Amey Systems-based approaches Case Study: CVL Transformation

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"The current delivery model for complex infrastructure projects is leading to far too many projects running into serious problems"

A Systems Approach to Infrastructure Delivery – ICE, Dec 2020

Complex projects are naturally unpredictable.

This unpredictability has risk associated with it.

When complexity wins, we allow the project's value or ROI to be reduced:

- \circ Output erosion
- \circ Cost overruns
- Programme delays





A System has:

- 1. A boundary
- 2. Output(s)
- 3. Interfaces and constraints
- Stakeholders
- Other infrastructure
- Environment ...



We can also consider our projects as systems.

The project system acts upon our "hard" system to transform its functionality.

As a result we have two complex systems interacting, creating even more opportunities for complexity to win.

Systems-based approaches are those that help us understand and control the complexity.







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The Core Valley Lines Transformation is an outcome led, whole railway system transformation:

- **Capacity:** 4tph to the valley heads
- **Performance:** Reduced journey times
- Environmental: Zero carbon at the train
- Stakeholders: Level access

• Extendibility: Enable future on-street running

Being outcome led provides space for continuous innovation throughout the project.



Considering the whole railway as our system:

• Reduces constraints

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Maximises opportunities for novel and innovative solutions

Amey has leveraged this to determine a solution that makes the previously unaffordable Valley's electrification, affordable.

Working with our client TfW, and the wider supply chain, Amey have developed and implemented systems-based approaches to control complexity while delivering assured outcomes.



Stadler Class 398 Metro Vehicle

- "Tram-Train" light rail vehicle
- Traction power uses 25kV overhead line & onboard energy system (batteries)
- Capable of on-street, line-of-sight operation, passive provision for DC charging
- Mid-height floor with retractable step

Stadler Class 756 FLIRT

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- Mainline, heavy rail vehicle
- Traction power uses 25kV overhead line & onboard energy system (batteries)
- Diesel Range Extender to increase range
- Mid-height floor with retractable step





CVL Infrastructure Works

- Discontinuous electrification 170Km of OLE
 - ✓ 42 Permanently Earthed Sections
 - ✓ 10 Catenary Free Sections
 - ✓ 1st in the UK to use RFID to control Automatic Power Changeover of Rolling Stock traction power modes
- New HV traction power distribution system
- Line speed improvements, passing loops and double tracking
- New CVL Integrated Control Centre
- Complete re-lock/re-control of CVL
- Level Boarding works
- New stations and station improvements
- Line of sight re-signalling of the Bay line



Requirements Led Engineering Approach

Controls the development of outcomes into detailed scope packages for delivery.

Bridges the gap between the project system and the railway system:

- Identifying scope gaps
- Avoiding gold plating

Amey have developed a bespoke system to manage Requirements and Verification & Validation:

- Generates tailored, on-demand reports for specific milestones.
- Acts as a single source of truth for the whole project, including the client.





Amey has learnt lessons throughout the CVL Transformation allowing us to manage complexity and reduce risk.

The outcome based, self-assured delivery model, enables a focus to remain on benefits realisation and ROI for the taxpayer.

Amey's system-based approach has enabled innovative solutions, achieving the first UK implementation of novel technology application.



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