City of Edinburgh Council Traveling Safely Trial

Scheme Retention Briefing



Stakeholder Engagement

The purpose of this Stakeholder Engagement is to consider what revisions may be appropriate for each stakeholder group before we promote Experimental Traffic Orders:

Groups Involved:

- Emergency Services
- Mobility and Disability groups
- Transport User groups
- Public Transport operators
- Built Environment interest groups

Spaces for People - Background

- Spaces for People schemes provided more space for walking and cycling during Covid-19 pandemic
- Retaining schemes can help achieve Council business plan priorities including net zero carbon and improving wellbeing
- Aligns with the City Mobility Plan, Active Travel Action Plan and City Centre Transformation proposals
- Retention should provide increased protection for cyclists and pedestrians
- Improve opportunities for active travel within communities and across the city

City Centre Proposals

- Keep Victoria St and Cockburn St pedestrian priority & closed to through traffic
- Retain closure of Waverley Bridge while working with bus operators to find suitable alternative locations
- Remove all measures from George IV Bridge and modify Forrest Road from next week, replace segregation on The Mound
- Temporarily reopen East end of Princes Street to accommodate tram works, then reinstate eastbound restrictions.

Remove Town Centre measures

- Retain Queensferry High Street one-way (with contraflow cycle use)
- Remove all other measures (minor retention at limited pinch points)
- Note future intention to increase pedestrian priority with permanent measures

Cycle Segregation and Leisure Connections

Protected cycle lanes

- Extend trial/retention of existing cycle segregation (Ferry Road, A1, A90, Old Dalkeith Rd, Crewe Rd S, Duddingston Road, Duddingston Road West, Craigmillar Park, Mayfield Road, Meadowplace Road, Teviot Place etc)
- Local amendments to improve opportunities for Blue Badge parking, residents access and loading (reduce scope of restrictions) and floating parking bay layout
- Further consideration on Lanark Road / Comiston Road and Braid Road (reopening) to be considered at 14th October Committee

Leisure connections

- Retain most: Cammo Walk* and Maybury Rd crossing*, Silverknowes Rd,
 West Shore Rd, Kings Place, Seafield St, Arboretum Place
- Links Place opened, consider future as part of Leith low traffic neighbourhood
- * Tied in with new Craigs Road/Maybury Road signalised junction

Next steps

- Engage with Stakeholders and complete the Technical Review on schemes due for retention
- Most current measures to remain in place under current TTRO powers
- Advertise Experimental TROs to retain schemes for a further 18 months
- Consider ETRO representations at 27th January 2022 Transport and Environment Committee
- ETROs are limited to 18 months
- Many schools measures retained and to be considered under School Travel Plan reviews

