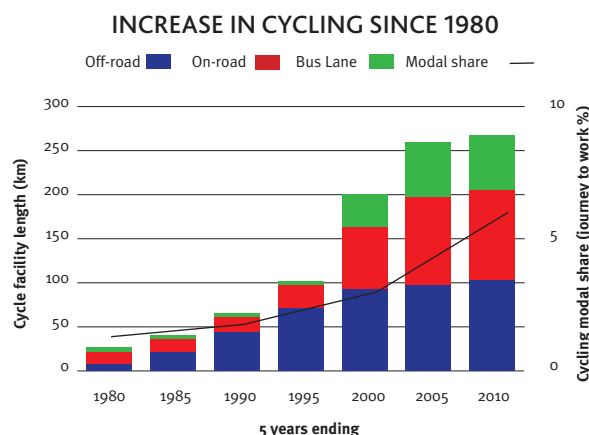


Bridge to the University of Edinburgh's Kings Buildings and a 20mph speed limit in a large area south of the Meadows. Both should be in place by May 2012. We are also giving attention to **Bike Parking**. About 15 to 20 new sites should be in place by next April, with the first racks installed in Morningside, Bruntsfield and Tollcross. We're also working on possible improvements in the city centre and will shortly be inviting proposals from people interested in piloting secure on-street bike parking in tenement areas. If you would like to register interest in this, please e-mail cycling@edinburgh.gov.uk



Maintenance is a subject that is close to many cyclists' hearts. Under the ATAP, we have increased the priority that is given to re-surfacing of off-road cycleways. Salting and snow clearance of these routes have also been reviewed and will receive higher priority in future years.

The plan commits to regular maintenance of the white lines and coloured surfacing

of cycle lanes and advanced stop lines. Discussions are underway as to how to implement this in the current difficult financial climate, and on how to improve vegetation maintenance and litter clearance on the off-road network.

Promotion and Training are key aspects of the ATAP. We are aiming to integrate our promotion efforts with the infrastructure improvements. This will be helped by our recent successful bid for around £75,000 of European funding over the years 2012 to 2015 to supplement our marketing. The Council's Children and Families department is developing a strategy for widening delivery of School Cycle Training, with an aim of at least 50% of Primary 6 children receiving cycle training by 2014.

Councillor Gordon Mackenzie, the Convener of Transport, Infrastructure and the Environment said: *"The ATAP is an ambitious plan, with targets of 15% of journeys to work and 10% of all trips made by bike in Edinburgh by 2020. A lot depends on funding, not*

least on Scottish Government funding via Sustrans and the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets fund. But the evidence of the past 20 years, which have seen cycle trips to work in Edinburgh increase roughly four-fold, suggests we can make major progress towards our goals by 2020."

More information and a copy of the ATAP can be found at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/activetravel

The City of Edinburgh Council **ACTIVE TRAVEL ACTION PLAN**



Last year, the Council approved the city's Active Travel Action Plan – an ambitious plan to get more people cycling and walking. The plan was developed with NHS Lothian, Sustrans, Spokes, Living Streets, Essential Edinburgh, and the University of Edinburgh; it aims to unlock the potential benefits that cycling and walking offer.

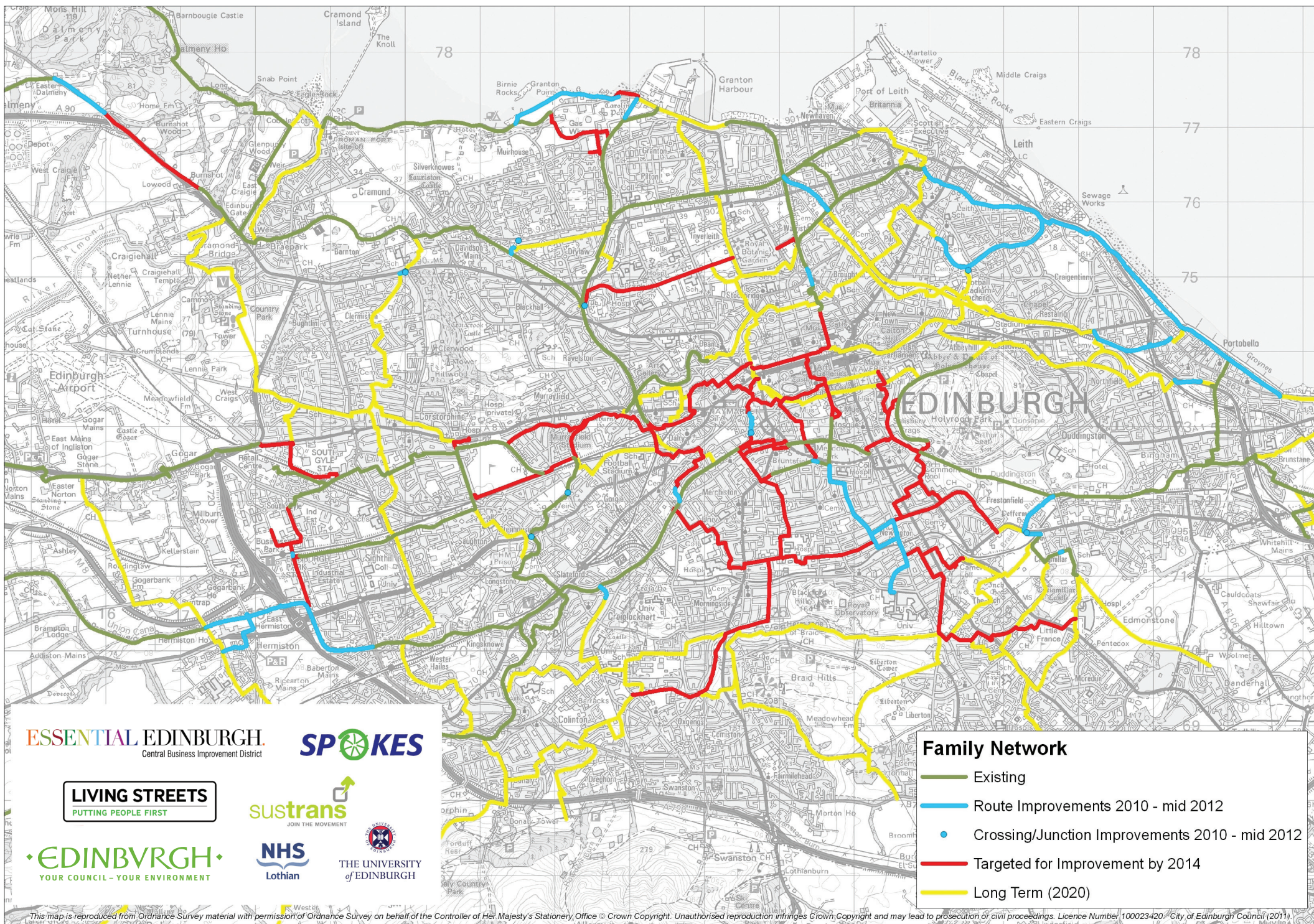
The **Family Network** is central to the ATAP. Similar in concept to the National Cycle Network, it is intended to broaden the appeal of cycling to all ages and abilities. Upgrading on-road links between existing off-road cycle routes is an early priority. The aim is that by April 2014 there will be a more comprehensive network of quiet roads and cycle paths serving popular destinations and providing better links to and across the city centre. A map of the network is overleaf. Improved signs will be a key part of promoting the network.

High priority upgrades near the city centre need substantial design work, which is underway. In the meantime, some much needed upgrades to the off-road network have been put in place. For example the route from Seafield to Lochend is now surfaced and lit, and accesses will be improved by April next year. Major improvements between **Leith and Portobello** will get underway in

early 2012. This work, which is being carried out in partnership with Sustrans, will dramatically improve the route between Leith Links and Portobello Promenade. It includes a major upgrade of the railway path that joins the east end of Leith Links to Seafield Place, involving new ramps and a new bridge.



We are also working to deliver a range of on-street improvements to make cycling safer, and more convenient for everyday cyclists. Under the theme of **Cycle Friendly City**, we aim to implement improvements in parts of the city with the greatest potential to generate bike trips, starting with the South Central area. The main early actions here will be the **Quality Bike Corridor** improvements from George IV



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- Existing
- Route Improvements 2010 - mid 2012
- Crossing/Junction Improvements 2010 - mid 2012
- Targeted for Improvement by 2014
- Long Term (2020)