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Dear Councillors and Stakeholders,

Covid-19 Bus Priority Rapid Deployment Fund

Proposed A8/A89 Bus Lane Scheme

Please be advised that as part of overall emergency measures we are proposing to introduce bus lanes on the A8/A89 corridor into and out of the City. The measures proposed will ensure key parts of the road network are kept clear, prioritising public transport. The proposals have the aim of providing buses with reduced journey times and improved reliability, to ensure that services remain responsive to public health measures and reliable during the current Covid-19 pandemic.

I have attached the proposed designs for the scheme. In summary it shows:

- Introduction of a bus lane on the A89 eastbound approach to the B800 traffic signal junction.
- Introduction of four sections of bus lane on the A8 westbound from the Airport junction to Newbridge roundabout.
- Introduction of a bus lane on the A8 eastbound at the Gogar underpass.

Given the urgency to make the required changes any comments relating to these proposals should be received by **1200hrs on Monday 15 March** to transport.publictransaccess@edinburgh.gov.uk

All feedback will be reviewed and where possible the scheme will be further refined. Feedback will be summarised in an assessment feedback form which will be presented to the Council Incident Management Team for approval. Please note that we will be unable to respond to individual emails.

If the proposal is approved for implementation, publicity will then be undertaken so that local people are aware of the changes. The Public Transport team inbox will help us to manage any feedback around proposals – transport.publictransaccess@edinburgh.gov.uk

The introduction of, or changes to, any restrictions will be implemented under emergency delegated decision-making powers using a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order.

Regards

On behalf of the Bus Priority Rapid Deployment Team