Devolution: Making Travel Easy in Greater Manchester

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1. Who we are
2. Our mission – Making travel easy in GM
3. Transforming Tomorrow – Devolution
   • Transport for North – local strategic infrastructure development
   • Rail North – benefits of local responsibility for franchise management
   • Rail Station Devolution - Long term and integrated management of key local assets delivering unified travel
The heart of the north

TfGM: Oversees transport and travel across Greater Manchester

2.7million residents

10 authorities working together

The UK’s first Combined Authority

Centre of innovation, education, industry and culture

Economic potential exceeds all other UK city regions

This is Manchester.
We do things differently here.

– Anthony H. Wilson, Journalist, TV Presenter
Making travel easy today?

What has the biggest impact on overall dissatisfaction?

- How train company dealt with delays: 24%
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Transforming Today

Unlocking Manchester
Let's not forget…. 

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Farnworth Tunnel Electrification

[Images of professionals discussing the Farnworth Tunnel electrification]

northern First TransPennine Express Network Rail
Devolution: Transforming Tomorrow

Manchester Devolution: Osborne promises a mayor and new powers over policing, transport and housing to become law

The Northern Powerhouse

What does transformation mean?

‘Significant economic benefits, supporting business, tourism and job growth and contributing to the prosperity of the North of England through better connections and faster journeys’
What does transformation mean?

‘A future for rail in the North of England that will support the growing economy and truly contribute to a transformation in rail services’
• Company Limited by Guarantee since September 2014.
• Members made up of 29 Local Transport Authorities in the North.
• Eleven Directors of Rail North (all Senior Councillors) representing 29.
• TfGM is a key partner in Rail North.
• Partnership Agreement with DfT signed 20th March.
• Now working to establish management structure for franchise operation from April 2016.
• Recruitment to Rail North and Partnership roles underway

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Transformational services for customers from April 2016

**Better quality trains**
- 120 new-build carriages
- Pacer’s completely phased out by 2020
- Longer with more seats

**Improved Customer Service**
- Challenging targets for customer satisfaction

**Better Train Services and Connectivity**
- More services in the week and all weekend
- A new ‘Northern regional’ service
- More direct services to Manchester Airport
- Enhanced connections

**Investment Smart Ticketing and Fares**
- Long term investment in the franchises is encouraged
- At least £30m investment in Northern stations
- Increased support and funding for Community Rail
- Smart ticketing schemes, simplified fares
GM Devolution Agreement

- Signed November 2014
- Government (Treasury) and Greater Manchester leaders
- Game-changing devolution package

GM Agreement

“We’re devolving power over policing, skills, housing. We’re giving the City control over transport, including buses.... And we’ll give the levers you need to grow your local economy and make sure local people keep the rewards.”

George Osborne, Chancellor of the Exchequer
What it means for Greater Manchester

Effective coordination of Greater Manchester’s transport networks will:

- Enable the creation of a truly joined-up transport network
- See the introduction of simple integrated tickets and fares
- Consistent brands and behaviours - Make travel easier
- dependable, reliable information for passengers
- Secure sustainable growth in transport
- Support the sustainable economic growth of Greater Manchester
- Help to deliver the aspirations of Transport for the North
- Ultimately help to rebalance the national economy
Thank you

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