

# From planning to activation: A whole-systems approach to delivering mobility hubs

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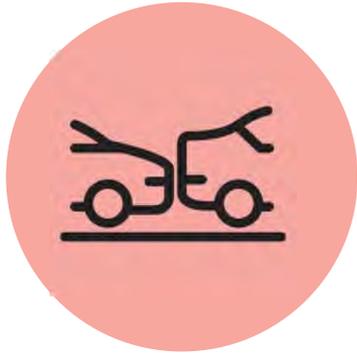
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# Our current transport system...



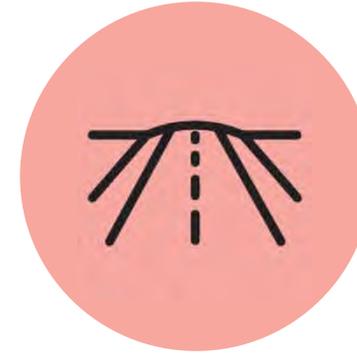
**Vehicle dominated**  
Health implications, air quality, road collisions



**Vehicle ownership**  
Equity and accessibility implications



**High spatial demands**  
City planning and streetscape implications



**Not climate resilient**



**Assumes single-mode, linear journey**  
Outdated, gendered and unequal movement system

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# Mobility hubs offer an antidote

# What are mobility hubs?

Mobility hubs provide an interchange between sustainable, shared and active modes of travel.

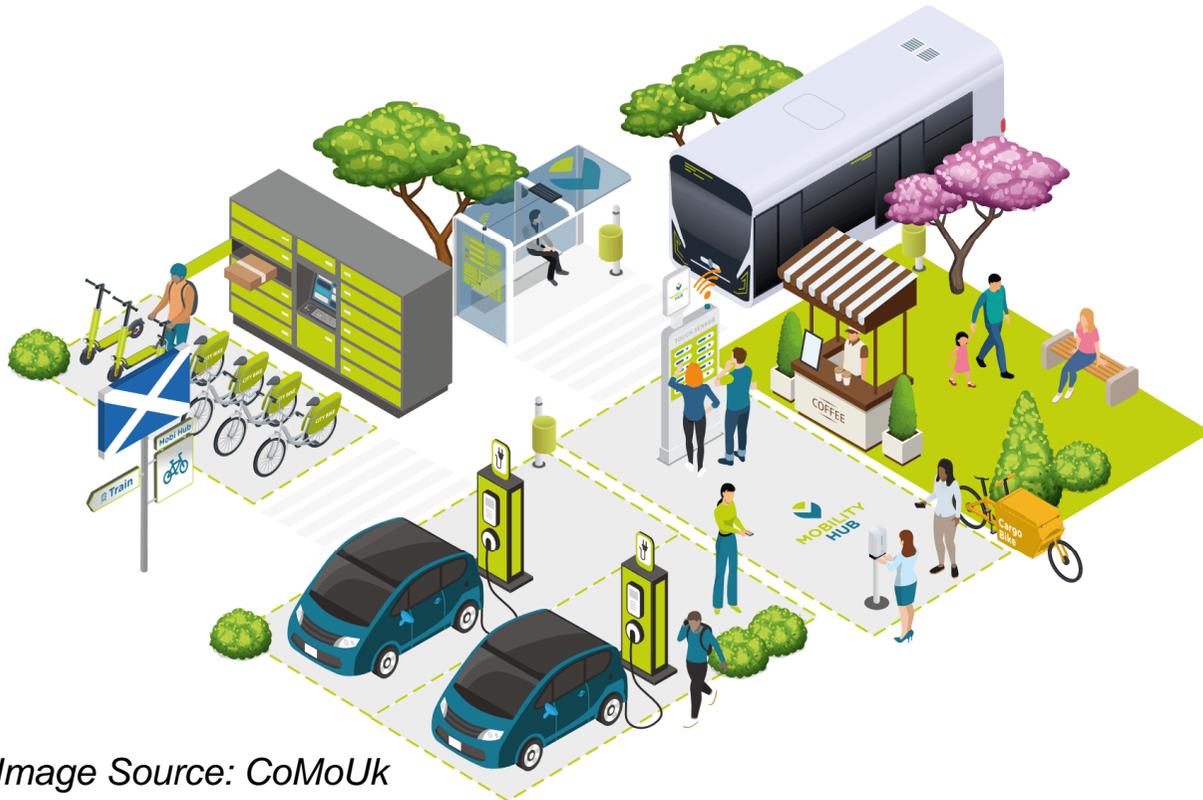
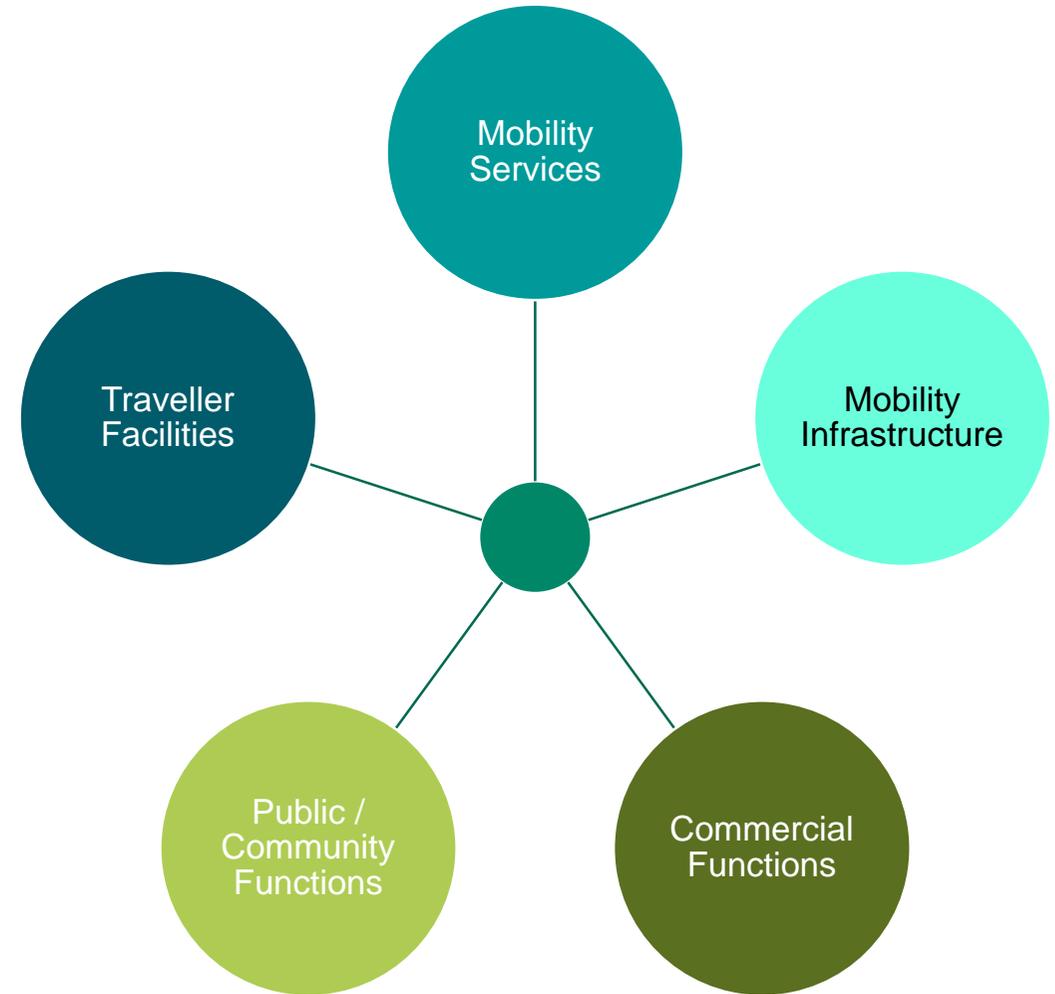


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# Potential Hub Typologies

Urban

Suburban

Rural



**Tourist**  
Wayfinding  
Place branding  
Micro-mobility hire  
Refreshments  
Public Toilets



**Corridor**  
Public Transport  
Travel Information  
Shelter and rest points  
Secure cycle parking  
E-bikes charging facilities



**Campus**  
Flexible spaces for work / study / leisure  
Car Sharing  
Micro-mobility  
Refreshments



**Community**  
Postal services  
Public realm  
Allotments / planting  
Community art  
Seating and shelter

Employment

Industrial

High Street

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# Rural Mobility Hubs



## Northern Transport Voices: attitudes to rural mobility hubs

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# Mobility hubs bring benefits



**Support active and more lower carbon modes of travel**



**Supports shared ownership**



**Modular and flexible use of space**



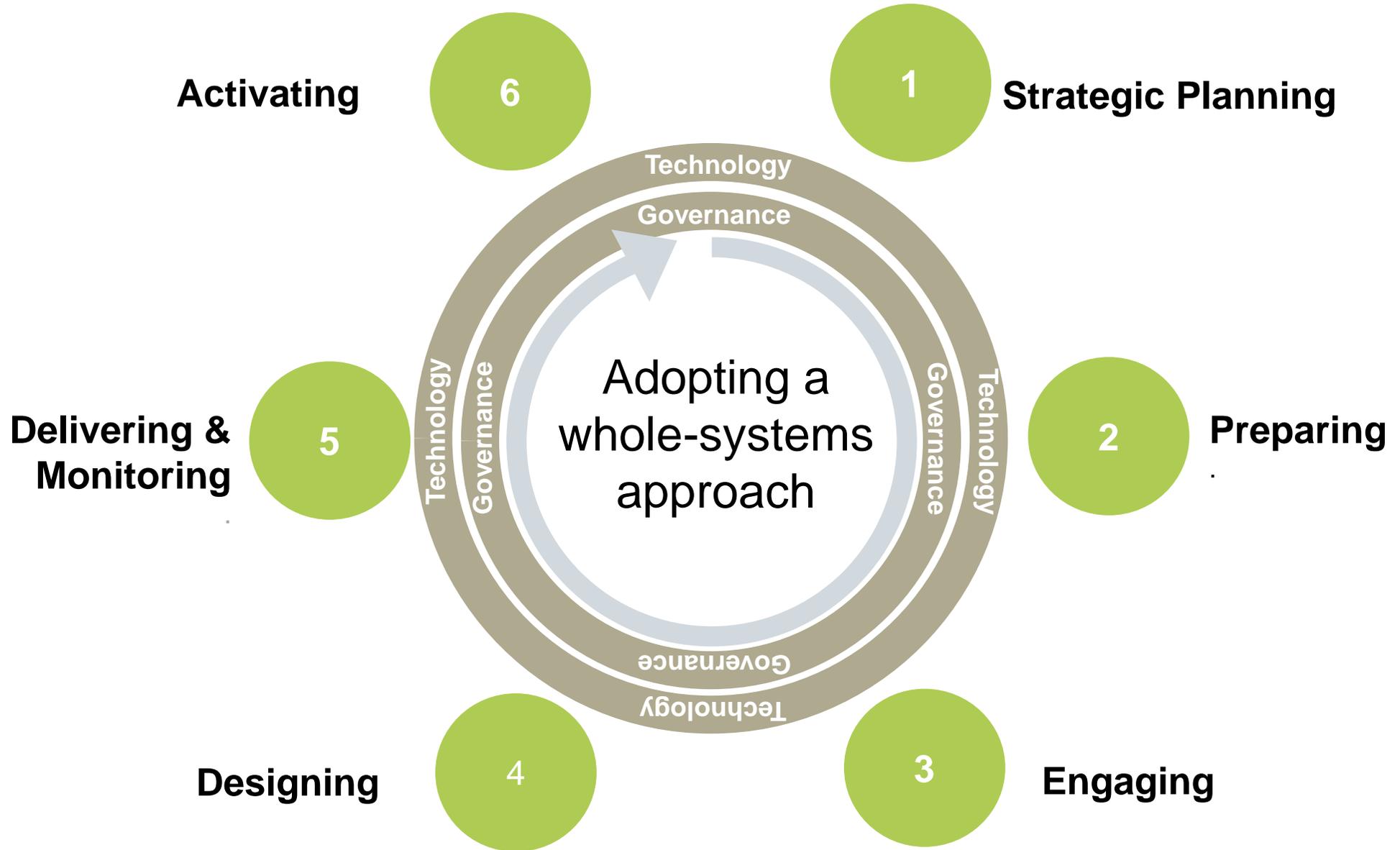
**Supports multi-modal non-linear journeys**



**Opportunities for climate resilience and placemaking**

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# Whole Systems Approach



# Stage 1- Strategic Planning

We need to embed the requirement and expectations of mobility hubs within our strategic planning, policy and guidance frameworks.

- National, Local, Regional Planning Policies
- Climate Action Plans
- Health Policies and Guidance
- Design Codes and Design Guidance
- Development Briefs
- EV Charging Infrastructure Strategies
- Parking Strategies
- Kerbside Management
- Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP)
- Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)



Transport Planning, Urban Design,  
Town Planning, Development  
Management

# Stage 2- Preparing

Undertaking a site analysis to ensure the hub is located in the right location.

- Demand Analysis
  - Socio- economic data, population density, car ownership, employment density, deprivation
- Place and Movement Analysis
  - Land availability, land ownership, policy designations, allocated sites,
  - Public transport network, active travel network, parking provisions, crossings, visibility, accessibility
  - Character, public realm, shade and shelter, lighting, natural surveillance, personal security, crime
- Site Assessment, Scoring and Prioritisation

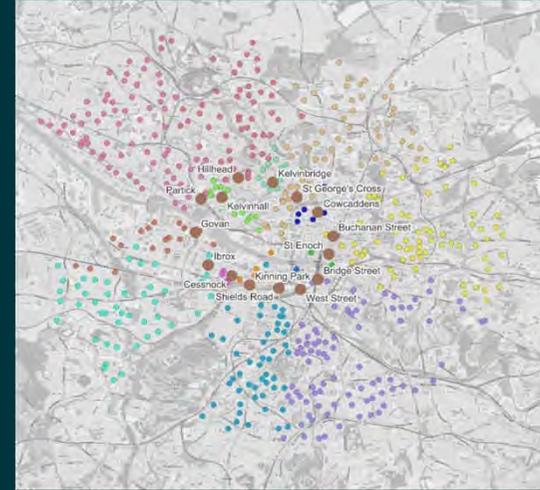
Data	Expected Impact on Mobility Hub demand
Population Density	Higher population density increases demand
No. of households with no car	Lower car ownership increases demand
No. of people travelling to work without a car	Lower car usage increases demand
Employment Density	Higher employment density increases demand
Public transport access (e.g. rail, bus)	Higher levels of public transport increases demand
Points of Interest (e.g. education, healthcare, tourism)	Key destinations/origins increases demand



Transport Planning, Urban Design,  
Town Planning, GIS, Engineering,  
Technology

# Case Study- Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Active Travel Hubs

- Improvements to first / last mile connectivity around subway and bus stations in the Glasgow City Region
- Feasibility and design services
- Assessment of 19 sites
- GIS mapping of datasets and catchment areas
- Development of a Gold Standard Checklist
- Prioritisation considering network integration, socio-economic alignment, site feasibility and interfaces with surrounding developments



Station	800m Total		800m Closest Station		5km Closest Station	
	Job Density	Rank	Job Density	Rank	Job Density	Rank
Buchanan BS	1,283	1	1,283	1	65	7
St Enoch	1,010	2	568	3	535	1
Buchanan Street	967	3	967	2	97	4
Cowcaddens	707	4	165	4	207	2
Bridge Street	84	5	37	10	25	11
Hillhead	83	6	129	5	17	13
Cessnock	74	7	80	6	80	5
Ibrox	64	8	34	11	10	16
St George's Cross	46	9	51	7	23	12
Govan	39	10	39	9	49	8
Kelvinbridge	37	11	40	8	31	9
Partick	36	12	24	14	13	14
West Street	34	13	33	12	31	10
Kelvinhall	28	14	30	13	76	6
Kinning Park	17	15	17	15	141	3
Shields Road	12	16	2	19	11	15
Greenock BS	7	17	7	16	1	19
East Kilbride BS	6	18	6	17	1	18
Hamilton BS	3	19	3	18	2	17



# Stage 3- Engaging

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## Inclusive Engagement

Empower communities to shape their streets through iterative dialogue.



## Visual Communication

Use visualisations and simplified plans to make proposals accessible and engaging.



## Longevity Through Ownership

Engagement fosters pride, awareness, and long-term maintenance.

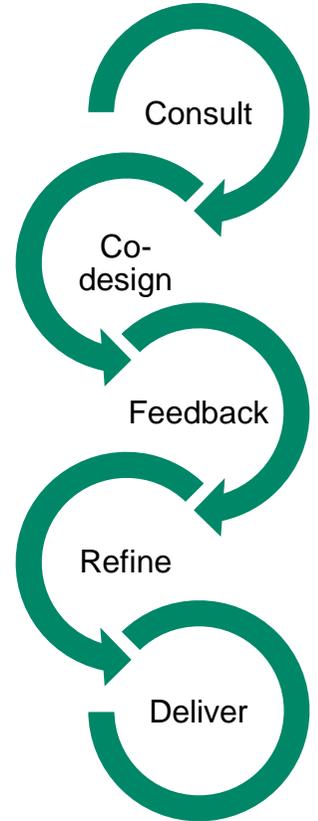


## Healthy Governance

Community input strengthens transparency and decision-making.



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Stakeholder Engagement, Designers, Engineers, Graphics, Communications, Visualisers

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# Case Study- AECOM Components Toolkit

## Engagement tool

- Makes designs interactive, engaging and accessible
- Allows early conversations over features to adopt
- Supports co-design by incorporating cultural references and local suppliers

## Design tool

- Offers a standardised but flexible set of components
- Ensure successful branding roll out

## Network tool

- Provides consistency across sites
- Can be updated based on feedback



### 04- Traveller Facilities (TF)

**MI22- Cycle Hire Docks**  
  
Figure 82: Space efficient cycle docking

**MI23- Secure Cargo Parking**  
  
Figure 83: Secure cargo hub

**MI24 Cargo Bike Docks**  
• A secure and sheltered place for cargo bikes. Access using a key, card or smartphone.

**MI25 Cargo Bike Hangar**  
  
Figure 84: Cargo bike/cycle hangar

**MI26 Mobility Scooter Dock**  
• A box 5m x 2.5m marked on the pavement using paint and including a scooter symbol.

**TF1a- Standard Shelter / TF1b- Large Shelter**  
  
Figure 87: Standard passenger shelter.

**TF1c- Super Shelter**  
  
Figure 88: A large passenger shelter (Source: External World)

- There is opportunity to combine the waiting area with other uses (e.g. information boards, charging points, and seating) to increase the useability of the space.
- The super shelter could allow passengers to charge their phones and access free Wi-Fi whilst waiting for their bus to arrive. It may also provide news, travel and city information via digital touchscreens.

**Large Shelter**

- Waiting areas and shelters can adopt placebranding. They can range from being simple structures to more iconic pieces of architecture depending on the role of the mobility hub.
- These areas should shelter users from the weather and be located in proximity to the transport services which they serve.

## Stage 4- Designing

Designing mobility hubs is not just about infrastructure.  
It's about shaping inclusive, vibrant, and sustainable urban experiences.



### Accessible & Inclusive

- Beyond minimum standards



### Attractive

- Placemaking and Comfort
- Safe and Secure



### Connected

- Seamless onward journeys



### Adaptable

- Modular and future-proof



### Green

- Climate resilient and biodiverse

Designed by multi-disciplinary teams for real people, real places, real futures.

Healthy Streets

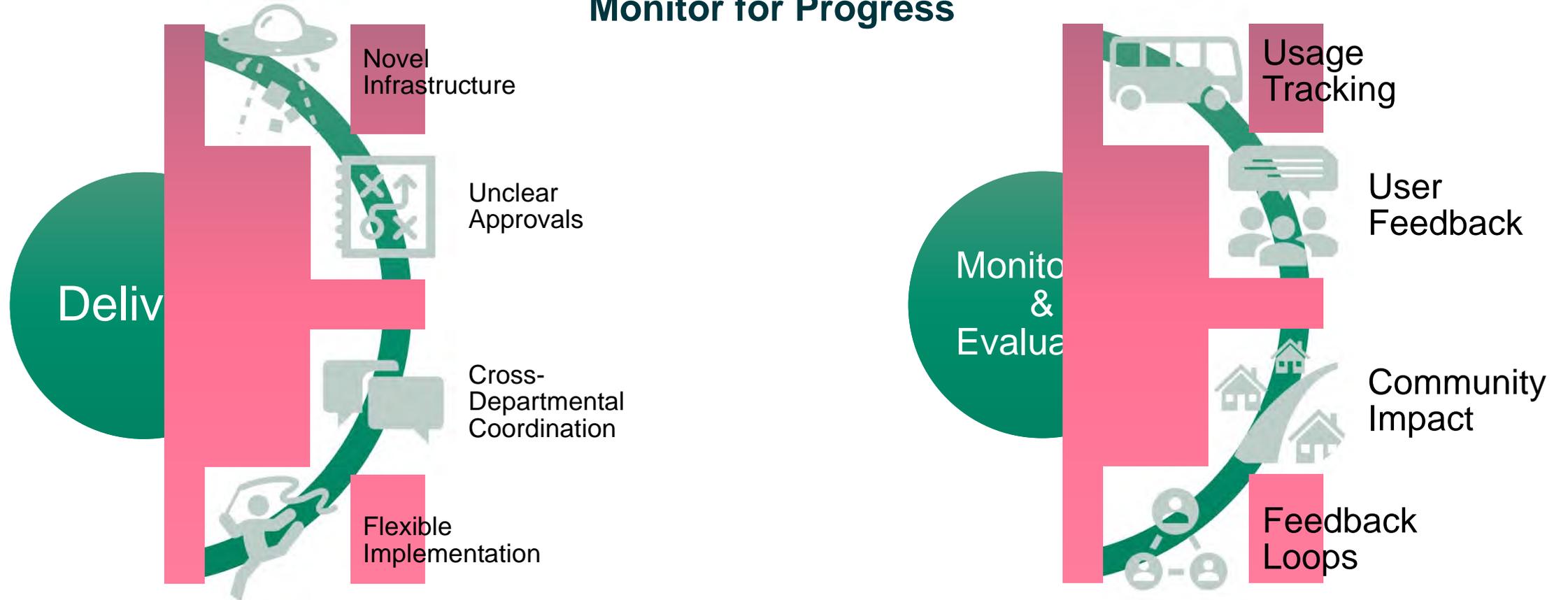
Engineering, Urban Design, Ecology, Landscape Architect, Heritage Consultant, Community Engagement, Human Excellence, Technology

# Case Study – Project examples



# Stage 5- Delivering and Monitoring

## Deliver with Purpose Monitor for Progress



Engineers, NEC4 PM, Site Supervision, Principal Designer/CDM, Transport Planning, Market Research & Insight

# Case Study- WECA Mobility Hubs

## Components Document

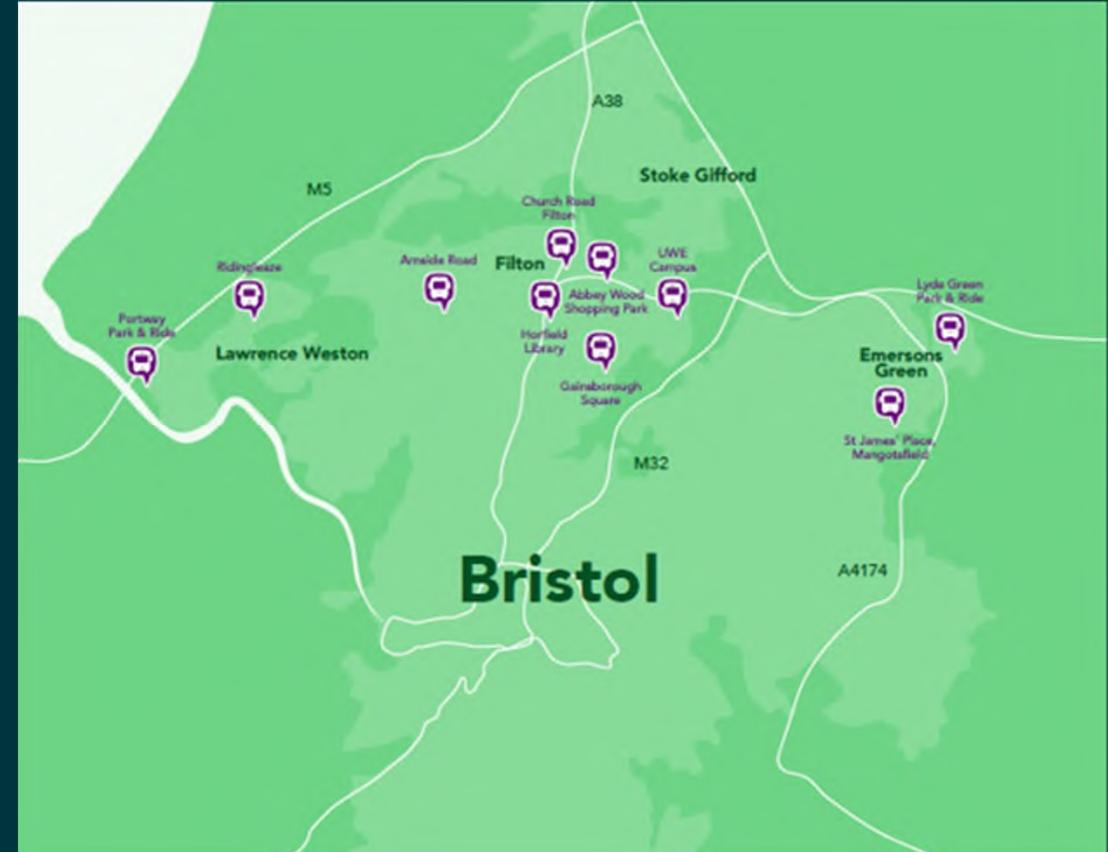
High level principles  
Precedent images  
Consistency

## Initial Designs

Visually appealing  
Multi-disciplinary  
Flexible and adaptable

## Detailed Designs

Collaborative  
Branding  
Wayfinding



## Lessons learned:

- Component Document enabled communication of concept
- Collaboration of skills facilitated conversation and ease of delivery.



# Case Study- WECA Mobility Hubs



Increase in the use of public transport and active travel modes.



Increase in awareness/ perception of public transport and active travel modes.



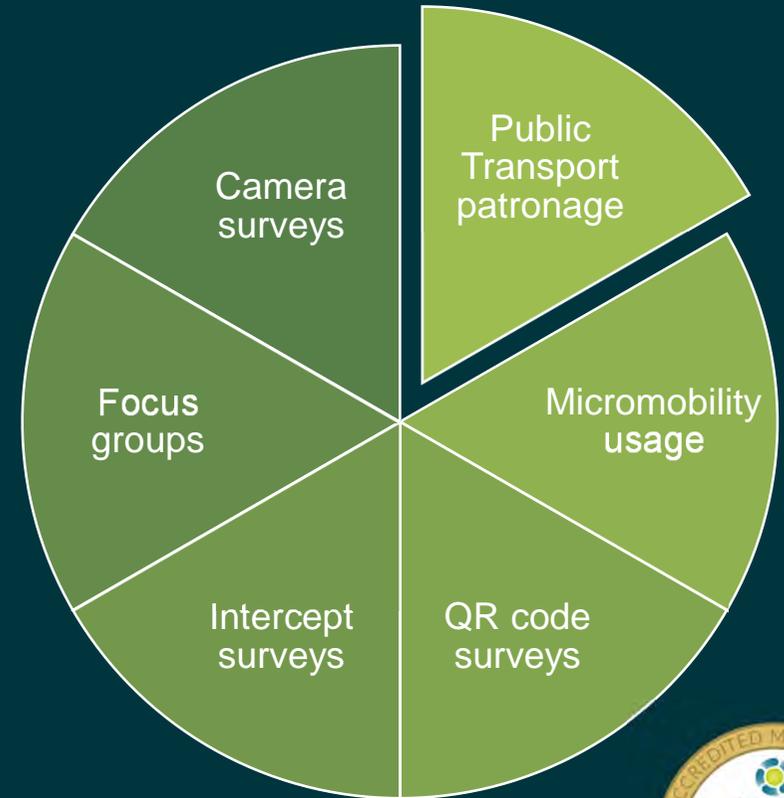
Increase in connectivity to key sites/services.



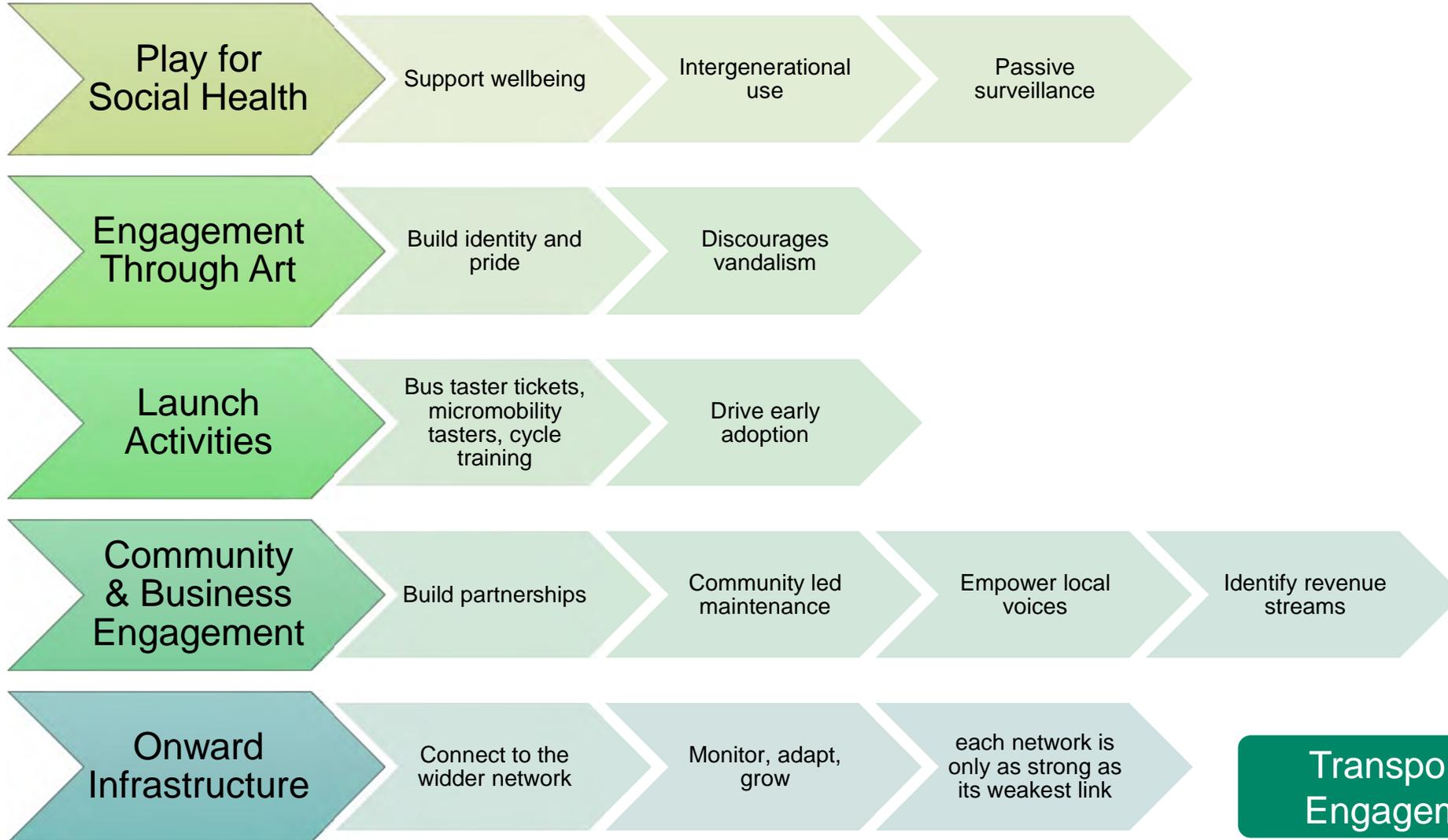
Improvement of local communities/economy.



Commercial viability/sustainability of Mobility Hubs.



# Stage 6- Activating



Transport Planning, Stakeholder Engagement, Human Excellence

# Case Study- WECA Mobility Hubs M&E



# Case Study- WECA Mobility Hubs



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# Conclusions

**Mobility hubs reimagine our streets, shifting the focus from car-centric corridors to inclusive, dynamic spaces that support healthier urban living.**

## Support Healthy Cities

- Enable active, low-carbon travel
- Encourage shared ownership and flexible use of space
- Promote multi-modal, non-linear journeys
- Offer opportunities for placemaking and climate resilience

## Require a Whole-Systems Approach

- Success depends on strategic planning, inclusive design and community engagement
- Private sector can play a key role
- Technology and governance must be embedded throughout
- Multi-disciplinary collaboration ensures hubs are designed for real people and real futures

## Activation is Critical

- Monitoring and feedback loop are essential
- Infrastructure alone isn't enough—social initiatives drive behaviour change
- Community ownership and engagement bring hubs to life
- Each network is only as strong as its weakest link

**Let's work together to build healthier, more connected cities. One hub at a time.**

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