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MP WELCOMES GRANT FOR MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN LOCAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

WEST Midlands transport authority Centro has been given a £33.2m fighting fund to help tackle congestion, reduce carbon emissions and kick-start the regional economy. The money was awarded to Centro from the Government's local sustainable transport fund (LSTF) which is making £560m available for green travel projects around England. This will be boosted by at least another £15m from local public and private sector contributions.

Working in partnership with the seven West Midlands councils, Centro will now use the money to fund its proposed smart network, smarter choices project. The project will involve a range of sustainable travel schemes along key corridors in the West Midlands to help underpin economic growth, job creation and meet tough carbon reduction targets.

Welcoming the fighting fund, local MP Caroline Spelman said: **“This is great news for our local economy in the West Midlands. Everyone wants to see better public transport services and this investment means we’ll have better walking and cycling routes, and less congestion with a freer flow of traffic.**

“I particularly welcome the new schemes aimed at persuading people to adopt ‘green’ choices for short trips and this alone will help to free up our roads.”

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http://www.thebusinessdesk.com/westmidlands/news/340206-centro-given-33m-to-help-tackle-congestion-and-boost-economy.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=_28th_Jun_2012_-_Daily_E-mail