

Department for Transport Structural Reform Plan Monthly Implementation Update	April 2012
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(1) Actions due to be completed in April 2012

Section	Action	Status
3.1(iii)	Start providing major transport scheme funding to new schemes announced in Spending Review 2010 (subject to agreeing best and final bids from local authorities)	Complete
3.3(ii)(c)	End the need for government approval of individual local authorities' permit schemes	Not complete

(2) Actions due to be started by end April 2012

Section	Action	Status
1.2(i)	Complete outline engineering design for the London-Birmingham route (due to complete April 2013)	Work ongoing
1.2(ii)	Draft environmental impact assessment (due to complete Sept 2013)	Work ongoing
1.3(ii)	Carry out informal consultation on route options for Manchester and Leeds (due to complete March 2013)	Work ongoing
2.2(iii)	Implement new franchise strategy as existing franchise end dates are reached, including for Greater Anglia, Intercity West Coast, Intercity East Coast, Essex Thameside, Northern and Trans Pennine Express (due to complete May 2015)	Work ongoing
2.3(i)	Deliver, with Transport for London (TfL), infrastructure for Crossrail services (due to complete by end 2018)	Work ongoing
2.3(iii)	Provide funding to TfL, in line with the Spending Review 2010 funding letter to the Mayor, to support infrastructure investment in the London Underground (due to complete Mar 2015)	Work ongoing
2.3(vi)	Deliver, with Network Rail, the improved electrified services in the North West (due to complete by end 2016)	Work ongoing
2.3(vii)	Deliver, with Network Rail, rolling stock and infrastructure for Thameslink services (due to complete by end 2018)	Work ongoing
2.3(viii)	Deliver, with Network Rail, rolling stock and infrastructure for the Intercity Express Programme on the Great Western Mainline (due to complete by end 2017)	Work ongoing
2.3(ix)	Deliver the Intercity Express Programme on the East Coast Mainline (due to complete by end 2018)	Work ongoing
3.2(iv)(b)	Wholly fund TfL project to deliver new smart readers compatible with the national ITSO specification across the London Oyster estate (due to complete June 2013)	Work ongoing
3.2(iv)(c)	Continue to specify smart ticketing requirements, compliant with the national specification, as rail franchises are renewed so that at least five rail franchises have introduced smart ticketing schemes (due to complete May 2015)	Work ongoing
3.3(ii)(c)	End need for government approval of individual local authorities' permit schemes (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
3.5	In line with the Red Tape Challenge, bring forward proposals to reduce and reform the stock of statutory instruments and regulations for which the Department has overall responsibility (due to complete Dec 2012)	Work ongoing

4.1(ii)(b)	Release second round funding to successful bidders (due to complete Mar 2013)	Work ongoing
4.2(iv)	Set out and implement measures to reduce the congestion caused by incidents (due to complete Dec 2012)	Work ongoing
4.3(ii)	Consult and communicate with road users on the introduction of the scheme (due to complete Dec 2013)	Work ongoing
4.3(iv)	Undertake formal procurement for scheme elements and commence operation (due to complete Apr 2014)	Work on hold ¹
4.7(ii)	Play an active role in the European Commission's review of long-term targets in new car and van CO2 regulations (due to complete Jan 2013)	Work ongoing
5.1(v)	Consult on sustainable aviation framework for UK (due to complete July 2012)	Consultation not started
5.2(ii)	Introduce new economic regulatory regime for aviation (due to complete Dec 2013)	Work ongoing
5.2(iii)	Review the financial protection regime for passengers (ATOL), and implement revised scheme (including legislation if necessary) (due to complete Apr 2013)	Work ongoing

¹ Although work has been commenced in this area, it is now on hold as HGV charging legislation has yet to be allocated a slot in a Parliamentary session.

(3) Explanation of missed deadlines

In April 2012, DfT missed the following deadlines.

Deadline missed	Reason
3.3(ii)(c) End the need for government approval of individual local authorities' permit schemes	The reforms have been delayed by the need to fully consider the interaction between the approach on permitting schemes and that taken to lane rental. Consultation began later than originally expected, and was launched in January and closed on 25 April. Officials are now in the process of analysing the responses and are aiming to set out the way forward later this year.

The status of missed deadlines from previous reports is:

Deadline missed	Status	Reason
1.3i Respond to HS2 Ltd's proposals on design options for Manchester and Leeds routes	Still not complete	A Written Ministerial Statement was laid on 27 March signalling that HS2 Ltd's advice on route options for the second phase of HS2 would be submitted to Ministers by the end of March and setting out next steps. This showed that, in order to be able to give full consideration to HS2 Ltd's analysis, DfT is now planning to publish its initial preferred route and station options alongside HS2 Ltd's advice in Autumn 2012.
4.1iii Push for early EU adoption of electric vehicle infrastructure standards	Still not complete	There has been limited progress to date from the European Commission on electric vehicle infrastructure standards. In this context, and in light of internal staff resource pressures, officials have focused in recent months on delivering the £30m infrastructure programme and £300m consumer incentive. To address the infrastructure standards work in more detail, additional staff resources are now being allocated to it.
5.1v Consult on sustainable aviation framework for UK	Still not started	Since publishing our Business Plan we have been working on a separate call for evidence on the options for maintaining the UK's status as an international hub for aviation. This document, alongside our overarching aviation framework, will help define the future of UK aviation for decades to come and it is crucial that we get this right. We remain committed to having a final policy in place by spring 2013, but we have taken the decision to wait until both documents are ready and intend to publish them in the summer.
4.7(iii) Complete transposition of Renewable Energy and Fuel Quality Directives to include mandatory sustainability standards, and enhanced incentives for waste-derived feedstocks such as used cooking oil (end Dec 2011)	Still not complete	Many of the requirements of the Fuel Quality Directive will be delivered by the closely-related Renewable Energy Directive, which was fully implemented on 15 December 2011 and transposed in March 2012. Owing to resource constraints, the Department prioritised implementation of the Renewable Energy Directive to ensure that only sustainable biofuels are awarded

		in the UK. The Fuel Quality Directive will be transposed fully as soon as is practicable in 2012.
4.5(iv) Work with the Home Office to authorise the use of drug screening technology in police stations (end Nov 2011)	Still not complete	Authorisation depends on type approval of individual devices by the Home Secretary. This is given only following operational and laboratory tests of the devices against the type approval specification. Operational tests have been completed. New arrangements are required for the laboratory tests and the Home Office is putting these into place as quickly as technically possible.

(4) External Delays

The status of missed deadlines from previous reports is:

Delayed actions	Status	Reason
2.3(v) Complete the commercial arrangements for the delivery of the Intercity Express Programme.	Still not complete	Delays to securing planning permission and the need to conclude commercial discussions with the Agility Trains consortium and their banks has resulted in a delay to commercial close. It is now expected to be completed by the summer.