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Citizenship – Public Transport in your Region

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Lesson Plan

Aims: this lesson introduces regional public transport

- Talk about the region, the Passenger Transport Authority and TfGM
- Look at the area covered by the region. Pupils complete the map exercise
- Pupils debate a new article and look at the role of the media
- Pupils write a reply to the article
- Pupils could write the reply from different perspectives (extension)

Overview:

Your Region

Discuss region and TfGM. What area is covered? What are the 10 districts? What is the size of the population in each district?

Map of the Greater Manchester Region

Each pupil completes the map by filling in the names of the districts, towns and main roads.
Mark on the map where your school is – what district is it in? Fill in the population table.

News Item

Ask pupils to read the article and discuss the main points.

Write a Reply

Pupils compose a reply to the article.

Links: Geography, Maths, English

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Teachers Sheet

Your Region

The Transport for Greater Manchester Committee (TfGMC) is a joint committee of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and the ten local authorities in Greater Manchester. It is responsible for advising the GMCA on transport policy, recommending how much money is spent on supporting public transport and monitoring the quality and performance of transport services.

The 10 Districts are:

Bolton	Salford
Bury	Stockport
Manchester	Tameside
Oldham	Trafford
Rochdale	Wigan

Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive TfGM is the body responsible for implementing the Authority's policies. TfGM does not directly provide bus, train or tram services, which are now operated in the private sector. The Authority and TfGM are responsible for:

- **funding** the concessionary fares scheme to make public transport more affordable for people over retirement age, children and disabled people
- **developing** the Greater Manchester Integration Project which brings together operators and district councils to improve the quality of public transport and to present it as an integrated network that is easy to understand and use;
- **planning** and investing in the bus, train and Metrolink networks for the future;
- **providing** information about public transport through telephone information lines, timetables, general publicity and Travelshops;
- **maintaining** a network of subsidised bus services on routes not commercially viable and securing schools service contracts; ensuring efficiency and value for money on these services;
- **working** alongside train and Metrolink operators to improve service levels and to monitor quality;
- **supporting** the fully accessible Ring and Ride service, setting high standards of physical accessibility to other vehicles, stations and facilities; and providing a travel voucher scheme as an alternative to passes for disabled people;
- **building** and maintaining local bus stations, shelters and stops.

Funding: The Authority provides a grant to TfGM.
Source: www.GMPTE

There are 53 commercial companies providing bus services in the region.
Source: manchesteronline 2003

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Teachers' Notes

Who uses Public Transport in Greater Manchester?

Population By District

Mid Year 2000	Age 0-15 (thousands)	Male 16-64 Female 16-59 (000's)	Male 65+ Female 60+ (000's)	Total (000's)
BOLTON	57	165	45	268
BURY	38	114	31	183
MANCHESTER	99	277	63	440
OLDHAM	49	133	36	218
ROCHDALE	47	130	34	211
SALFORD	46	137	41	224
STOCKPORT	57	178	56	291
TAMESIDE	46	136	37	219
TRAFFORD	45	135	40	220
WIGAN	63	198	52	312
TOTAL Greater Manchester	**548**	**1,603**	**434**	**2,586**

Source: Mid 2000 Population Estimates

The chart above will help you assist the pupils in completing the map, and discussing the breakdown of population.

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The 10 districts covered by the TfGM



Total Population in Greater Manchester: 2,586,000

Notes

Did you know...

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12,000 Bus Stops
99 Train Stations
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160 Trams
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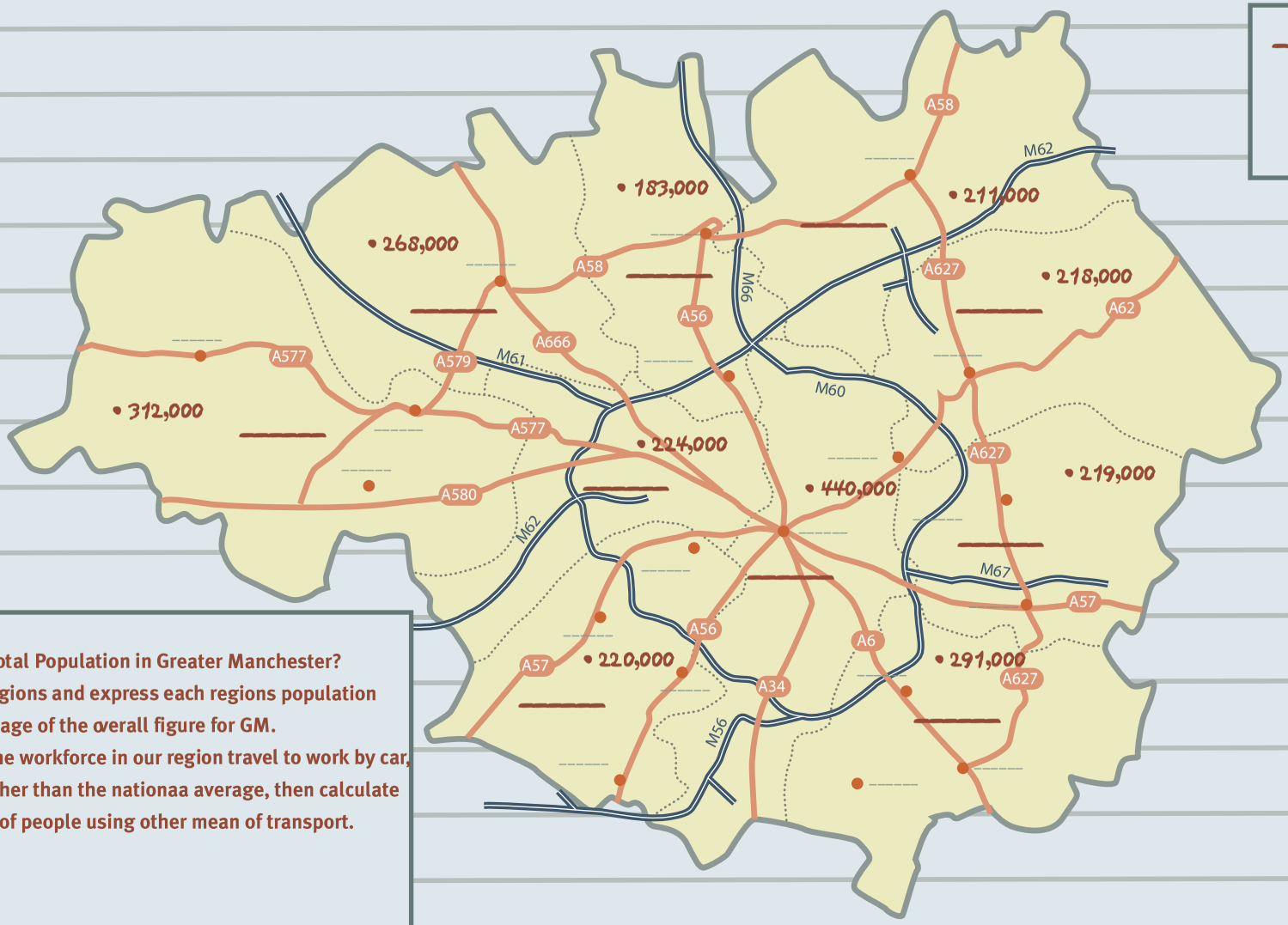
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Worksheet

The 10 districts covered by the TfGM



What is the total Population in Greater Manchester?

- Select 4 regions and express each regions population as a percentage of the overall figure for GM.
- If 74% of the workforce in our region travel to work by car, which is higher than the nationaa average, then calculate the number of people using other mean of transport.

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Evening News

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THIS ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS ON 11 OCTOBER 2001. READ THE FOLLOWING FROM THE HANDOUTS PROVIDED AND DISCUSS THE MAIN POINTS.

BUS LANES TO STRETCH 125 MILES!

BUS lane schemes blamed for gridlock on Greater Manchester roads are to be extended drastically. The 'quality bus routes' - lanes restricted to public transport and cyclists - are being planned for another 125 miles of road.



A trial run by the Manchester Evening News has shown that one of the first schemes is already causing chaos. Our test showed cars and buses being slowed to a snail's pace, while a cyclist can complete the same rush-hour journey in a fraction of the time.

The AA has warned drivers that bus lanes on the A6 have created a 'nightmare' and people should avoid the route at rush hour. Six of the special bus routes are under development and it has emerged they will be introduced on major roads throughout Greater Manchester.

Converted routes

Councillor Roger Jones, chairman of the Passenger Transport Authority (PTA), said: "Over the next few years, every major bus corridor will be converted.

"The only people who will find that objectionable are the motorists. But many of them have said they would consider public transport if it is quick, clean and reliable"

"We are not trying to penalise motorists, but we have to find a way of getting buses to travel quickly - there is no alternative."

'Quality' bus routes are formed by a partnership between the PTA, district councils and the bus operators. The bus companies have promised to invest in the latest models and frequent services in return for improvements to their journeys. Residents and businesses along routes are consulted.

Better shelters

In addition to the bus lane, the routes also have better shelters and priority for buses at junctions.

The 10 Greater Manchester councils will devote a quarter of the government's annual allocation for 'minor works' and spend about £6m a year on the schemes.

Among the first of the bus routes are the A6 linking Manchester and Stockport and the corridor linking Peel Green through Eccles to Manchester city centre. Others under development include Leigh via Atherton to Bolton; Lees via Oldham to Manchester; Rochdale to Oldham, Ashton, and Hyde; and Bury to Manchester.

Experts are planning other developments like car-free roads on parts of the routes, transponders which change traffic lights to green as buses approach, parking enforcement and bus lane policing and even satellite communications to tell waiting passengers where the next bus is.

A First Manchester spokesman said passenger numbers appeared to be up on the Peel Green/ Eccles/Manchester corridor, but it was too early to calculate figures. The PTA said a marketing campaign will start shortly.

Dr Caroline Cahm, chairman of the National Federation of Bus Users, said: **"Motorists have to face up to the harsh reality that no one will be able to get through the traffic unless buses are given priority."'**

What do you think of plans to extend the bus lane scheme?

Do you think that the writer of this article has understood all the issues?

Task: Write a reply to the newspaper

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