

# Oxfordshire Rail Connectivity Study

Update for Oxfordshire Growth Board January 2019

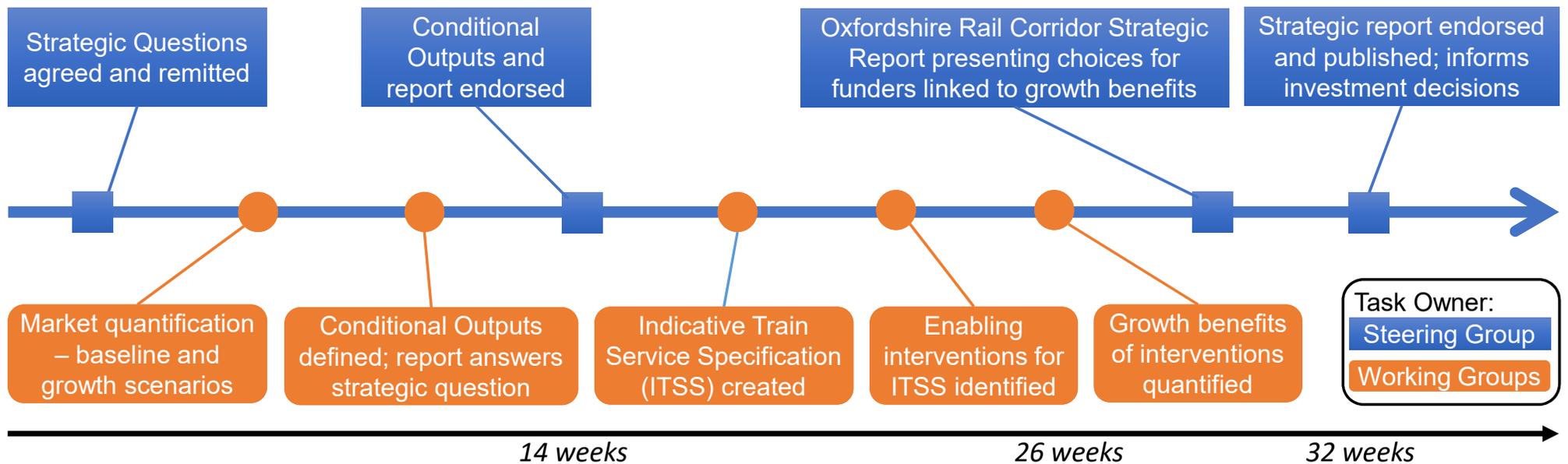
# Study structure overview

- The Oxfordshire Corridor Study consists of two elements:

	Description	Output
1.	Strategic Study of Oxfordshire rail markets	Recommended Oxfordshire rail strategy detailing growth benefits of interventions and setting out proposed investment strategy
2.	Option development for interventions	Output Definition reports for selected interventions

- Both elements will be managed by Steering Group remitting work to Working Groups
- Each delivers separate products and involves different personnel
  - Strategic study – *what we should do*
  - Option development – *how we should do it*

# Strategic study workflow



# Strategic Questions

## ***Growth***

- 1. What is required from the rail network in order to deliver planned growth to 2031?*
- 2. How can the rail network influence the location and scale of additional growth sites?*

## ***Freight***

*What does the rail freight industry require of the rail system in Oxfordshire?*

## **Technology**

*How can new technologies be used to improve the operation and attractiveness of the rail system in Oxfordshire?*

# Progress Update

- Project set up is almost finalised in terms of scope, approach and contracts and procurement etc – this has been time consuming to get right and ensure it meets all partners' needs. A Strategic Steering Group has overseen this work
- A cross-partner technical work has met several times to finalise and agree the scope of our approach to Economic analysis work, in terms of how we factor in planned (and potential future) growth. Shareholders have provided /evaluated background data on housing, population and employment to inform this.
- This is central to the study, enabling it to link more effectively with the Oxfordshire Plan 2050, and provide the evidence to underpin how rail can support planning for growth
- The scope and project plan for the parallel piece of work on option development for the Cowley branch line has been developed
- A revised project timeline based on summer 2019 reporting on phase 1, the strategic study phase and Cowley branch line work

# Next Steps

- Shareholders complete provision of study input data
- The Working Groups which will progress and oversee the details of the study are expected to have remit confirmed by the Steering Group, membership finalised and begin meeting in the next few weeks
- Detailed work on the Cowley branch line to begin early February
- Project steering groups scheduled to align with programme decision dates
- We are proposing a more detailed launch type presentation to tie in with the next meeting of the Growth Board in March.

Oxfordshire Rail Corridor Study Indicative Programme



Workstream	Task	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Mar-20
Initiation	Remit finalised and authorised by signatories	█													
	Funding and commercial agreements finalised	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
	Governance framework agreed	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
	Funding released		█				█								
Option Development	Option Development remit (if concurrent with strategic study)	█	█												
	Option Development work (if concurrent with strategic study)						█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Strategic Study	Strategic Questions finalised and Working Groups remitted		█			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
	Growth scenarios modelled and Conditional Outputs identified		█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
	ITSS development and gaps identified								█	█	█	█	█	█	█
	Choices for funders agreed and strategic report written									█	█	█	█	█	█
	Strategic Options Report Review										█	█	█	█	█
Meetings	Steering Group		█												
	Technical Group			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
	Working Groups								█	█	█	█	█	█	█
	Growth Board Meetings														█

- Key**
- █ Papers in correspondence
  - █ Programme dates
  - █ Future development options
  - █ Critical path
  - █ Programme delay progress made
  - █ Programme delay no progress made
  - 1 Endorse working group remits in correspondence
  - 2 Endorse Conditional Outputs
  - 3 Review draft Strategic Options report