Bee Network Rail Integration

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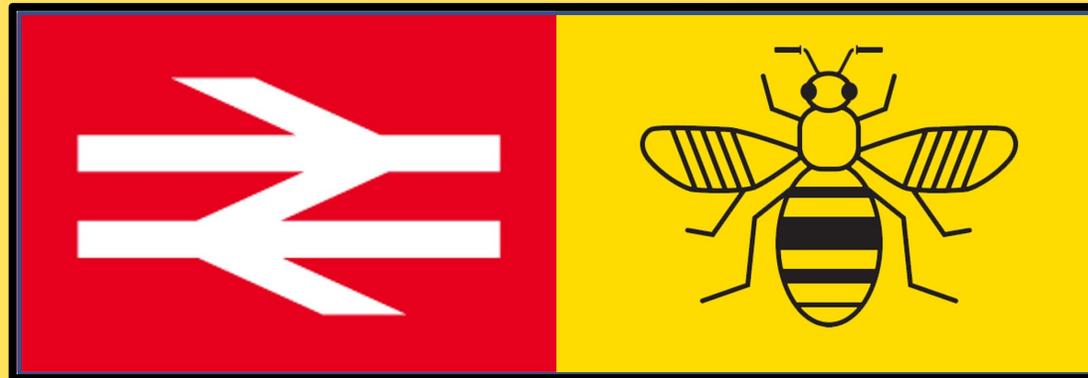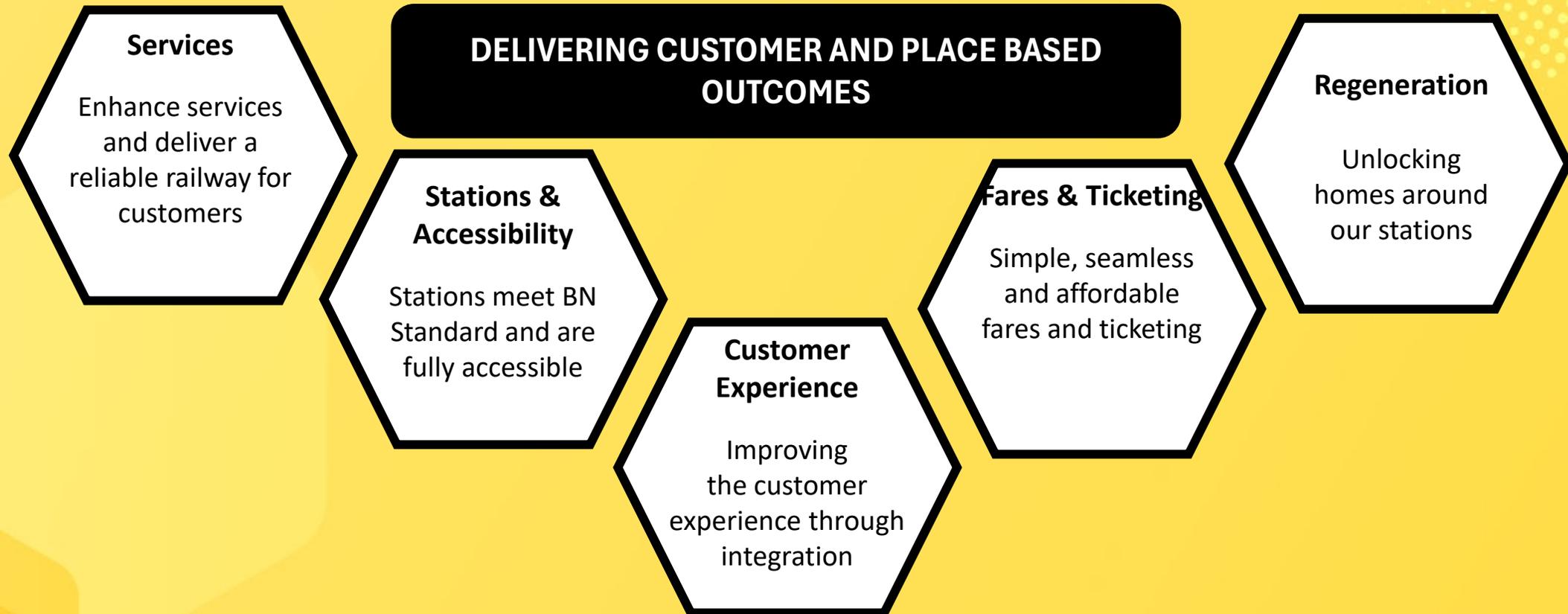
Bee Network Rail Integration
The journey has begun

What rail integration is set out to achieve

"Get rail integrated and up to Bee Network standards"

DELIVERING CUSTOMER AND PLACE BASED OUTCOMES

Services

Enhance services and deliver a reliable railway for customers

Stations & Accessibility

Stations meet BN Standard and are fully accessible

Customer Experience

Improving the customer experience through integration

Fares & Ticketing

Simple, seamless and affordable fares and ticketing

Regeneration

Unlocking homes around our stations

BEE NETWORK

Transport for Greater Manchester

Bee Network Rail Integration Outcomes: Growing the Network

Improved accessibility

with 70% (68 stations) of GM rail stations step free by 2029 – up from 58% today (56 stations)

Driving cancellation rates down to 2%

Performance - 90% of services turn up on time

Delivering PayGo and Rail into the Multimodal Bee Network Cap

Greater than 30% of customers using Tap & Go

Boosting passenger numbers and driving growth

estimated 1.3 million extra journeys by train in Greater Manchester

Regeneration around our stations will unlock c.3000 homes

Fares made simple

Bus: simple

Single fare*	£2 adult
1-day Bee Bus ticket	£5 adult
7-day Bee Bus ticket	£20 adult
28-day Bee Bus ticket	£80 adult
Annual Adult Bee Bus ticket	£800

Rail: complex

Advance Single
£2.50 — £35.90
£16.80 — £31.20

Anytime Return
£63.40
£85.70
£106.80

Off-Peak Single
£19.70 — £31.20

Annual Season
£2,780 — £3,970

7-Day Season
£58.90
£81.50

Rail Card fares

Rail: made simple

Greater Manchester rail fares made simple
Sunday 7 December 2025

Fares made simple: what does it mean for customers

Simpler travel decisions:

Customers no longer need to worry about which operator they are using or whether a return is better value.
There will simply be one fare per journey.

Cheaper single fares:

More than half of journeys (52%) will become cheaper, as many single fares are reduced to half the cost of a return.
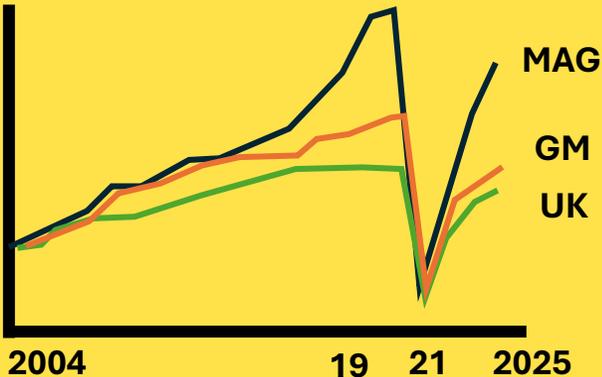
Lower average fares:

The change will mean that the average fare in Greater Manchester **will fall by 5.6%.**

Better flexibility:

Passengers travelling out during peak hours but returning off-peak **will only pay for the cheaper leg not a peak return.**

Rail Performance to date:

Airport growth outstrips UK and GM Average

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GM
UK

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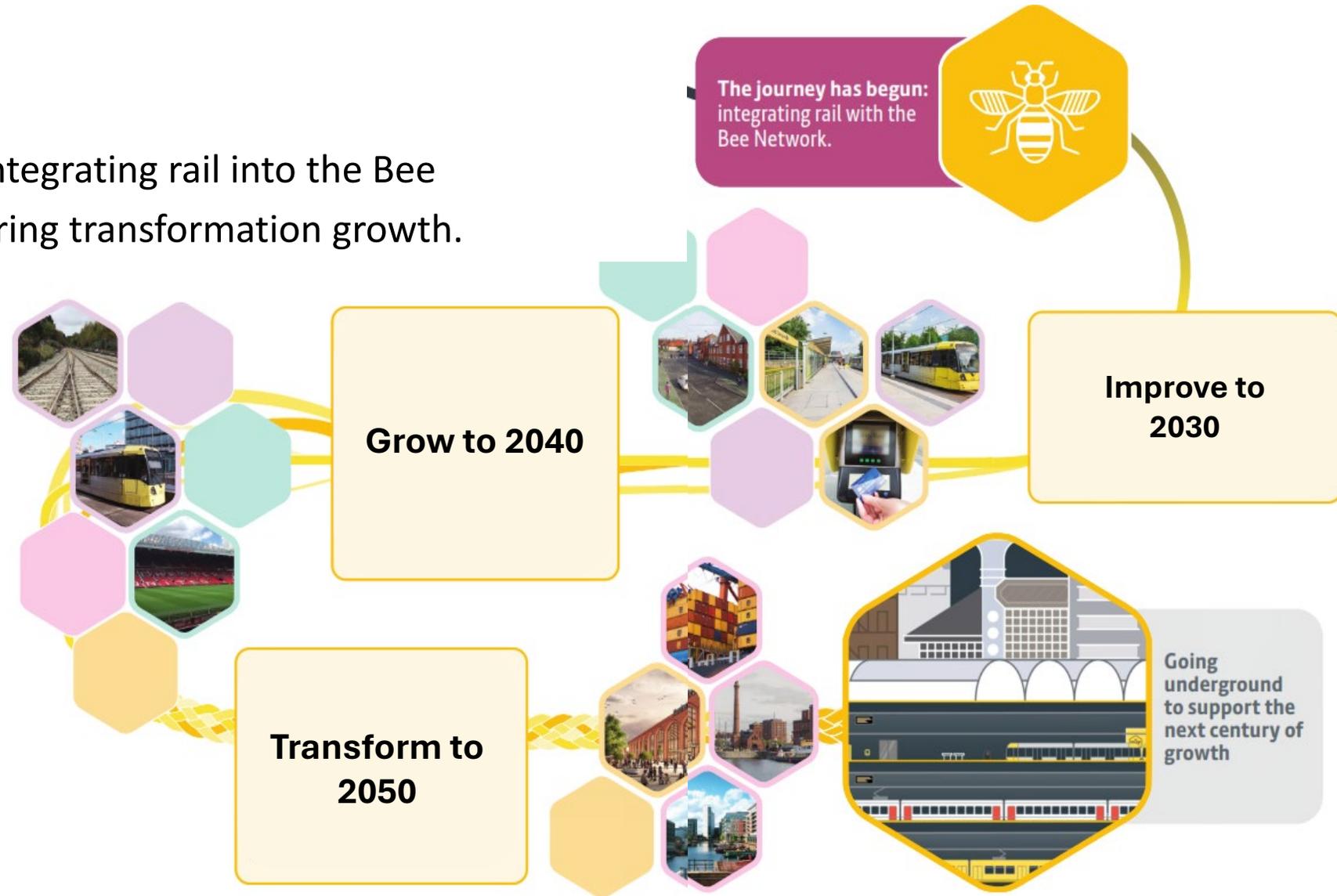**4% Cancellation**

T3 - 54%

TARGET

2% Cancellation

T3 - 90%

GM Growth Led Rail Vision – unlocking transformation growth

White the journey has begun on integrating rail into the Bee Network we need a path to delivering transformation growth.

By bringing together the diverse components of the complex rail horizon over the short, medium and long term deliver our 2050 rail vision, the document brings together the following areas:

The journey has begun: integrating rail with the Bee Network.

Grow to 2040

Improve to 2030

Transform to 2050

Going underground to support the next century of growth

THANK YOU