

TEC 23.05.24 – Notes on the papers

Papers are here...

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5.1 Work Programme - Expected dates of future Committee reports.

20 June 2024

- Local Improvement Programme 24/25, prioritisation
- Trams to Newhaven, follow-up actions (including Elm Row update)
- Kirkliston/QF traffic & active travel study
- Leith Walk pavement parking
- Tesco Silverknowes active travel path

15 August 2024

- Princes St Waverley Strategy
- ATINP update [was originally to be in June mtg]
- Bike Hire scheme [was originally to be in June mtg]

5.2 Rolling Actions Log

- Massive list as always (110 pages!) – not checked

6.1 Business Bulletin - info for councillors on topics of interest.

Deputations and councillor questions on these items is allowed. Includes...

- **p6 Powderhall rail line** - 'Positive' talks with Network Rail etc
- **p8-9 Travelling Safely update**
 - City Centre & East ETROs now out for consultation. West, North & south coming soon.
 - These exclude the 4 schemes separated out by 16.11.23 TEC, which need their own new ETROs. Namely Greenbank-Meadows; Silverknowes Roads North & South; Comiston Rd. Work unlikely to implement these scheme changes until Sept 2024.
- **P10 School Travel Plans update** 9 completed plans on the Streets Ahead website; 47 more ready to be 'signed off.' No details or how extensive they are in terms of road/ traffic changes
- **p12-13 WETIP (West Ed Transport improvements prog** – A8/A89 corridor Bus & AT measures funded by £36.6m City Deal cash and applying to other sources. The measures are to be phased – report in Appendix [pp 17-55] of the Business Bulletin. **Worth checking cycling aspects.**
- **P13 7/7/7 Bus lane** – propose trialling no.44 service (Balerno/Musselburgh) using ETRO
- **p13-16 Circulation Plan/ Future streets**
 - Funding application made to Sustrans, but outcome/timescale unclear as Scot Govt changing all the rules
 - **City Centre** agreed 'Option C' to remove through traffic – now likely to take 18 months+ before implementation, due to funding, traffic orders, consultation with businesses etc (i.e. Spring 2026 soonest, but hinting later) **This is about a year later than expected at previous TEC.**
 - **Experimental Cowgate closure** – **now proposing just to make it one-way initially**
 - **Lawnmarket** – bus/taxi only from July 2024, then sett relaying, then pedestrianisation. **How will bikes be treated in the final pedestrianisation scheme?** [Not in report: Council has so far refused flat-top setts, although requested by disabled groups & I think Living Streets]

7.3 Edinburgh Workplace Parking Levy – Engagement Results

- Feedback from the consultn on the principles of an Edinburgh WPL [[this](#) was our response]
- Next stage would be to develop a proposed Edinburgh scheme, including what would be funded by it, and to assess its economic and environmental impact on the city. **TEC to decide whether to undertake this next step, cost £100,000.**

7.4 Secure On-Street Cycle Parking progress update

- 180 hangers in use (this was phase 1). Phase 2 is 200 more, cost £920K, by 2025 (funded mainly by Sustrans, £149K from Council ATINP capital budget).
- The report proposes a one-year trial, funded from Sustrans cash to reduce the fee to £36, which is lower than the cheapest resident car park permit (£36.50). Also further reduction to £18 for deprived areas. No guarantee that cash for a subsidy will be available in future years.

7.5 George Street and First New Town – Operational Plan and Project Update

See also email from Richard 17.5.24, prior to publication of the report

- **The Operational Plan is being watered down.** New version is in Appendix 1. Main changes are...
- Private Hire cars (PHC) to be given the same privileges as taxis
- 7pm-6am: Taxi/PHC access allowed 7-days a week
- 6am-7pm: Taxi/PHC allowed for disabled users, managed via pre-booking
- 24/7: One coach per block will be allowed, managed via pre-booking
- Given the uncertainty how the above will work, an ETRO will be used, so the scheme can be modified further. If TEC approves the new Plan, Orders will be promoted in autumn 2024, with construction beginning late 2026.
- To mitigate problems for walk/cycle, George St will be one-way for the exempted vehicles (2-way for bikes)
- Also update on the cross-streets designs (4.25-4.32 of the report)

7.6 Review of London Road junction and Picardy Place

- **Left turn from Leith Walk into London Rd will be permitted, to reduce congestion and bus delays at Picardy Place and Leith Street**
- A single-phase ped/cycle crossing will remain.
- This will be done rapidly using TTRO, whilst a permanent TRO is progressed.

9.1 Motion by Councillor McKenzie - Roseburn to Union Canal

Committee -

- 1) “Notes that the Roseburn to Union Canal project is due to be completed in July and requests that the June Business Bulletin provides an update on the project timeline.
- 2) Notes that the project does not provide an active travel connection between the West Approach Road / Telfer Subway and the Union Canal, with this section due to be delivered as part of the ‘Dundee Street / Fountainbridge Active Travel Improvements Project’.
- 3) Believes that this gap will have a significant impact on the utility of the route, and requests that officers bring forward proposals for temporary measures to improve safety for walking, wheeling and cycling in the affected area, particularly in relation to the crossing of Dundee Street at Gibson Terrace.”