Cardiff Capital Region

Regional Transport Plan Consultation

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Help shape the future of transport in our region

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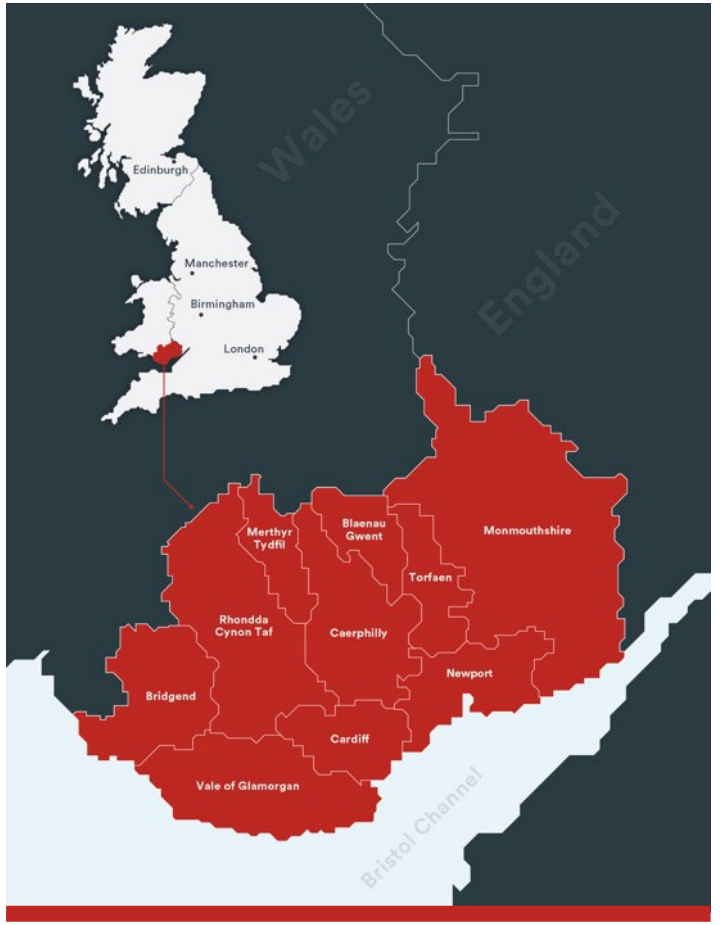
- CCR is developing an RTP ('Transport for CCR') for 2025-30 to address current and future, local and regional transport issues
- Transport dictates how residents access education, work, healthcare and more.
- Transport for CCR aims to drive growth, address social and equality issues and enhance resilience/adapt to climate change

Alignment of Transport, Planning & Economic Well-being

- Aligning the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) and Regional Transport Plans (RTPs) is crucial for shaping a **sustainable and prosperous future** for the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR).
- By ensuring these strategies work in tandem, the region can foster **economic growth, reduce carbon emissions, and provide equitable access to transport**.
- The integration of active travel, public transport, and decarbonisation across both plans will create a **resilient, efficient, and sustainable network** that supports long-term regional goals.
- Likewise, we must recognise the need to drive public and private sector investment through ensuring that the (emerging) plans are **coherent, consistent** and **coordinated.**
- **Strategic Reinforcement:** Even with differing timelines, SDP and RTP policies must complement one another.
- The SDP should ensure that future development aligns with the **RTP's focus on public transport and active travel**.



RTP: Overview

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Understanding Our Region's Needs

- CCR is diverse: includes major cities, rural/coastal communities, former industrial heartlands and more.
- Key challenges:
    - Disparities between coastal communities and inland areas.
    - Limited transport access in rural and valley areas.
    - Peak-time congestion on major routes.
- Transport improvements will support:
    - Better economic opportunities.
    - Sustainable development.
    - Healthier communities.

Our Vision: Transport in CCR

To provide an efficient, affordable and low carbon transport network that enhances quality of life for our people and creates the conditions for shared prosperity across the Cardiff Capital Region.

The aspiration is for CCR to be a carbon neutral region where walking, cycling and wheeling are the preferred choice for shorter journeys, and the vast majority of vehicles on the road are decarbonised and no longer powered by fossil fuels.

People will have the opportunity to move around the Region using affordable, high quality and frequent public transport to access their jobs, key amenities, services, and leisure activities.

Key Objectives

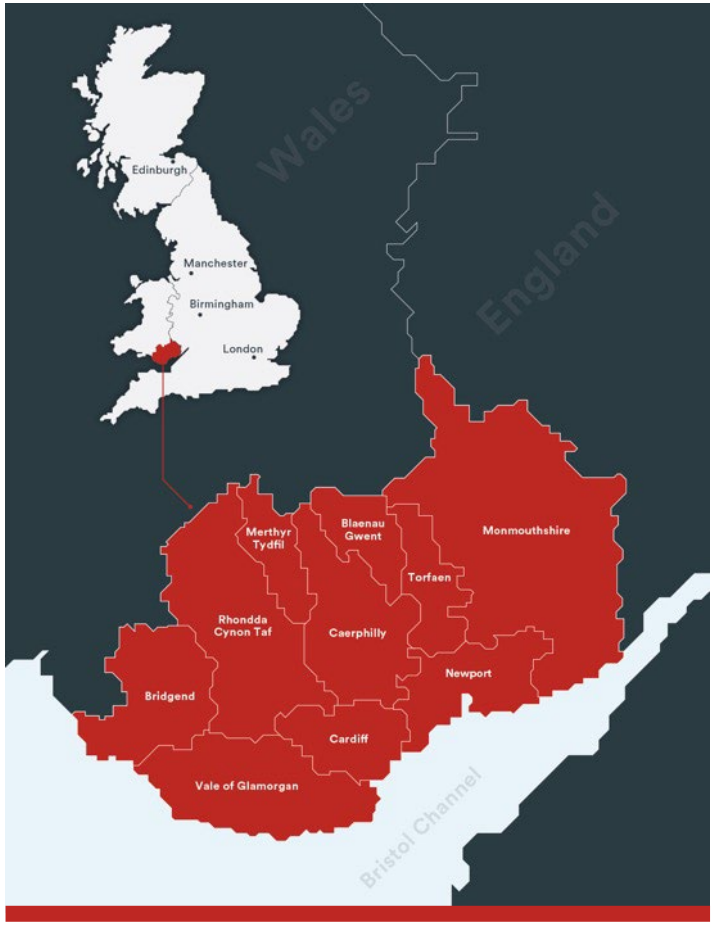
- Supports job creation, economic growth, and environmental sustainability.
- Aims to establish an efficient, affordable, low-carbon transport network.
- Improve accessibility for all communities
- Encourages walking, cycling, and wheeling for shorter journeys.

- Strategic goals:
  - **Competitive** – Boosting the economy and jobs.
  - **Connected** – Linking communities and key transport hubs.
  - **Resilient** – Preparing for a net-zero future.

Policies

In accordance with the Welsh Government's RTP Guidance, **policies have been developed** to support the delivery of our RTP vision and objectives.

- **Active Travel & Road Safety**
  Encouraging cycling/walking and safer roads.
- **Reliable & Affordable Public Transport**
  Expanding rail, bus, and Park & Ride.
- **Meeting Net Zero Targets**
  Investing in electric vehicle infrastructure.
- **Maximising Digital & Transport Infrastructure**
  Connecting ports, airports, and businesses.
- **Reducing Congestion**
  Road network improvements and mobility solutions.



Integrated Well-Being Appraisal (IWBA)

- An **Integrated Well-being Appraisal (IWBA) has been undertaken to support the RTP**; the purpose of the IWBA is to assess and understand the potential impacts of the plan on well-being within the region.
- It involves a c**omprehensive assessment using quantitative and qualitative information**.
- The IWBA asks **four key questions**, which enables an assessment of how the ambitions and targets of the Wales Transport Strategy (WTS) have been addressed in the RTP.
- It sets out how the RTP has considered **social, environmental, economic and cultural well-being**, and how the plan will contribute to other outcomes, such as net zero ambitions, equalities, and impacts on the Welsh language.

Regional Transport Delivery Plan

- **Overview of the schemes and behaviours in plan period**, along with development of longer aspirations linked to wider economic and well-being aspirations.
- Prioritised delivery programme for the duration of Plan (five years). **Schemes have been submitted from all local authorities**, allied to strategic sites.
- The RTP features Rail and Strategic Road Network but the Plan itself focuses on the **schemes to be delivered by Local Authorities**.
- The Consultation focuses only on **strategic schemes** that are larger in scale and the full RTDP is being developed in conjunction with LA Transport Officers for summer 2025.
- **Funding opportunities and wider funding strategy** over and above public sector funding is also outlined, including options for leveraging inward investment opportunities, alternative financing, and pension funds.
- The full RTDP will be developed through **ongoing prioritisation work** with TfW, WG and, vitally, Regional Transport officers.

Approach to consultation and engagement

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Statement of Engagement

- The RTP **aims to transform the region's transport infrastructure** to support sustainable growth, improve connectivity, and enhance the quality of life for all communities.
- To achieve this, the RTP must be developed through **meaningful collaboration** with local authorities, community representatives, businesses, and residents, including traditionally hard-to-reach groups.
- A combination of **traditional, digital, and in-person engagement activities** has been deployed to ensure a comprehensive consultation process that reflects the needs and aspirations of the region's communities.
- A **Consultation Report** will be prepared at the required stage of RTP development, detailing engagement activities, key issues and opportunities raised through consultation, and how feedback has been incorporated into the RTP. All engagement activities comply with Welsh language requirements.

Engagement Objectives

- **Active Participation**: Enable all stakeholders, including marginalised, vulnerable and underrepresented groups, to contribute their insights and experiences.

- **Collaboration**: Foster partnerships with public and private sector organisations, ensuring shared ownership and a unified approach to the RTP.

- **Awareness and Education:** Increase understanding of sustainable transport options and promote behavioural changes that support long-term environmental, health and wellbeing goals.

- **Diverse Representation**: Capture a broad spectrum of views, reflecting the region's demographic, geographic, and socio-economic diversity.

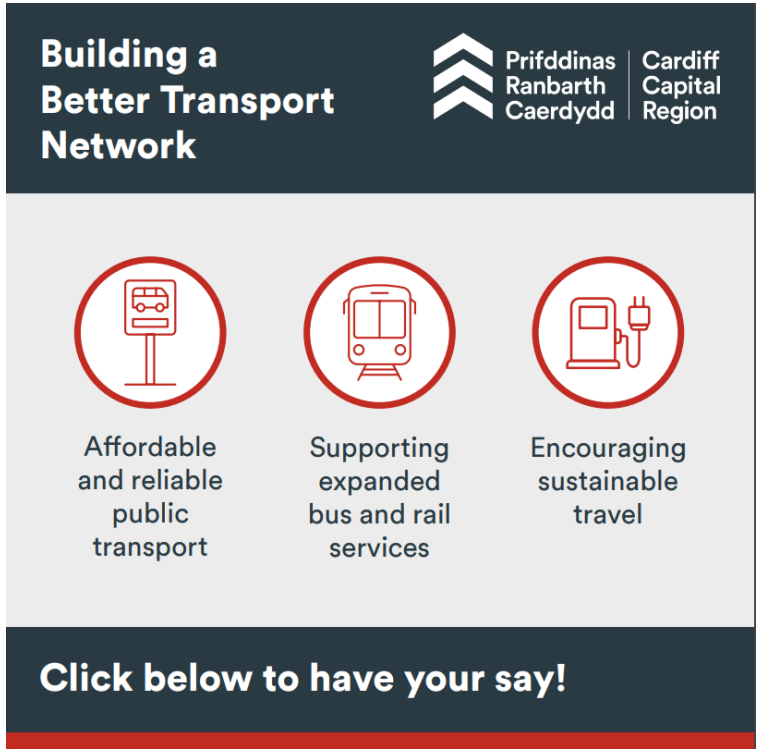
Key Stakeholders

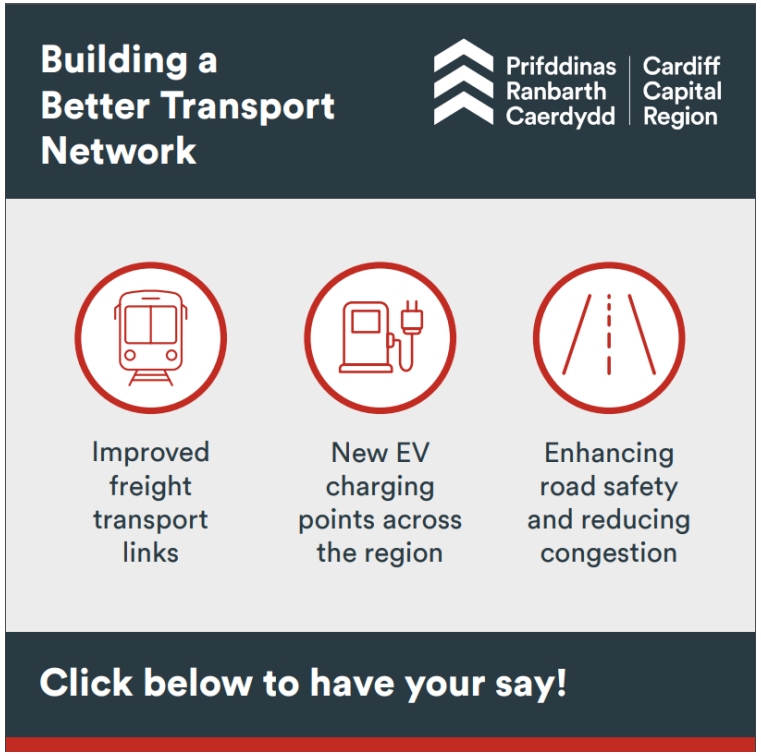
- Local residents and community groups
- Regional transport operators
- Businesses and local interest groups / organisations
- Elected representatives
- Local authorities and officers
- Statutory and general consultation bodies
- Media and influencers

Engagement Methods

- 12-week public consultation spanning across each of the 10 authorities
- Pop-up events – high footfall venues, including shopping centres and train stations
- Digital engagement (website, social media and video)
- Stakeholder webinars, meetings and briefings
- Press releases and media adverts
- Feedback surveys

Leaflets & pop-ups





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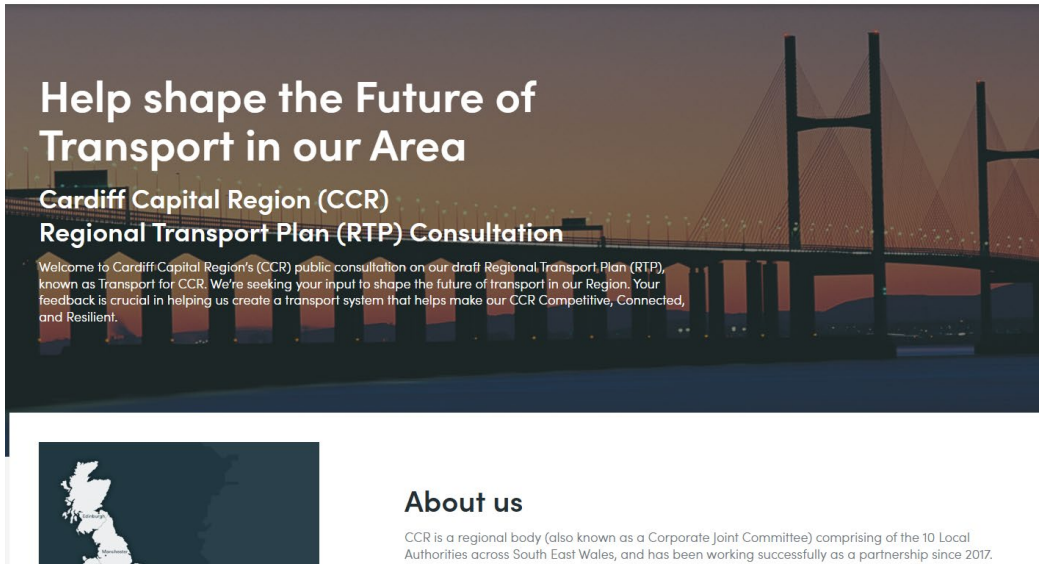
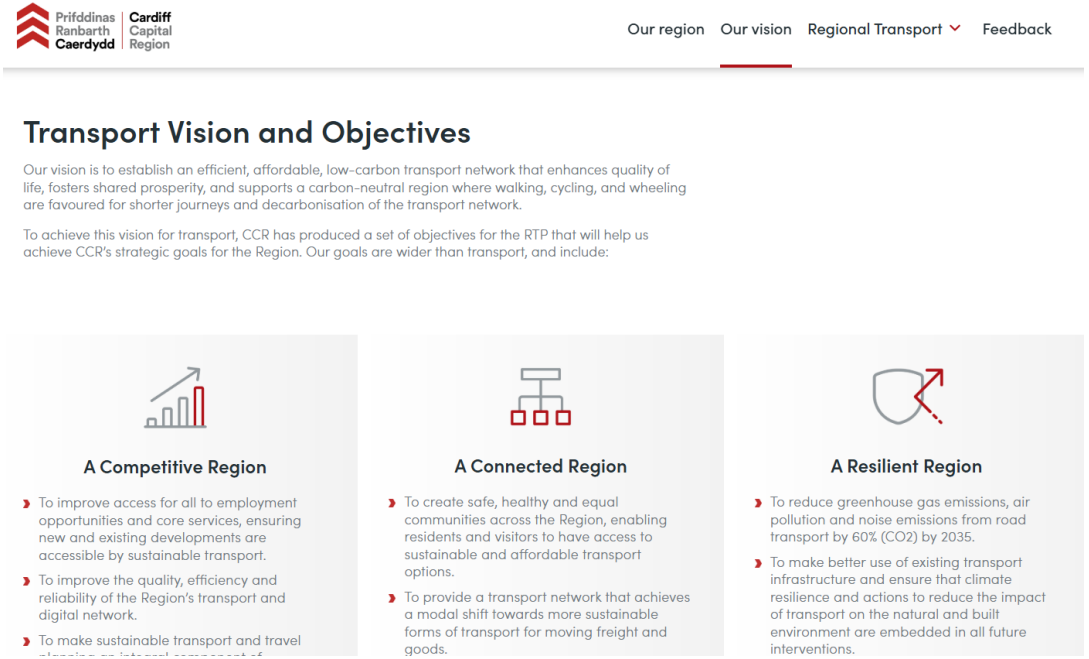
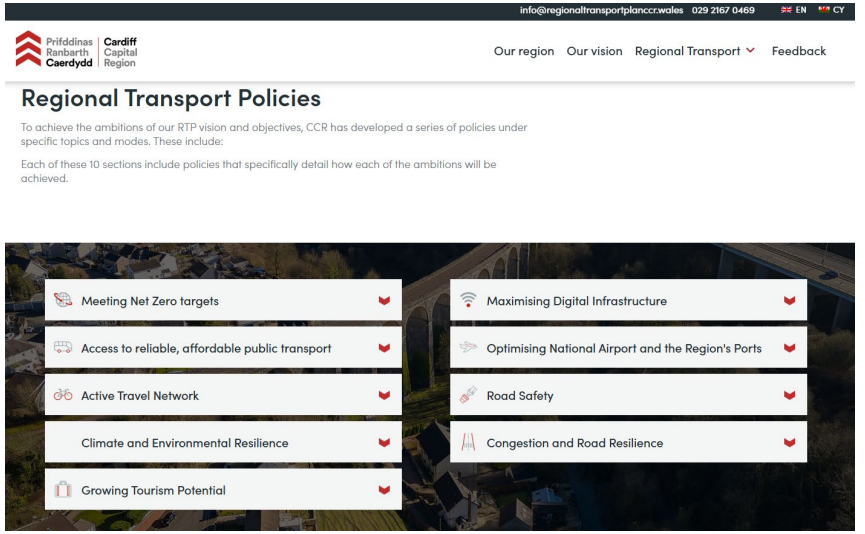




Website:

www.regionaltransportplanccr.wales



Engagement Plan: Soft Launch

Mon, 24/02/2025

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Consultation Period	3/3/25	19/5/25								■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Soft launch																
Project website live	24/2/25	24/2/25	■													
Statutory consultees notified	24/2/25	28/2/25	■	■	■	■	■									
Wider consultation bodies notified	5/3/25	6/3/25										■	■			
Local Authority Elected Members notified	6/3/25	6/3/25											■			
Hard launch																
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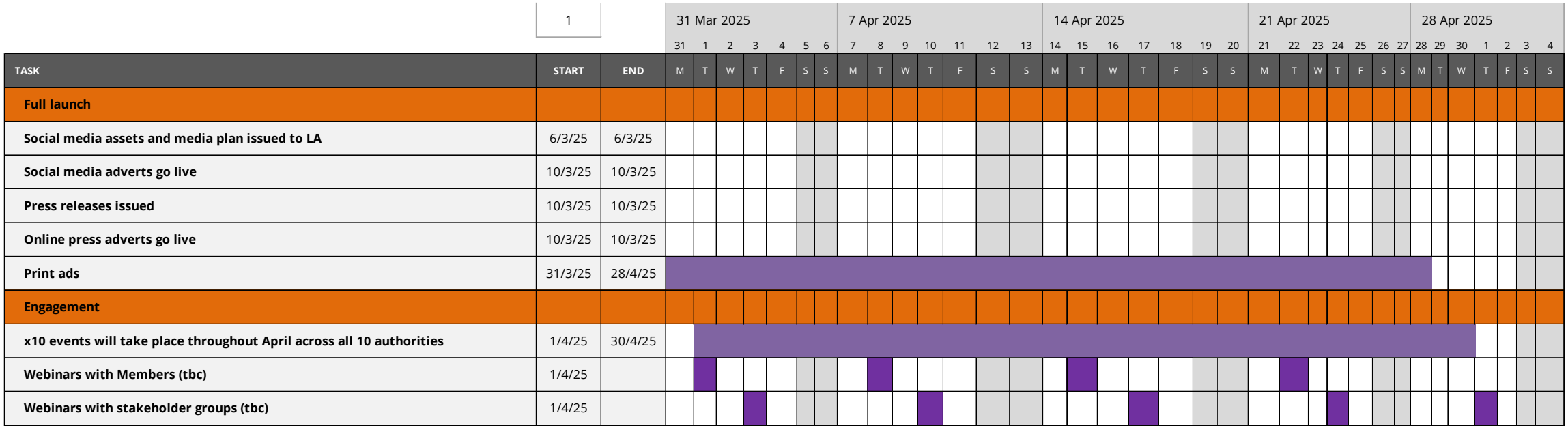
Engagement Plan: Events



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Engagement		
x10 events will take place throughout April across all 10 authorities	1/4/25	30/4/25
Webinars with Members (tbc)	1/4/25	
Webinars with stakeholder groups (tbc)	1/4/25	

Consultation Timeline

- Public consultation and formal engagement activities:
    - 24th February until 19th May 2025
- Review of feedback, Plan refinements and delivering Outcomes Report:
    - May 2025
- Submission of application:
    - End of July 2025
- Anticipated Decision
    - September 2025

Any Questions?

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