

The Manchester North West Quadrant project

Manchester North West Quadrant is the project we've set up to look at ways to ease congestion and make journey times more reliable between junctions 8 to 18 of the M60.

In 2014, the Department for Transport commissioned a study to help us better understand the problems in the area and identify how they could be fixed. Following the study, they tasked Highways England to develop some initial designs, and to talk to local authorities, environmental experts and key stakeholders to add to our understanding of local traffic issues.

Why this project is needed

The M60 plays an important role in keeping traffic moving and is one of the busiest in England with 180,000 journeys a day.

A huge amount of investment and growth is expected in the region with traffic set to increase as a result. We are working with partners, including Transport for the North, and thinking differently about how the network can be improved. The Manchester North West Quadrant project aims to:

- ensure the M60 can cope with a significant increase in local and long-distance journeys
- support growth and provide economic benefits in the North West.
- ensure the M60 can withstand unexpected events, exceptional demand and severe weather conditions.

What we are doing next

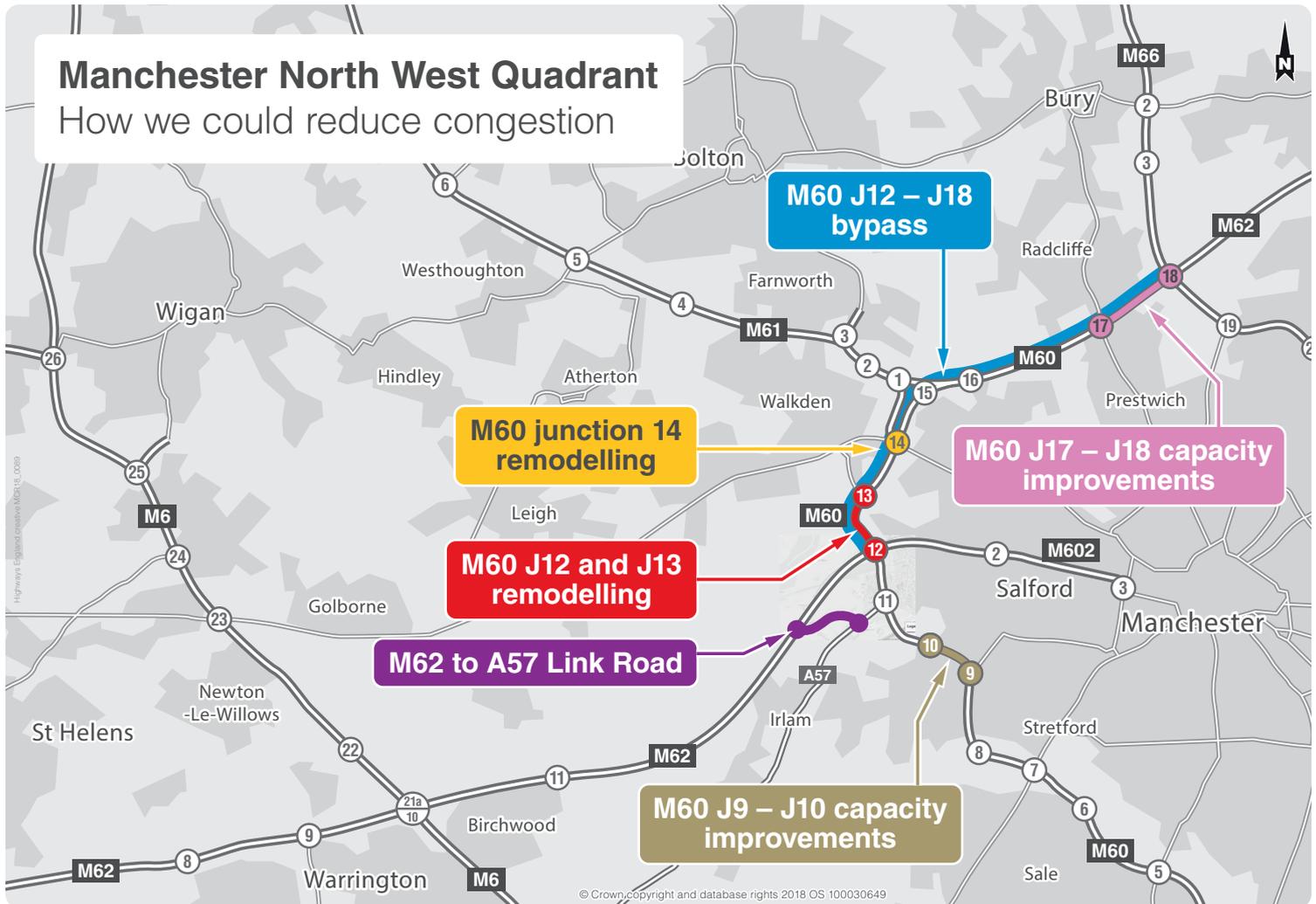
Using the extensive information gathered, we are looking at ways to reduce congestion and future proof the road, considering benefits and potential impacts on motorists, the environment, our neighbours and the economy.

We'll then identify a shortlist of options we believe will tackle the issues, before consulting with the public.

The project is still in the very early stages and at this point there is no commitment from the Department of Transport to continue or to build if the options don't solve the current problems or offer value for money.



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