

New Cycle Facility opens at Manchester Airport station

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TransPennine Express (TPE), in partnership with Transport for Greater Manchester and the Department for Transport via Sustrans, has delivered a brand-new cycle parking facility at Manchester Airport railway station.

The £48K facility, which is now open, is located at the Ground Transport Interchange and it is hoped it will encourage cycling as a sustainable means of accessing the station for residents of surrounding areas and enable the development of an improved and innovative cycle network.

The cycle parking spaces available have now doubled from 30 to 60 and the facility can be easily accessed from the front of the station. To ensure bicycles are stored safely, the facility is outfitted with CCTV, and there is no fob key required for access.

The new addition will also provide a sustainable transport option for employees of the businesses relocating to Airport City as part of the airport's ongoing expansion and development.

Demand for cycle access to the station is growing rapidly with further increases expected from a new

green bridge connecting the station with Wythenshawe.

TPE anticipates that by the early 2030s, usage of the station will double, and therefore sustainable journeys need to feature to meet this demand.

Lucja Majewski, Regional Development Manager at TransPennine Express, said: "I'm delighted that we are offering this brand new and sustainable cycling facility for cyclists at Manchester Airport. TPE is proud to have worked together with Transport for Greater Manchester in developing this facility to enable cyclists to easily access the Airport."

Greater Manchester's Transport Commissioner, Chris Boardman, said: "This new cycle parking hub at Manchester Airport will make it easier and more attractive for local residents and employees to travel by bike, enabling them to leave their cars at home and enjoy the many benefits of two-wheeled travel."

Rosslyn Colderley, Sustrans Director for the North of England, said: "This new cycle parking facility will make it easier for employees and travellers to commute by bike or to combine cycling and rail travel to get to Manchester airport. We were pleased to work with the Department for Transport to help make this facility happen."

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