



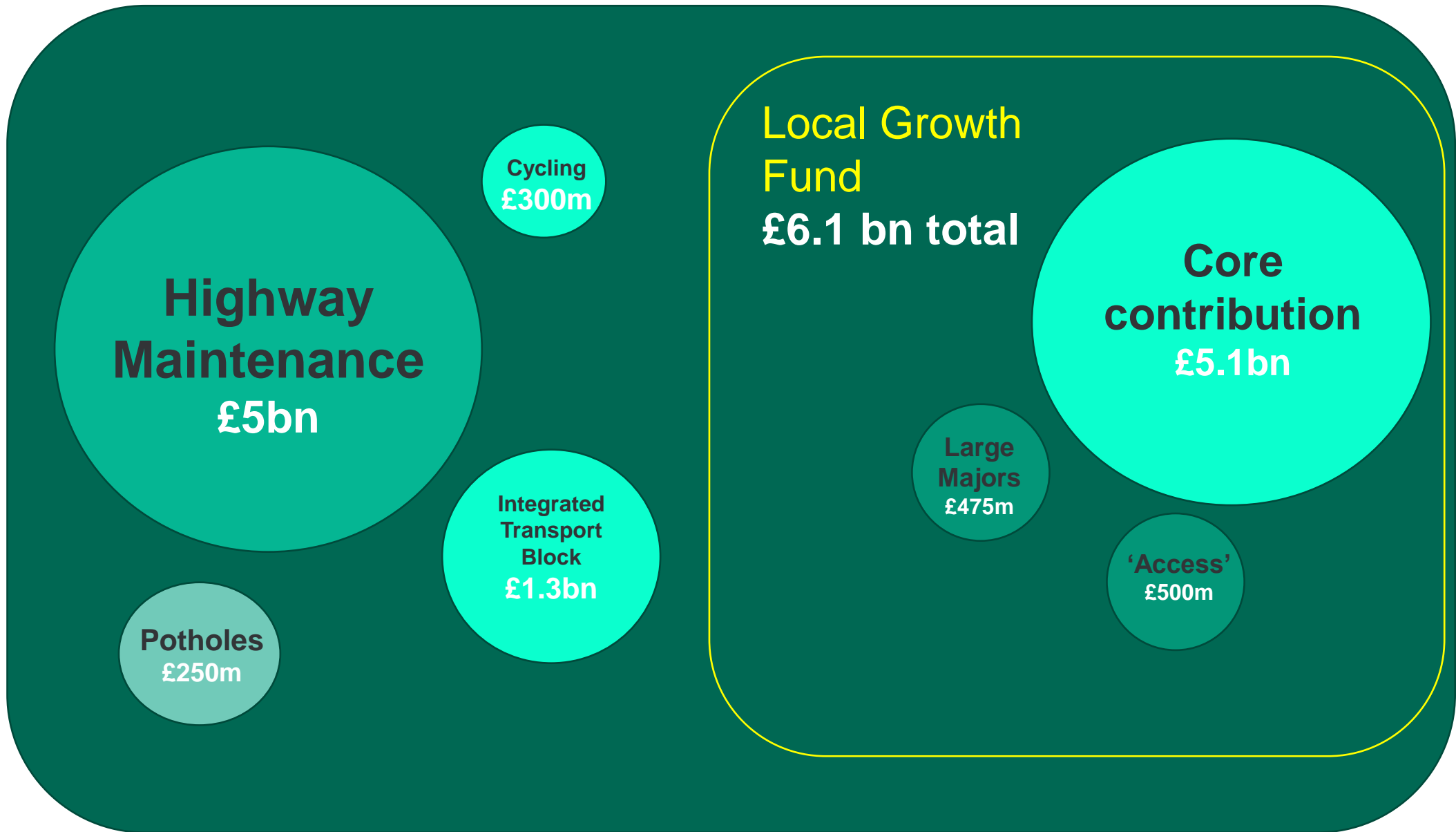
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Sustainable travel is important for the economy

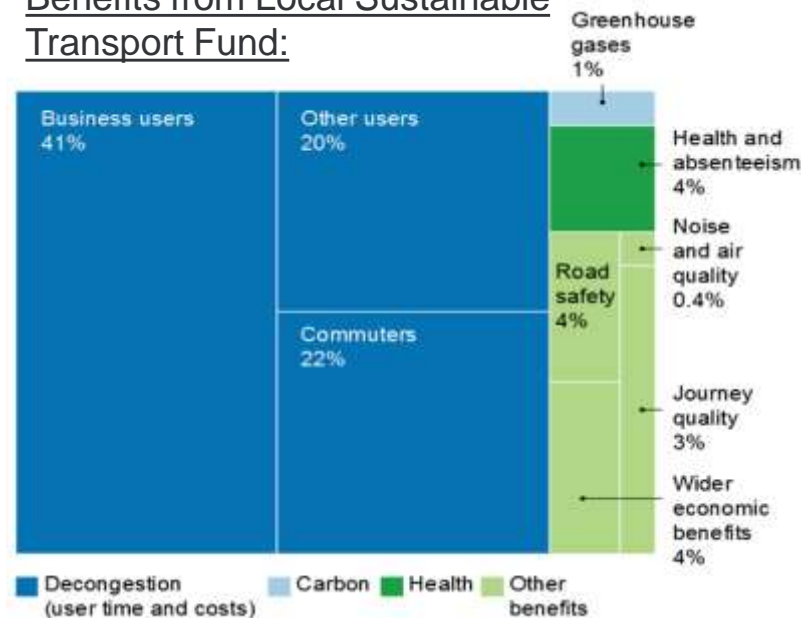
Cycling & walking and the economy

- ▶ British **cyclists** contribute **£2.9b py** to the economy: buying bicycles and accessories (LSE 2011).
- ▶ Regular cyclists take **one less sick day** per year (Hendirkson et al (2010))
- ▶ Both walking and cycling are important for rural tourism – cycle tourists spend 9% more than others (Birmingham University 2015)

Buses & the economy

- ▶ The bus industry employs 124,000 people, 2.5 x rail
- ▶ Bus travellers account for 29% of spending in cities
- ▶ If bus journey times for commuters in England improved by 10%, this would deliver over 50,000 more people in employment (ITS Leeds)

Benefits from Local Sustainable Transport Fund:





- ▶ Government is publishing a Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy this summer.
 - ▶ Ambition
 - ▶ Objectives
 - ▶ Financial Resources
 - ▶ Infrastructure Plan
 - ▶ Governance
 - ▶ Action Plan
- ▶ Local infrastructure plans are a vital part of this. We're working with a few LEPs and local authorities to develop tools that will make it easier to develop cycling and walking infrastructure pipelines. We'll make these resources available, with support to help you use them.
- ▶ Sustainable Transport Delivery Excellence





- ▶ Dedicated programmes
 - ▶ Bikeability
 - ▶ Cycle Ambition Cities
 - ▶ Highways England programme
 - ▶ Access fund

- ▶ Local Transport programmes
 - ▶ Local Growth Fund: Over £600m for sustainable transport
 - ▶ Funding to every Local Authority for cycleways and footways renewal and maintenance

- ▶ Broader Government programmes

- ▶ Local Authority and City programmes

- ▶ Business and third sector programmes

- ▶ Devolution

