



Merseytravel in Context

Sefton Local Plan Working Group

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The LCR Combined Authority

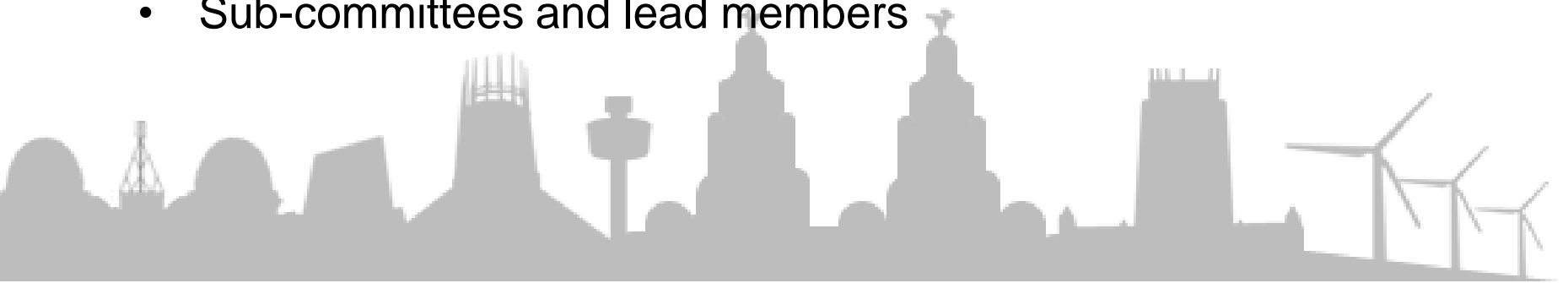
- A statutory city region-wide body
- Effective from April 1st 2014
- Formalises many years of joint working between Merseyside LAs and Halton BC
- Remit includes transport, economic development, regeneration, skills and housing
- Comprises 6 LA leaders and Chair of the LEP
- Incorporates functions of former Merseyside Integrated Transport Authority
- Incorporates Halton's local transport authority powers
- Levy-raising powers for transport
- Accountable body for new funds





Merseytravel Committee

- 20 member Committee to support LCRCA on transport
- Makes recommendations to the CA on issues such as:-
 - strategy and policy
 - budgetary matters
 - capital programmes
 - tunnel tolls
- Responsibility delegated to it for specific matters, e.g.
 - ticketing
 - concessionary travel
 - publicity and information
- Sub-committees and lead members





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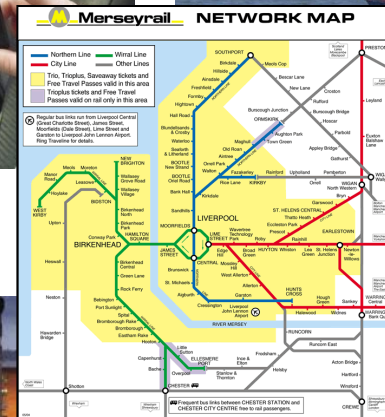
- The CA's transport delivery body and strategic transport advisor
- Maintains Passenger Transport Executive Powers (PTE) but "Merseytravel" formalised as official name, rather than brand name
- Moving towards multi-modal remit and city region-wide coverage
- Halton BC responsible for delivery of transport locally at present, under transitional arrangements





Merseytravel's delivery role

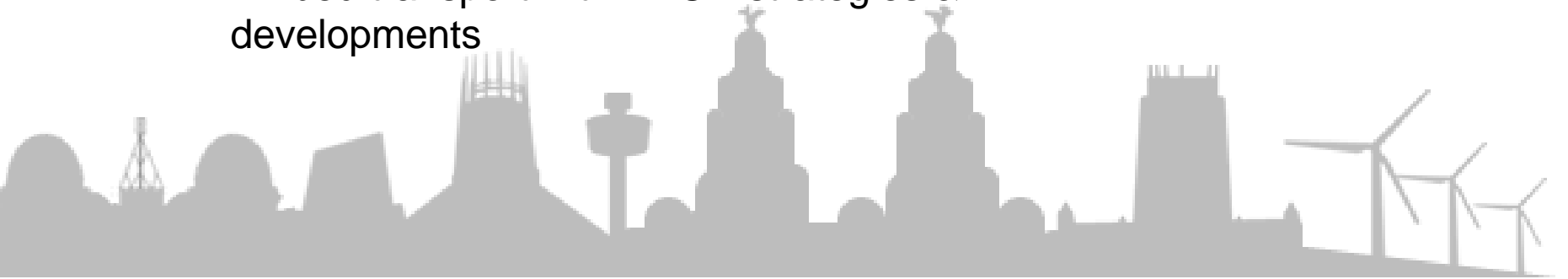
- Builds and maintains public transport infrastructure in Merseyside e.g.
 - Bus & rail stations
 - Bus stops & shelters
- Manages Merseyrail concession
- Influences wider rail franchises and developments (e.g. High Speed 2)
- Owns and operates Mersey Ferries, and operates the Mersey Tunnels on behalf of CA who now own this asset.
- Administers Merseyside travel tickets and concessionary travel
- Funds non-commercial bus services





Current priorities

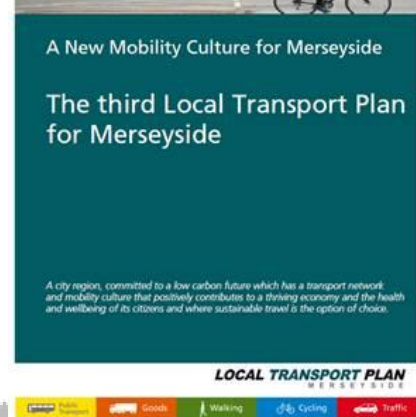
- Transitional Corporate Plan for 2014/15
- 14 strategic priorities, including:-
 - Support Combined Authority transition
 - Deliver Local Transport Plan commitments
 - Develop local long term rail strategy
 - Develop a new transport smartcard
 - An improved bus offer
 - Develop the freight strategy
 - Modernise the Merseyrail fleet
 - Embed transport within LCR strategies & developments





The Local Transport Plans

- LTPs a statutory requirement
- Long term strategy, short term delivery plan
- Themes:
 - Support economic growth
 - Reduce carbon
- Draws funding from DfT
 - Integrated Transport Block
 - Highways Maintenance
- Helps draw funding from other partners
- Separate LTPs for Merseyside and Halton
- Both plans to be revised and brought into a single, LCR-wide plan by March 2015





Transport funding beyond April 2015

- Approach will be very different
- Move away from formulaic funding to local areas
- Move away from direct bids to government
- Government creating a '**Local Growth Fund**' (LGF)
 - £2bn per annum in 2015/16, potentially continued to 2020
 - Contributions from several government departments
 - Department for Transport has contributed half of this funding
- LGF an un-ring-fenced, competitive pot to support economic growth





Growth Plans

- The key to accessing the Local Growth Fund
- Each Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area developed a '**Growth Plan**'
 - identifies priorities & the narrative of the strategic approach
 - Includes 'hooks' under which projects & activity will sit
- Transport a core component of LCR's Growth Plan
- Submitted to government March 2014
- Awaiting feedback (July?)
- Funding comes on stream 1st April 2015





The five City Region strategic & transformational projects

A: Liverpool City Centre

B: The Liverpool City Region Freight & Logistics Hub

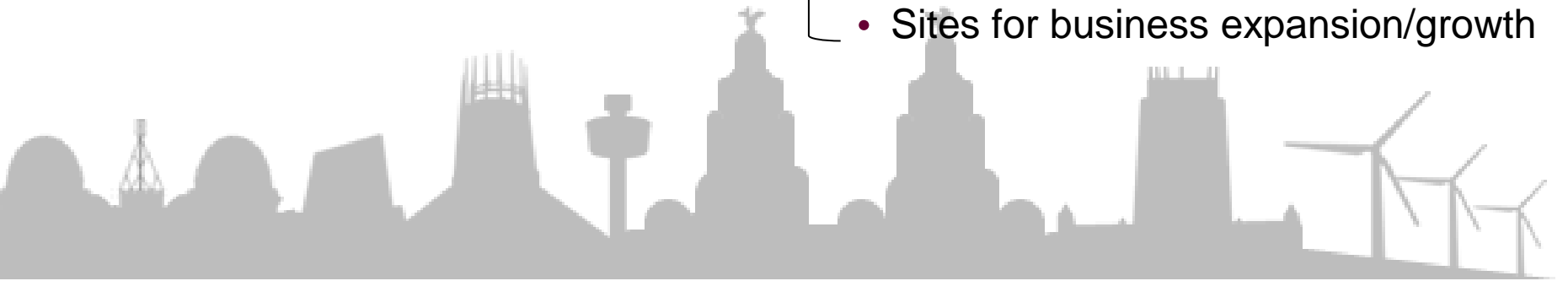
C: LCR²Energy

D: Access to the Port of Liverpool (and package of corridor improvements)

E: LCR Capital Investment Fund

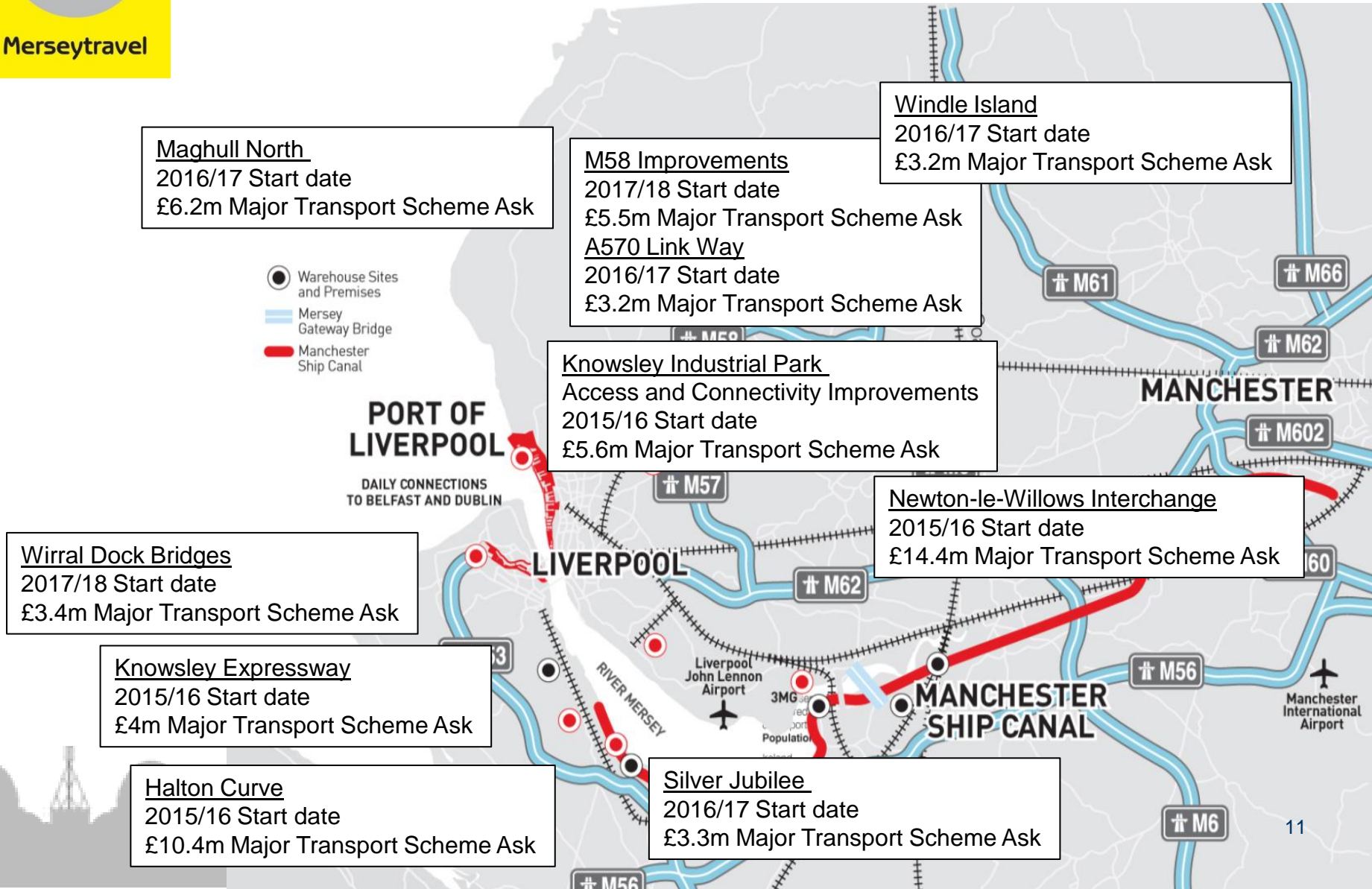
to enable

- Liverpool City Centre
- The Liverpool City Region Freight & Logistics Hub
- Enterprise Zones
- Sites for Big Science
- Sites for business expansion/growth





Enabling Transport Schemes





Major Schemes

- Maghull North
- Selected as a Scheme for Progress
- Outline Design to GRIP 3 Completed
- Business Case Preparation
- Contributions from Developers
- Total cost – current estimate £7.5m
- Funding Issues
- Land Issues
- Possible Completion date – late 2017





Highway Schemes

- M 58 Improvements – Maghull
- A570 Improvements - Southport

