The Bankstown CBD and Bankstown Airport Collaboration Area was formed in December 2018, with 21 organisations collaborating to develop the shared vision and priorities in the Place Strategy. The Strategy was approved by the Commission in December 2019 and published in February 2020.

In 2020 eight core members formed a Governance group and they agreed terms of reference to facilitate the way they work together to implement the Place Strategy:

- City of Canterbury Bankstown Council
- Transport for NSW
- Sydney Metro Authority
- South Western Sydney Local Health District and Health Infrastructure NSW
- TAFE NSW
- Western Sydney University
- Department of Planning Industry and Environment
- Sydney Water.
Highlights from 2020

| Governance group established | Place-based transport strategy commenced | Draft Bankstown City Centre Master Plan delivered by Council |

By working together, the core group members are addressing the Place Strategy themes including:

**Connectivity** – nearing finalisation of the place-based transport strategy; continuation of strategic transport initiatives (bus network rationalising; active transport planning along the Sydenham to Bankstown corridor; business case for the mass transit connection to Liverpool).

**Liveability and Sustainability** – identification of Green Grid, walking and cycling connections in the draft Bankstown City Centre Master Plan.

**Governance** – establishment of a Governance structure and terms of reference; started procurement of an independent project manager.

Outlook and opportunities for 2021

Over 2021 the Bankstown Collaboration Area Governance Group intends to focus on four priority outcomes:

1. **Vibrant and diverse centre**: Jointly implement key initiatives of the draft Bankstown City Centre Master Plan.
2. **Walking and Cycling**: Continue access and transport improvements: review parking provisions in the CBD; deliver new north-south pedestrian plaza connecting Appian Way and Restwell; promote shared use and connectivity through open space and built assets owned by the CA Group members.
3. **Health, innovation, education, culture**: promote the agglomeration of health, education, research, and cultural anchors in Bankstown CBD in the wake of the Bankstown Hospital future development and WSU’s Bankstown CBD Campus under construction.
4. **Create a sustainable, resilient place**: develop a precinct-based sustainability and net zero emission strategy.