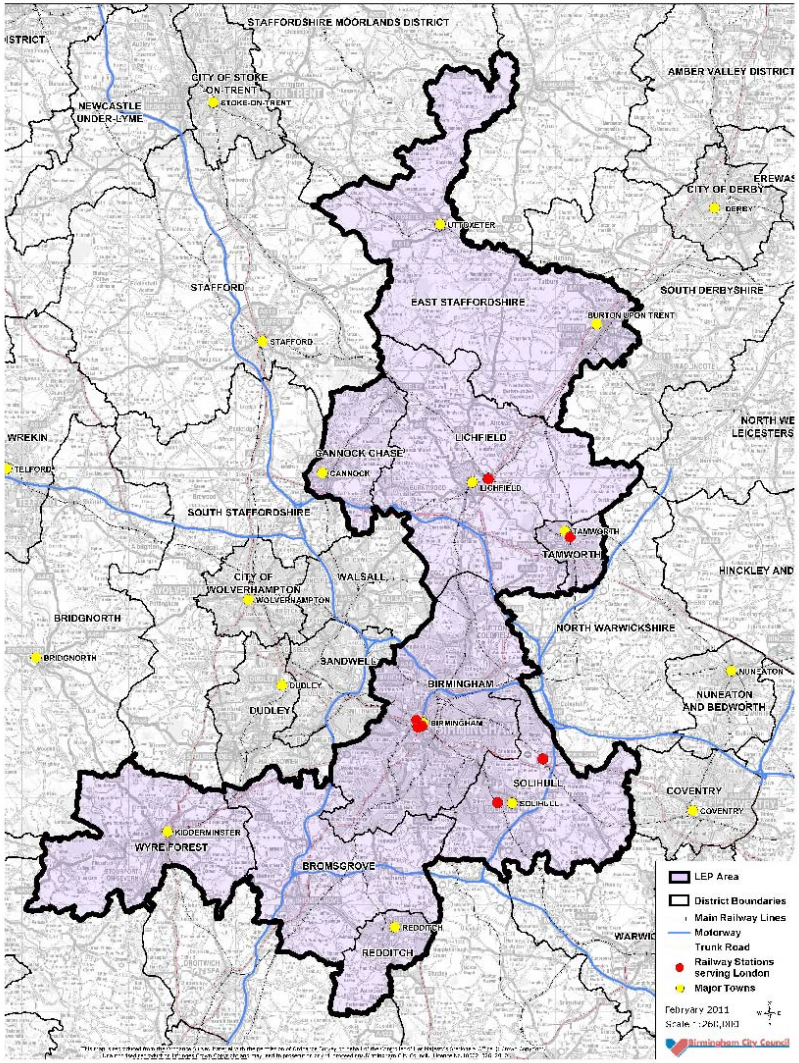

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Key Statistics

- **Population: 1.7m - 1.9m**
- **Economic Output: £34.5bn GVA**
  - **38% of all goods and services produced in the West Midlands region (as was!)**
  - **£18,500 per head – close to UK average of £19,300**
  - **£36,300 per worker – UK average £37,000**
- **Total Jobs in LEP area: 950,000**
  - **Considerable employment in (OECD) Knowledge Intensive Industries – 180,000 jobs**

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Aims

- **Key aims of the LEP:**
  - **Increase GVA by more than £8bn by 2020**
  - **Create 100,000 private sector jobs by 2020**
  - **Boost indigenous and inward investment**
  - **Achieve global leadership in key sectors**
  - **Build a world class workforce**

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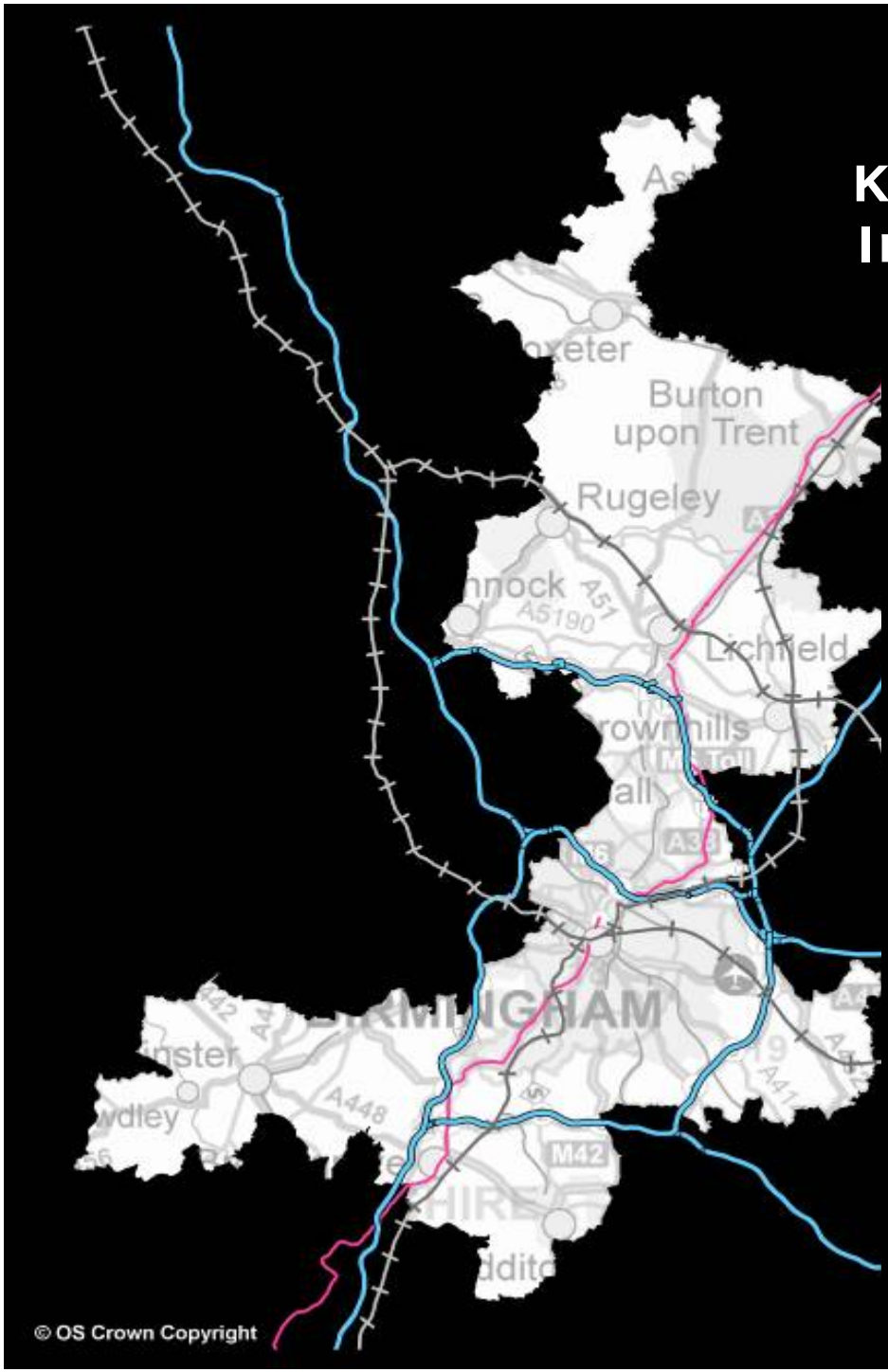
Strategy for Growth

Business	Place	People
Business led	**Local Authority led**	**Employment and Skills Board**
▪ Business support ▪ Access to finance ▪ Inward investment ▪ Reducing regulation ▪ Social Enterprise	▪ Birmingham – a global city of choice ▪ Solihull – economic growth driver ▪ Region – complementary strengths	▪ Linking education and business ▪ Higher level skills ▪ Low skills and economic inactivity ▪ Young people ▪ Apprenticeships

Key Transport Infrastructure



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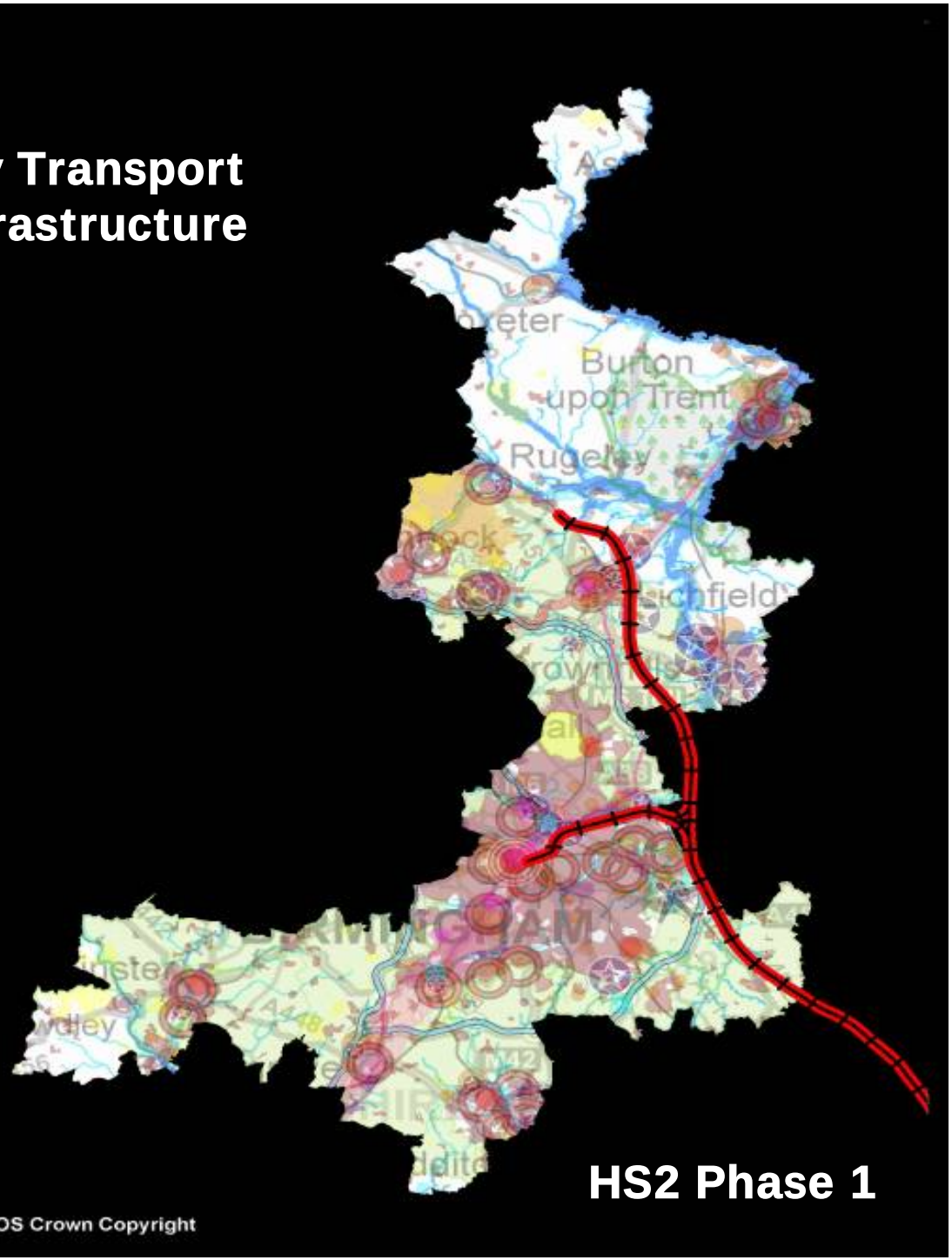

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HS2 Phase 1

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Key Transport Priorities

- Realising the local economic benefits of HS2
- Supporting national and international connectivity through Birmingham Airport and the rail network
- Access to ports for freight
- Motorway junction capacity
- Enterprise Zone and Birmingham City Centre access
- Ease of getting in to Birmingham / Commuter travel
- Transport infrastructure unlocking development sites
- Tourism / leisure offer – public realm works

Engaging for Delivery: GBSLEP Strategic Transport Group

LEP Board Transport Lead

- Elected Members
  - Birmingham
  - Solihull
  - Staffordshire Districts Rep
  - Worcestershire Districts Rep
- Centro
- Chamber of Commerce
- Highways Agency
- Network Rail
- Birmingham Airport
- Bus Operator
- Rail Operator
- Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors

Transport Officer Group as support

Wider Engagement

- Cross-LEP Transport Group
- Regional and National Dialogue with DfT
- Seeking joint working agreements with Network Rail and Highways Agency
- City Deal
  - Two way negotiation with Government of bespoke deal to give the LEP the tools it needs to exploit economic assets and address challenges

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Delivery to Date on Transport

Regional Growth Fund (RGF) Round 1 **A45 improvements to accommodate Birmingham Airport runway extension**	**£15.7m**
RGF Round 2 **Longbridge – Conditional Offer**	**£16.0m**
RGF Round 2 – Advanced Engineering Supply Chain Fund, cross-LEP bid **(*an additional £100m for the national scheme)**	**£25m***
Growing Places – locally relevant schemes which unlock growth **(of which £2m proposed to date for East Aston RIS)**	**£15.2m**

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Next Steps

- Continue dialogue with Central Government departments
- Work with HS2 Ltd to mobilise delivery plans
- Work with local partners to develop and align agendas
- Identify further quick wins to stimulate economic development