



**LIVERPOOL  
CITY REGION**

# **Transport Update**

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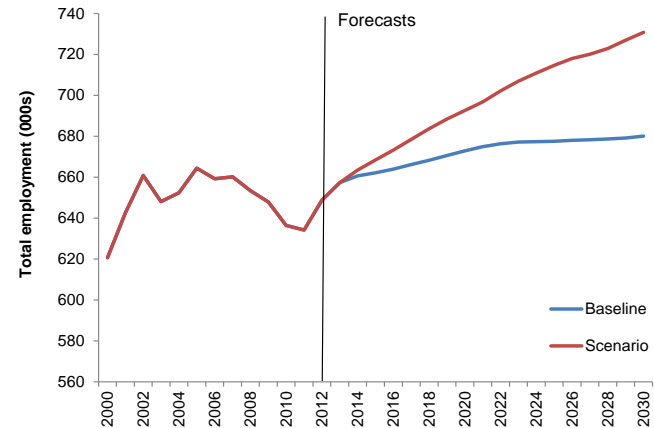
# Importance of Rail to Liverpool City Region

Economic changes have seen a concentration of high value, high GVA employment in the regional centre

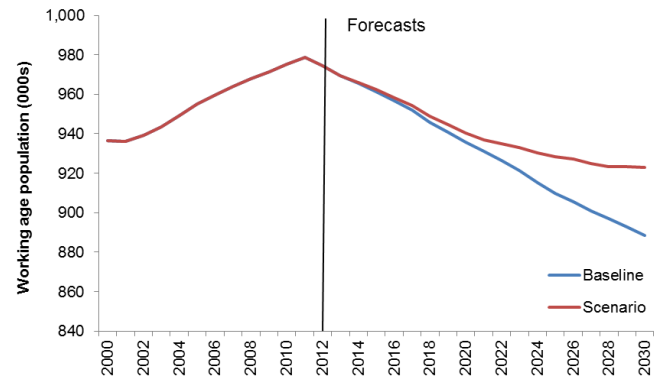
This will be accelerated as a result of committed schemes and policy developments

LCR will be increasingly dependent on inward commuting from outside of City Region

Total employment (000s)

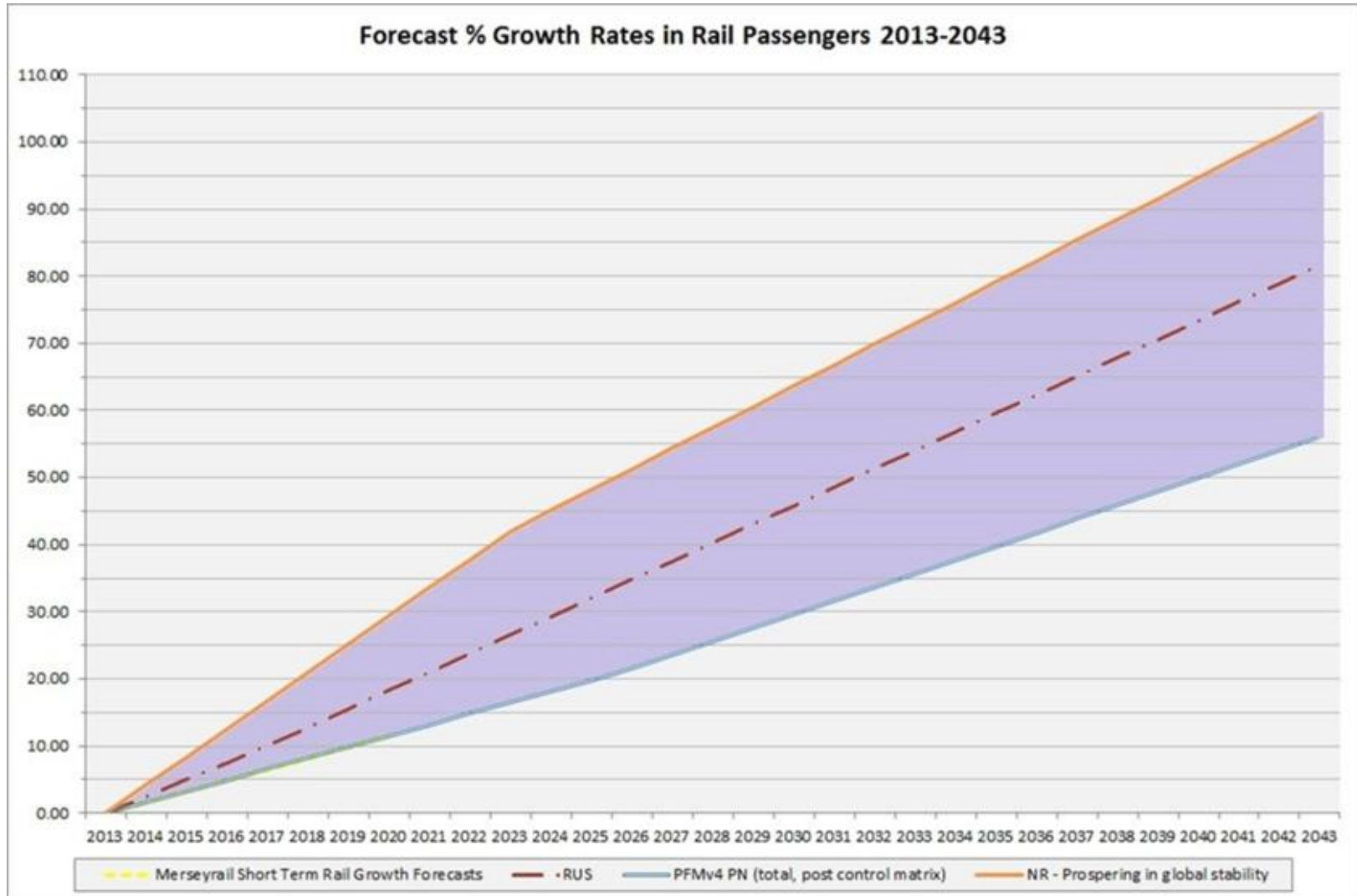


Working age population (000s)





# Forecast Growth in Demand





# Long Term Rail Strategy

Strategy developed to provide a clear vision for the rail network and its development.

Designed to ensure that the rail network meets the needs of the LCR over the next 30 years.

Supports the on-going regeneration of the LCR and maximises its potential contribution to the wider UK economy, acting as a catalyst for significant development and growth for the second half of the century.

# Sefton Schemes

## Maghull North Station

£6.2m secured as part of Growth Deal to provide new, fully accessible station with ticket office as well as 200 space car park, bus stops and cycle parking. Service to be typically every 15 minutes in each direction to Liverpool and Ormskirk.

## On the Ormskirk – Preston line

Electrification of the line, reinstatement of Burscough curves and creation of an interchange station at Burscough Bridge allowing connections between Ormskirk-Liverpool services and Southport-Wigan services.

Proposal to Upgrade Bootle Branchline to accommodate passenger services, providing new services between Edge Hill and Bootle

# Phasing and Priorities

Sub-Package	Priority	CP5: 2014-2019					CP6: 2019-2024					CP7: 2024-2029					CP8: 2029-2034				
National Connections	-																				
Merseyrail Enabling	1																				
Liverpool City Centre Capacity	2																				
City Line	3																				
Cheshire Lines Committee	4																				
Halton Curve	5																				
Chester and Ellesmere Port	6																				
Ormskirk - Preston	7																				
Kirkby - Wigan	8																				
Borderlands Line	9																				
Conversion of Freight Lines	10																				
Selected New Stations	-																				

# High Speed Rail

- Current Government policy sees the LCR connected to the High Speed network via a connection from the classic rail network
- This places the region at a competitive disadvantage to other comparable city-regions
- Makes it more difficult for freight to access the Port
- Decision is based on underestimation of the city-regions population and its economy



# HS2 Economic Benefits Study - results

Study examined economic impact of high speed rail serving the Liverpool City Region under number of scenarios

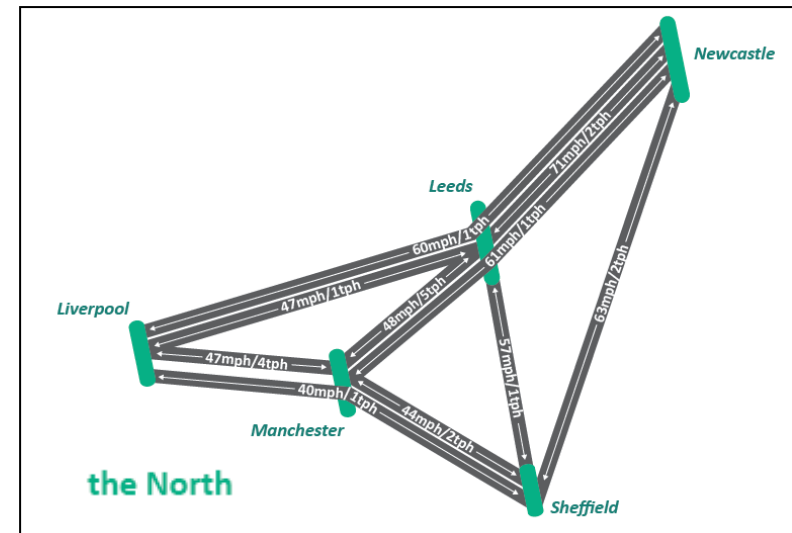
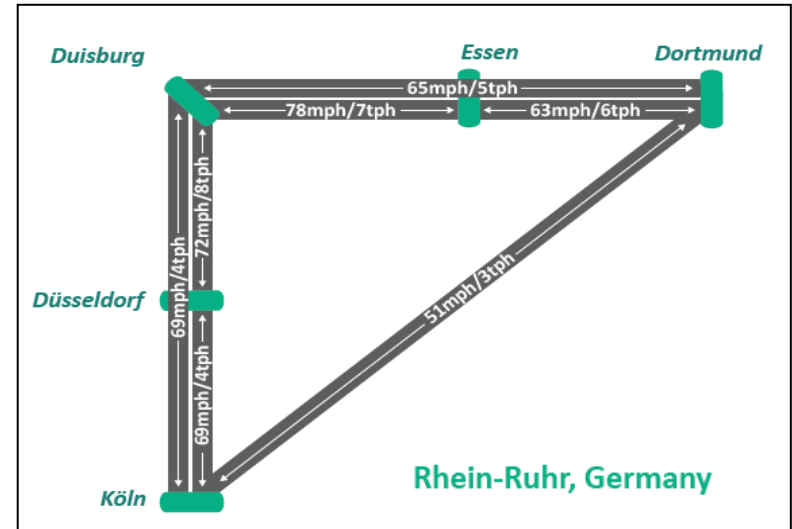
- Benefits very positive – in region of an additional £550m GVA per annum increasing to £8.3bn on a 60 year NPV basis.
- Additional benefits of a direct connection for freight of up to £40m per annum and £630m on a 60 year NPV basis
- An increase in employment of 14,000 jobs with the potential of a total of 26, 000



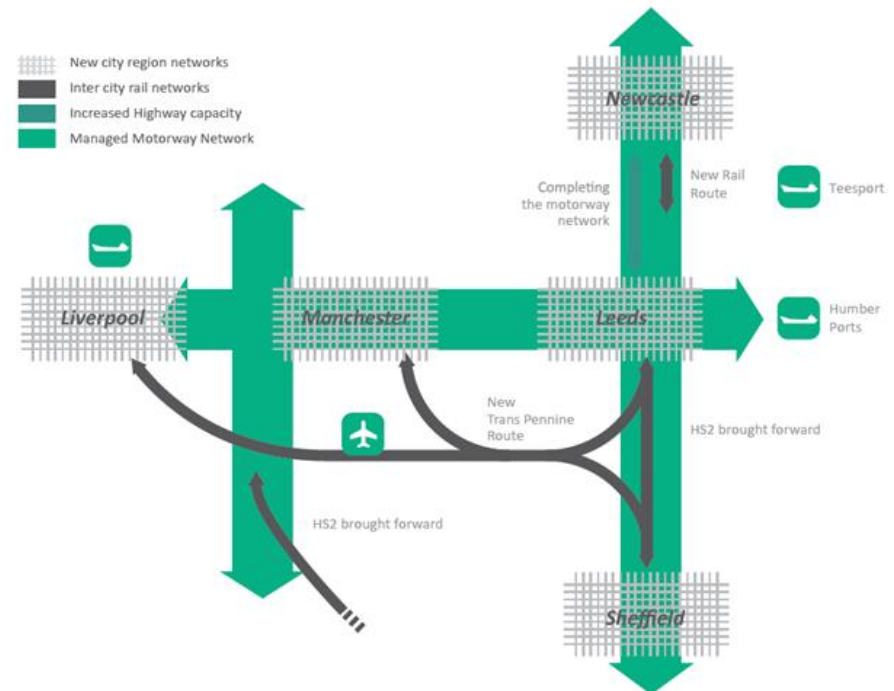
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- Uplift in City Centre residential values estimated to be in excess of £180m
- An increase of 20,000 new residents requiring 10,000 homes to be constructed
- Business rates uplift estimated in the order of £30m per annum

- UK economy is unbalanced, with London generating 25% of national GVA
- Cities of the North are small by international comparison
- Their connectivity is also poor – which has an economic impact
- the 5 City Regions have developed the One North proposition which is about creating a single, deep labour market across the city-regions for the knowledge-intensive industries.
- Uses transport connectivity to pull northern city-regions closer together, providing a counterbalance to the South East



- A new, high speed transnorth rail line, linking the five city regions together with Manchester Airport, the Port of Liverpool, other key ports and freight terminals
- A set of highway improvements filling in gaps in managed motorways
- A programme of city region rail service development for each city region
- A programme of investment for rail freight at Ports and freight terminals
- A new railway between Newcastle and the Darlington area
- Early construction of the HS2 line linking Leeds and Sheffield, as well as the extension to Crewe



# Mersey Gateway

- Mersey Gateway will be a new six lane toll bridge over the Mersey between the towns of Runcorn and Widnes which will relieve the congestion on the Silver Jubilee Bridge
- Construction started earlier in the year, the bridge will open in Autumn 2017
- Both the new Mersey Gateway Bridge and the Silver Jubilee Bridge will be tolled, but they will be free for Halton residents to cross





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