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CECA: TfN's Strategic Transport Plan Will Be 'Major Driver Of Growth'

Civils contractors today have given their full backing to Transport for the North's Strategic Transport Plan by saying it will be "a major driver of growth" if implemented in full.

Transport for the North has held a public consultation on its Draft Strategic Transport Plan, which closes today. The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) said it was "encouraged" by the commercial approach the plan brings to transport, based on the benefits of £100bn growth in GVA and the creation of 850,000 new jobs.

Commenting, CECA Director of External Affairs Marie-Claude Hemming said: "CECA is a strong advocate of rebalancing the economy. We believe that as the first sub-national transport body in England, the economic co-operation undertaken by Transport for the North will be vital to driving growth.

"Addressing the challenges of transport in the north will be key to enabling that region to benefit from business and social growth.

"CECA is fully supportive of Northern Powerhouse Rail, the Long Term Rail Strategy, and the concept of the Major Roads Network. It is essential that Transport for the North, as a statutory body, has sufficient influence to ensure that funding for these improvements is secured.

"Our members have highlighted improving connectivity as a priority for the north of England. The investments recommended by Transport for the North in the road, rail, and smart travel sectors, if accompanied by further investment in energy, water, and housing, will underpin growth in the wider economy, create jobs, and ensure the north of England becomes a growth hub in the coming years."

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Notes to Editors

1. The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) represents over 300 contractors of all sizes, covering approximately 80% of the civil engineering market in Great Britain. Our members build infrastructure that provides the basis for economic sustainability and quality of life in communities across the country.

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