

YORK STREET INTERCHANGE

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS TO DATE

2005 Feasibility Options Reports

In order to decide upon the most appropriate form of improvements for the junction, Roads Service commissioned a feasibility study in 2005. This study involved a staged approach that examined options to improve the efficiency of the junction in the short, medium and long term.

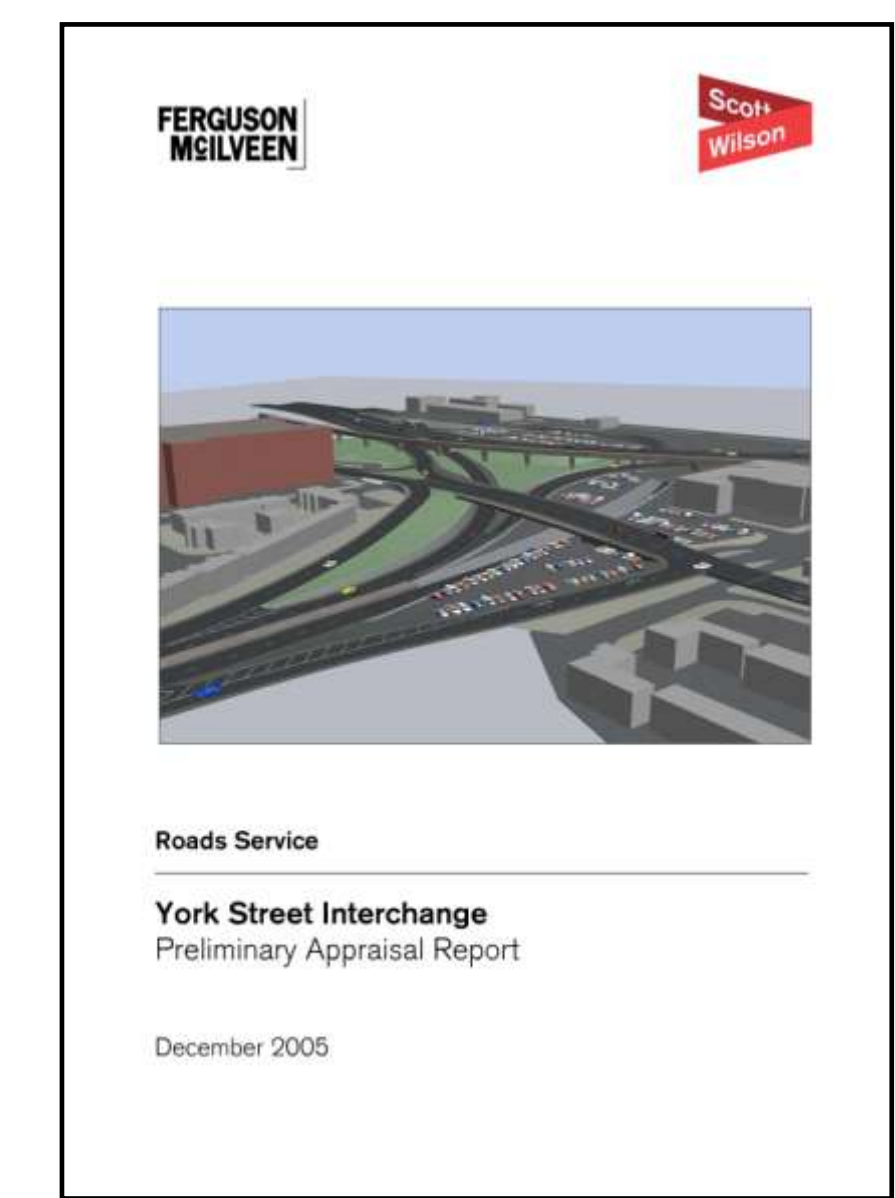
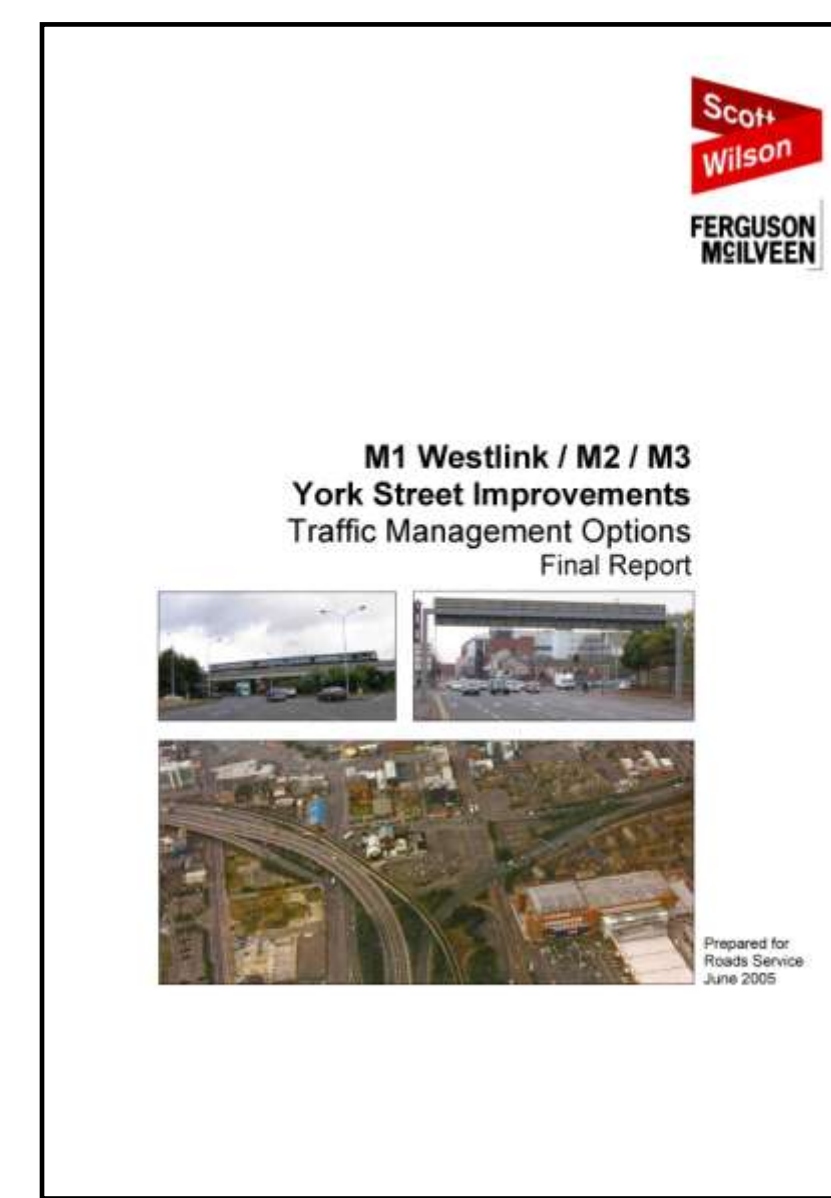
The short and medium term options focused on improvements that maintained the existing traffic signal controlled junctions.

The long term option focused on the introduction of major road improvements to provide direct links between the Westlink and M2 and M3 motorways. As part of the examination into the long term option, an example design was developed. A model of this example design (pictured right) was prepared and has been viewed at several public events in recent years.

The feasibility study culminated with the publication in 2005 of the Traffic Management Options Report and the Preliminary Appraisal Report.



2005 York Street Interchange Model



2009 Preliminary Options Report

Following completion of the feasibility study in 2005, Roads Service proceeded with a Stage 1 assessment of the scheme to identify the environmental, engineering, economic and traffic advantages, disadvantages and constraints associated with broadly defined improvement strategies. This assessment was carried out in accordance with the requirements for scheme assessments set out in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges.

At Stage 1, separate engineering, environmental, traffic and economic assessments were carried out on each of six developed Preliminary Options. The findings of these assessments were reported in the Preliminary Options Report published in March 2009. Based on the recommendations of the report, Roads Service shortlisted four of the six Preliminary Options which were further developed into the options open to public consultation in June 2011.

The Preliminary Options Report can be downloaded from the Department for Regional Development website at:

www.drdni.gov.uk/yorkstreet

