

Motions and Amendments

Transport and Environment Committee

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Virtual Meeting - via Microsoft Teams

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Coalition Addendum

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Item 7.1 Active Travel Measures- Travelling Safely

Adds

Recognises that a complete active travel network is necessary for safe journeys for those who choose to travel by bike in the city and that the reintroduction of alternative road features such as loading facilities can effectively reduce the safety aspects of an active travel network and impact on its continuity and potentially on levels of use.

Requests particular focus from officers to monitor the impact of these proposed changes to the active travel and public transport environment across the area that includes Braid Road and Comiston Road and to report back to the Transport & Environment Committee within one year.

Moved by Cllr L Macinnes

Seconded by Cllr K Doran

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Committee - Transport and Environment

Date – 11th November 2021

Item 7.1 - Active Travel Measures – Travelling Safely Update

Committee;

1.1.1 Notes the updates in this report, including details on the existing measures (as detailed in Appendix 1);

Deletes recommendations 1.1.2, 1.1.3 & 1.1.4

Replaces with;

1.1.2 Considers the feedback received on the Comiston Road and Braid Road schemes and agrees to the removal in full of the Comiston Road scheme and approves option 1 for Braid Road.

1.1.3 Welcomes the outcome of the review of disabled parking measures at the Arboretum Road crossing point in paragraph 4.8 however, considers that further improvements are required to fully address the clear equality issues with this flawed and temporary scheme. Further agrees that officers should report to Committee within two cycles detailing the two previous designs for full Active Travel Schemes for this area, the outcomes of the public consultations on these designs, and a proposed plan and timescale to bring forward a permanent scheme that provides both the essential pedestrian crossing that has been the source of requests here for over 10 years along with an approach to the use of the crescent areas that provides drop off and Blue Badge Holder parking to give access for those with mobility issues.

Moved by: Councillor Graham Hutchison

Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte

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Amendment by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 7.1 – Active Travel Measures – Travelling Safely Update

Amends recommendation 1.1.2:

“Consider the feedback received on the Comiston Road and Braid Road schemes and agrees:

- a) To implement Option 2 for Braid Road as per officers’ recommendations, however further notes the staged implementation of the improvements to Braidburn Terrace, ‘Braidburn Valley Park to Hermitage of Braid’, including the toucan crossing on Braid Road. Agrees that to support residents to continue walking, wheeling and cycling, Braid Road should not be opened to traffic in both directions until the toucan crossing is operational.
- b) Alters the measures on Comiston Road as per officers’ recommendations, however retains the maximum amount of ‘cycle lane defenders’ and provide a full-time bus lane with double yellow lines, in order to prioritise bus and bike users as per the sustainable transport hierarchy.”

Moved by: Claire Miller

Seconded by: Steve Burgess

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Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

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Report. 7.1

Report Title: Active Travel Measures - Travelling Safely Update

Delete 1.1.2 and insert:

“1.1.2 notes the consultation feedback received on the Comiston Road and Braid Road schemes and accordingly agrees;

- the recommendations in paragraph 4.4 and in Appendix 2 with respect to Comiston Road.
- to proceed with Option 1, so Braid Road is fully reopened in both directions, given this was by far the most popular choice in the local community.
- to proceed swiftly to implement the Braidburn Terrace one-way scheme along with the planned road safety improvements at the junction of Braid Road and Hermitage Drive, including extended pavements, a raised table road surface and a toucan light-controlled crossing.
- to install effective speed reducing measures, such as speed signs, raised tables, speed bumps and chicanes, on Braid Road, Hermitage Drive and Midmar Drive; and
- in consultation with the local community, review the operation of the Greenbank to Meadows Quiet Connection, after Braid Road has been re-opened, to assess the need for changes to address residents’ concerns.”

Moved by Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by

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Amendment by the Conservative Group

Committee - Transport and Environment

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Item 7.3 - A71 Dalmahoy Junction Improvements

Committee;

1.1.1 Notes the work that has been done to date on the A71 Dalmahoy Junction Improvements project;

Deletes recommendation 1.1.2 to 1.1.5 and replaces with;

1.1.2 Notes that the current cost estimate for the introduction of a signalised junction of £962,000, is significantly greater than the funding package of £455,000 approved by Committee in March 2017. However further notes the alternative road safety measures proposed in the officer recommendation and costed at £625,000 also significantly exceed the approved funding package.

1.1.3 Regrets that decades of delays on improvements to the junction have led inevitably to significantly increased costs.

1.1.4 Notes that a fully signalised junction is the preferred option of local residents, the Ratho & District Community Council and ward Councillors.

1.1.5 Therefore, agrees to proceed with the current plan for a fully signalised junction with the required funding of £507,000 to be included in the capital programme for roads for 2022/23 to be presented to council at the budget setting meeting in February.

Moved by: Councillor Graham Hutchison

Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte

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Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.4 – City Mobility Plan – Mode Share Targets

Committee agrees to continue consideration of this item for a further report that:

1 outlines how the potential targets in the Technical Note can be related in a realistic and deliverable way to City Mobility Plan actions rather than simply an overall and stretched Scottish Government target;

2 commits to continue to measure trip data in addition to Km travelled data given the implications for the administration's "to not through" policy for public transport around the City Centre have likely implications for reduced numbers of longer public transport trips;

3 attempts to set out how delivery service trips will be measured given evidence that these have grown during the pandemic and that continued home working and reduced travel by residents in 20 minute neighbourhoods could potentially maintain these increases over the long term.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Graham Hutchison

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Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 7.4 – Citywide Mode Share Targets (CMP)

Amend recommendation 1.1.1 and add recommendation 1.1.2:

“1.1.1 Approve the target of 30% reduction in car kms as set out in the appended Technical Note.

1.1.2 Recognises the complexity of establishing individual mode share targets and commits to working with key stakeholder groups such as Living Streets and Spokes to review and refine individual mode share targets which will support the shift towards sustainable transport. These to be reported to Transport & Environment Committee by March 2021.”

Moved by: Claire Miller

Seconded by: Steve Burgess

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Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.5 - Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme – future delivery and interim community initiatives

Replace the Recommendations with:

The Transport and Environment Committee:

1.1.1 Regrets the abrupt end of the Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme (ECHS) in September and the failure of the SNP/Labour administration to ensure continuity of service for the users of this long-awaited scheme despite a considerable budget allocation being available and considers this a failure of leadership, delivery and commercial ability by this Administration;

1.1.2 Notes with considerable frustration that any re-procurement would take a minimum of 18 months to two years and calls for a review of alternative procurement models to reduce this excessively lengthy timescale;

1.1.3 Notes the current position on the ECHS and the proposed short and medium-term mitigating measures set out in the report but agrees that spend on these should be reviewed by Committee on an annual basis in order that the budgeted funds can be maintained for the original use of a replacement, mass use cycle hire scheme;

1.1.4 Agrees to the establishment of a project team to take forward a detailed assessment of proposed objectives for a new scheme but time limits this work to six months recognising the considerable knowledge already available in this field both within TfE and in cities across the UK; The outcome of this will be reported to Committee as early as possible; and

1.1.5 Approves the funding to support the short-term mitigating measures for 2021/22 only at this stage.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Graham Hutchison

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Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.6 – Healthcare Worker and Carer (Parking) Permits

Add one additional recommendation:

“Notes that the majority of home care staff walk or use public transport, and therefore also agrees to include discussion of walking and public transport in the further engagement with key stakeholders”

Moved by: Claire Miller

Seconded by: Steve Burgess

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Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Report. 7.6

Report Title: Healthcare Worker and Carer (Parking)

Delete 1.1.4 and insert:

“1.1.4 agrees to the principle of introducing a new Carer’s parking permit scheme, welcomes the proposals set out in the report to achieve this, approves further engagement with key stakeholders to further refine the proposals so a report can return to committee within six months; and,”

At end of 1.1.5, insert “noting that outstanding actions will be logged in the committee rolling actions log”.

Moved by Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by

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Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item – 7.7 Brunstane Road Closure (ETRO Progress Update)

Replace the recommendations with:

Committee notes that the full ETRO public consultation shows an even higher proportion of the wider population being against the closure with 74% indicating their opposition with 211 lodging an objection. Committee therefore agrees to abandon the ETRO process and that officers re-examine alternative measures for Brunstane Road such as parking controls and/or an HGV ban.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Stephanie Smith

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Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

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Report. 7.7

Report Title: Brunstane Road Closure (ETRO Progress Update)

Delete 1.1.3 and 1.1.4 and insert;

“1.1.3 notes the content of the 218 objections received, and agrees not to proceed with the trialling of the proposed measures under an ETRO.”

Moved by Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by

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8.1 - Waste and Cleansing Services Performance Update

Adds-

1.1.2 Notes that tipping and dumping in Edinburgh has increased year-on-year since 2017, and that this selfish and anti-social behaviour blights many communities, as it does in local authority areas across Scotland.

1.1.3 Notes that dealing with tipping and dumping consumes significant council resources, and that this money could be better invested elsewhere.

1.1.4 Requests a report within three cycles which details the extent of the problem, identifies hotspots and makes clear what options are available to deal with it, including the bulky household uplift service.

Moved by: Cllr Lesley Macinnes

Seconded by: Cllr Karen Doran

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9.1 – Motion by Cllr Lang – Edinburgh Recycling Centres

Committee:

Accepts points 1 and 2

Replaces points 3 and 4 with

3. Recognises that the appointment booking system has been warmly welcomed by staff who have experienced calmer better working conditions as a result with reduced instances of aggression; that the system appears to work very well, reducing queuing time for residents and ensuring a more even use of the recycling sites throughout the day. The social distancing that this system more easily provides is also still considered important for the ease of both staff and residents.

4. Notes that initial concerns from residents during the early period of implementation have abated considerably over time and that onsite staff report plentiful positive comments from the public focussing on a preference for the new system, that they can access sites more easily without queuing and that they can complete visits faster than previously

Adds

5. Notes that it has helped prevent use of the recycling centres by non-Edinburgh residents or businesses which had previously been an operational concern and cost.

6. Notes that the cost of implementing the system was only £7,500 and recognises the long term value of this Covid response to longer term waste operations.

7. Notes that since the appointments system was adopted over 740,000 bookings have taken place to date.

8. Notes that it may be possible to expand some capacity using the appointments system at some or all of the 3 recycling sites and requests a report to the Transport and Environment Committee in March 2021 which outlines this and describes the operational impact of this new method of working.

9. Requests that this report also provides officer recommendations on whether the system should be retained for Committee decision.

Moved by: Cllr Lesley Macinnes

Seconded by: Cllr Karen Doran

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