



Asset Management Policy: Highway Infrastructure

Our city assets:

The highway network and associated infrastructure is the largest and most visible publicly owned asset. It is used daily by the travelling public for commuting, business, health, social and leisure activities. It is fundamental to the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of local communities and to the prosperity of the city as a whole.

Our vision:

We have a strategic management plan for looking after our highway assets to make the best use of our resources. This management plan supports Bristol City Council's corporate vision of working together for a sustainable and equitable Bristol that enables everyone to be safe, well and thrive.

[Bristol City Council Corporate Strategy 2025 - 2030](#)

Our highway infrastructure underpins movement across the city and reflects these core principles within the Corporate Strategy:

- Making it easier, greener and safer to travel into and around Bristol
- Accelerating climate action and nature recovery

Our principles

Our principles specifically support the following aims:

- We will maintain essential city infrastructure for safety, longevity and accessibility. This includes regular condition assessments and modelling of future options to produce cost-effective maintenance programmes.
- We maintain a regular schedule of safety inspections to minimise risk on the highway network.
- For new infrastructure, we look to achieve the greatest benefit for residents, businesses and visitors, and to have regard for longer term maintenance requirements.
- We will work with partners to improve accessible reliable, affordable and sustainable transport options through the management of existing assets and through planning and building new assets.



- Wherever possible, we will reduce carbon emissions in our work and will support initiatives to reduce carbon outputs across the city, such as by promoting and maintaining sustainable transport infrastructure.
- We will improve resilience of people and places to climate change by using available resources, technology and expertise to better understand and manage our asset requirements – for example, the performance of drainage infrastructure or surface materials during more extreme climate events.
- Where possible, we will improve the management of highway assets such as verges and public rights of way for nature.

Our commitments

- We will deliver our statutory duties to minimise risk and ensure the safety of our communities, staff and contractors.
- We will regularly review our approach to asset management for each of our asset groups to ensure it aligns with the latest priorities and actions.
- We will monitor our performance against our objectives and targets and promote continuous improvement.