

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AUTONOMOUS METRO (CAM)

May 2020



Welcome

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the recent public consultation on proposals for the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM).

This newsletter provides an update on the consultation, including the key findings, and information regarding next steps.

We hope you find this newsletter useful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the project team using the details provided.

About the consultation

Public consultation on CAM ran from 21 February to 3 April 2020. During this time:



5 public consultation events were held at venues across Cambridge*



1,034 people attended the public consultation events and spoke with the project team



6 information points, containing hard-copies of the consultation materials, were operational at venues across the region



5,475 visits to the project website were recorded



Briefings were held for key stakeholders across Cambridge and the wider region



560 responses to the consultation were received from members of the public and stakeholders

*Due to the outbreak of Covid-19, the final scheduled public consultation event was cancelled in line with the prevailing Government guidance regarding public gatherings. The consultation materials were available online throughout the consultation at www.cam.consultation.co.uk.

Key findings

During the consultation, we asked for your views on the need and benefits of CAM, and the potential route alignments for the City Tunnel Section of the network. A review of the feedback revealed that:

The Need and Benefits of CAM



80% strongly agreed or agreed that CAM would significantly improve the economic future of the region



82% strongly agreed or agreed that there is a strong case to deliver CAM to increase public transport capacity in the region

The City Tunnel Section



71% strongly supported or supported route alignment Option A, which would connect all four routes of the network with a new City Centre *and* a new Mainline Interchange station



37% strongly supported or supported route alignment Option B, which would see the four routes converge at the new City Centre station only



71% strongly supported or supported the proposed location for the new City Centre station



72% strongly supported or supported the proposed location for the Mainline Interchange station

Anticipated next steps

We will carefully consider all of the comments received and feedback from this consultation will inform the evolution of the CAM network. Before finalising an Outline Business Case (OBC) for the project, we intend to carry out a further round of public consultation later this year.

Feb-Apr 2020

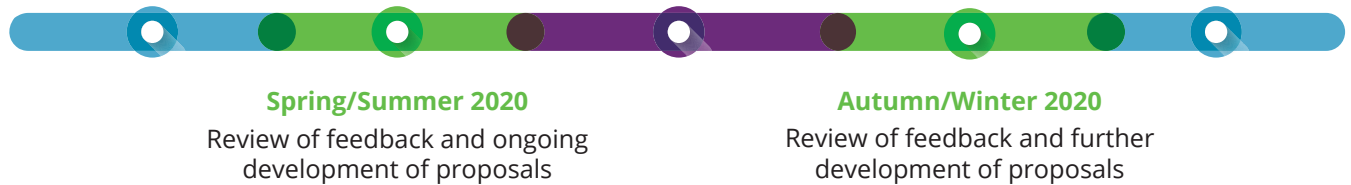
Initial public consultation

Autumn 2020

Second round of public consultation

Winter 2020

Outline Business Case (OBC) to be finalised



Covid-19

The welfare of the public and our staff is of paramount importance to us. The approach to future rounds of public consultation will be guided by the relevant Government advice. Further public consultation will be advertised widely in advance and you can remain up to date via the project website at www.cam.consultationonline.co.uk.

Benefits of CAM



Improving Your Travel Experience

CAM will provide a reliable and regular service using modern vehicles, significantly reducing journey times between the wider region and the city of Cambridge



Expanding Your Range of Opportunities

By connecting existing and planned settlements with key regional centres of employment, CAM will greatly expand the opportunities available to residents of the region



Improving Air Quality and Reducing Congestion

By providing a passenger transport system that offers a genuine alternative to using the car, CAM will help to reduce congestion and improve air quality within the city of Cambridge



Supporting Sustainable Regional Growth

CAM will create a platform for sustainable and inclusive growth across the region, while also creating an opportunity to provide more new and affordable homes



Encouraging New Investment

CAM will link key growth areas, encouraging additional jobs by making the region a more attractive place to locate, expand and invest

Contact us

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the project team via:

📞 Freephone: **01223 608001** (09:00 - 17:30, Mon to Fri)

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For more information, including answers to FAQs, and to remain up to date, please visit the project website at www.cam.consultationonline.co.uk.