

anchester has excellent public transport links, making it easy to travel around the city centre and out to neighbouring areas and attractions.

As well as being served by one of the busiest bus routes in Europe, it is home to the UK's most successful tram network, Metrolink. Manchester also has direct links to an international airport and train services that form a central hub to the Northwest's rail network.

The Manchester city-region is currently the UK's fastest growing economy outside London. In order to support this and ensure that all residents are connected to the opportunities this presents, the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities and Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority are planning further improvements to the city region's network. The two authorities are examining innovative new measures to manage future congestion, including a limited week-day peak-time only congestion charge. Up to £3bn would be invested in public transport as part of this package, 80% of which would have to be in place before any charge could be introduced.

Visit gmfuturetransport.co.uk for details.

Metrolink

Greater Manchester's highly successful tram network – Metrolink – provides a fast and reliable way to get around the city centre.

Metrolink runs frequent services from early in the morning until late in the evening, seven days a week, allowing passengers to turn up and travel without needing a timetable.

Services run every six minutes throughout the day to Altrincham in the south of the county and Bury in the north.

Trams run every 12 minutes on a third line from Manchester City Centre — taking in The Lowry and Imperial War Museum at Salford Quays before continuing on to Eccles. Metrolink tickets must be bought before boarding the tram from ticket machines on the station platforms.

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