# // Investment pipeline

#### Electrification of the rail infrastructure (region-wide)

- Extension of Midland Main Line electrification Infill electrification schemes to enable electric haulage of freight services
- Delivery of East West Rail Oxford to Norwich/ Ipswich
- Electrification of the Chiltern Main Line

#### Digital Infrastructure provision - 5G and fibre connectivity (region-wide)

- Provision of digital infrastructure delivers opportunities for business transformation, new business models to emerge immediate
- opportunities: East West Rail - Oxford to Cambridge and Aylesbury to Milton

# Electrification of road infrastructure (region-wide)

Investment in charging facilities required to support decarbonisation of vehicle fleet – significance increased by banning of new petrol, diesel and hybrid vehicles from 2030.

#### Enhanced capacity for rail freight

- Four strategic corridors serve/cross the region
- Felixstowe to Nuneaton —
- East West Railway 🕳
- Southampton to West Midlands
- West Coast Main Line (inc. Northampton Loop) =
- Two strategic corridors are important in terms of providing access for construction materials
- Midland Main Line
- Great Western Main Line

### Improved connectivity (east west) - northern

 A northern corridor that links north Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire, and Peterborough, providing more direct passenger transport connectivity across the northern Heartland.

# Improved connectivity (east west) - middle

- Realisation of East West Rail's full capability this will require: East West Rail – Oxford to Bedford and Aylesbury to Milton Keynes
  sections as planned represents minimum scheme
- East West Rail Bedford to Cambridge –
- Combridge South Station by 2025
- Cambridge to Norwich and Ipswich

# Improved connectivity (east west) - southern

A southern corridor that links Buckinghamshire with Hertfordshire providing an orbital passenger transport route between the Chiltern Main Line and West Anglia Main Line.

# Improved connectivity (north south) - western

Enhanced rail connectivity between West Midlands – Oxford/Didcot – and onwards to Southampton —

# Improved service capacity on North Cotswolds line 🕳

#### Improved connectivity (north-south) - central

HS2 Released Capacity is the catalyst for enhanced regional connectivity. For example, linking Northampton – Milton. Keynes/J. Bletchiley-Ayekstury – High Wycombe – Ol Oak Common and improved inter/intra-regional connectivity on the MML Enhanced rail connectivity between London-Luton-Bedford-East Midlands

#### Improved connectivity (north-south) eastern

Enhanced connectivity on the Midland Main Line – to include as a minimum restoration of services previously removed

wx New railway station at Wixams to support planned growth Enhanced connectivity on the London-Bishop's Stortford-Cambridge

corridor

MW Reopening of railway from March to Wisbech

Cross Rail 2 linking eastern Hertfordshire with Surrey via London.

#### SI Strategic Interchanges

Delivery of East West Rail creates opportunities for strategic interchange with traditional main-lines (with London termini): these interchanges offer both transport and economic opportunities.

- Oxford with Great Western and Cross Country
- Bicester Village with Chiltern Main Line
- Aylesbury with Chiltern Main Line
- Milton Keynes/Bletchley with West Coast Main Line Bedford – with Midland Main Line
- Sandy/St Neots area with East Coast Main Line
- Cambridge/Cambridge South with Anglian Main Line.

# Mass Transit Systems

- Cambridgeshire the CAM
- Milton Keynes Mass Rapid Transit • The A414 corridor in Hertfordshire
- Oxford sub-urban network Bus rapid transit and Cowley
- branch line.

# Access to Strategic Gateways

Improved connectivity by public transport

- Heathrow Airport: through Northampton Milton Keynes/Bletchley -Aylesbury High Wycombe Old Oak Common: and through Western Rail Access to Heathrow
- Luton Airport through enhanced services on Midland Main Line
- Stansted Airport through improvements on West Anglia Main Line.

# Step Change in Local Connectivity

Use pilot initiatives to work with partners to identify where the investment in strategic infrastructure offers the opportunity to effect significant change in local connectivity:

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- Aylesbury linked with East West Rail, Garden Town and Enterprise Zone
- Marston Vale linked with East West Rail
- Improvements to National Cycle Network and urban cycleways, including the development of high-quality cycleway (the Varsity Way) to form the backbone of a strategic cycleway across the region.

## Area/Corridor Studies (connectivity studies)

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Please see separate map overleaf.

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