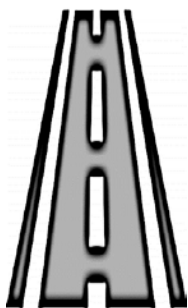**We are improving the county's road infrastructure, rural transport and active travel**

Our Transportation and Highway related services facilitate the safe movement of goods and People. Enabling access to raw commodities and markets as well as providing opportunities for People to gain access to employment, education, health, leisure and social activities. We have continued to develop Active travel by investing in shared paths and cycle paths, improved the road infrastructure to encourage economic activity in the county and maintained a rural bus service through our Bwcabus and country cars service.

- *Transportation and highways* play a key role in sustaining our community. A modern, successful economy is reliant upon the safe and efficient movement of people and goods; providing opportunities for people to gain access to employment, education, health, leisure, social and retail services.
- *United and connected* is one of the four Welsh Governments' aims in its *'Taking Wales Forward'* plan. Providing integrated and affordable access for businesses, for residents and visitors can stimulate economic development, reductions in deprivation and social exclusion and an increase in well-being.
- Sustaining access to services through Active Travel plans will deliver improvements in health and well-being for all sections of the community e.g. that includes: walking, cycling, passenger and road transport.
- By 2030 South West Wales will be a confident, ambitious and connected City Region.

Success Measures

Roads that are in poor condition:

5.2% of our **A** Class
(A decline on 4.1% in 17/18)
(Moved down from 15th to 21st in Wales)

4.2% of our **B** Class
(A decline on 3.1% in 17/18)
(Moved down from 5th to 10th in Wales)

12.5% of our **C** Class
(A decline on 11.9% in 17/18)
(Continues to be in 17th position in Wales)

Our road casualty numbers have increased with **97** people being killed or seriously injured on the roads
(*83 in 2017*)
(20th highest in Wales)
Source: Stats Wales

Explaining the Results

- **Road conditions in Carmarthenshire have deteriorated during 2018/19**.
  Carmarthenshire has the second largest highway network in Wales. The % of A class, B and C class roads in Carmarthenshire in a poor condition (red zone) has increased; with A class roads increasing from 4.1% to 5.2%, B roads from 3.1% to 4.2% and C roads from 11.9% to 12.5%. The overall increase of poor condition (red zone) during last year equates to some 180km of road, this is a significant length of the network. Current levels of investment are not keeping pace with the rate of deterioration. Additional Road Refurbishment funding provided in 2018/19 and 2019/20 has included priority sections on our 'A' class roads and this will help to slow the deterioration in the network.
- **A total of 97 people were killed or seriously injured** on Carmarthenshire's roads in 2018. Although we cannot control the number of road traffic incidents on the county road network, we do however work with partner agencies to encourage the safer use of the road, engage with high-risk road user groups (motorcyclists, the elderly, young drivers), invest in targeted road safety engineering projects and assist the Police with speed enforcement campaigns and address community concerns about speeding.

Progress Made

- ⊙ We have completed two of our three strategic transport infrastructure links at Carmarthen West and Ammanford

- ⊙ We continued with the construction of the *Tywi Valley Cycle way* and continue to develop the full scheme. We have built approximately 3.94 Km of cycling/ shared use paths this year throughout the county to support sustainable and active travel.

- ⊙ We have continued investment into *vehicle replacements* during the year in accordance with our strategic fleet replacement programme.

- ⊙ We have secured funding from the Welsh Government to install public charges units for electric vehicles that are now live.

Carmarthen West opening

Executive Board Member
For Environment:
Cllr Hazel Evans

View our **detailed progress here** against this objective