

# YORK STREET INTERCHANGE

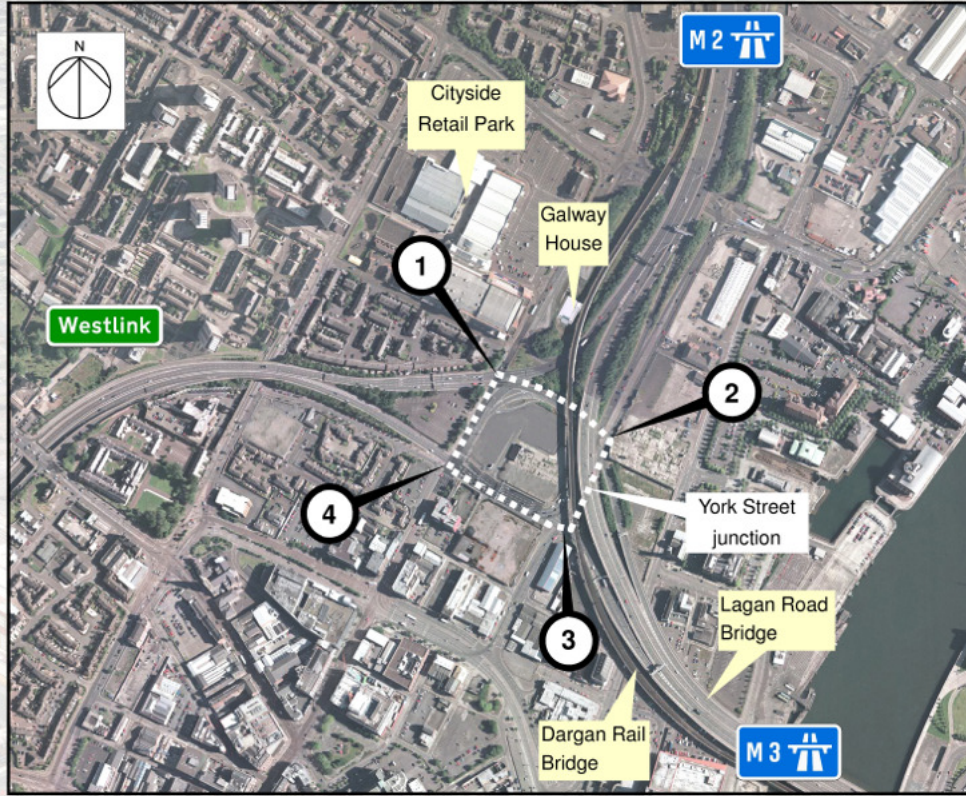
## THE NEED FOR THE SCHEME

### The Existing York Street Junction

The York Street junction is a key junction on the Strategic Road Network which links three of the busiest roads in Northern Ireland, the Westlink and the M2 and M3 motorways. It is the main gateway to Belfast from the north, provides access to the Port of Belfast and caters for many local traffic movements. The existing traffic signal controlled junction causes considerable congestion and long delays for the 100,000 vehicles that pass through it on a daily basis.

Transport NI has now sufficiently developed its Proposed Scheme to remove this bottleneck on the Strategic Road Network to a point where the statutory procedures can be started. In the Proposed Scheme direct links will be provided between the Westlink and the M2 and M3 motorways in underpasses beneath the existing Lagan and Dargan Bridges and new bridges at York Street.

The separation of traffic flows will also improve journeys for non-motorised users on the existing surface street network, including York Street.



**Scheme Location**



**The Strategic Road Network**

(Diagram reproduced from the Belfast Metropolitan Transport Plan)



**Queues on Westlink approach**



**Queues on M2 approach**



**Queues on M3 approach**



**Queues on York Street**