

## TEC 12.10.23 – Notes

Papers are here...

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### 5.1 Work Programme - Expected dates of future Committee reports

**Nov 16** expected to include...

- Greenbank – Meadows update
- George St project – side streets update
- Bike storage at schools
- Road renewals & active travel infrastructure
- Holyrood Park, council response to consultn
- School bike buses

**Jan 11**

- Greenbank – Meadows report
- Bike hire & car hire
- Portobello junction(s?)

### 5.2 Rolling Actions Log – Notes on progress & expected dates on past Committee decisions

- Many pages, including relevant items

### 6.1 Business Bulletin - info for councillors on topics of interest. *Deputations and councillor questions on these items is still possible.* Includes...

- p3 **Elm Row** – Officers to investigate pedestrianisation (but probably only 1 day per week).
- p3 **George Street** – taxi access for disabled period outside exemption window being considered
- p5 **George Street Project** – plans for crossing streets almost complete – local residents & businesses will be consulted (**no mention of non-local groups!**)
- p5 **Stenhouse Mill Lane footbridge** – repairs going out to tender
- P6 **Lindsay Road, Rainbow Bridge** – funding obtained for design
- p7 **Local Traffic Improvement Programme** – programme to be prepared (**what is this about?**)
- p7 **Car-km in Edinburgh** – data shows increasing car-km, despite 30% reduction target

### 7.1 St James Quarter – Introduction of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order

- To allow 2 taxis or 1 coach into St James Square pedestrian/cycle area, for hotel access

### 7.2 Road Safety – Service and Delivery Plan Update for 2023/24

- Discussion of priorities for the limited number of staff
- Appendix 3 lists projects for 23/24 year – includes new controlled crossings and a ‘buildout’ crossing (pinch points?)

### 7.3 Actions to Deliver Edinburgh’s City Mobility Plan - Consultation Update

- Massive report – 391 pages, much of which is detailed reporting on the consultation. I have not attempted to look at it all!
- This is just the consultn report. The finalised Action Plans will come in Feb 2024.

- The consultation included the (self-selected) online survey, (representative) market research, focus groups, hard-to-reach groups, etc. The analysis / presentation is very good, and compares these data sources very usefully.
- The market-research (i.e. representative sample of the population) is much more favourable to restrictions on motor traffic than is the online consultation. [Tweet](#)
- The online consultation is heavily skewed towards age 45-64 and to some extent 65-74. Under 25s and over 75s are hugely under-represented
- The data also shows that under-45s are much more positive towards measures that restrict motor traffic and improve conditions for walk, wheel, cycle
- The overall consultation also identified issues not asked in the questions, including bike hire, integrated ticketing, antisocial behaviour, street trees,...

#### **7.4 East London Street**

- Monitoring of conditions for residents continues; Lothian Buses asked to reduce usage

#### **7.6 Reform of the Council's Transport companies**

- Proposals to integrate Edinburgh Trams and Lothian Buses

#### **8.2 Speed Limits Review: 20mph**

- Report of the consultation on extending 20mph to more roads
- As in 7.3, market research was done and showed greater support than self-selected online
- Overall, views are mixed, with support for some, opposition to others, and additions suggested
- Decisions will be taken in Feb 2024 TEC

#### **8.3 Speed Limits Review: Rural Roads**

- Very similar to the 8.2 bullet points

#### **8.5 Incorrect Parking on the Tram Route**

- Solutions are discussed – no new measures decided
- The motion which resulted in this report did not cover parking on the cycleways/ footways

#### **9.1 Motion by Councillor Aston - HES Strategic Plan for Holyrood Park**

- Welcomes [Historic Environment Scotland's Outline Strategic Plan for Holyrood Park](#) consultation
- Asks council to seek to formalise stakeholder relationships with HES over Park management

#### **9.2 Motion by Councillor Dijkstra-Downie - Trial of Speed-Responsive Traffic Lights**

“Committee:

1. Notes previous trials in London and Swindon of speed-sensitive traffic signals that turn red when a speeding car approaches, or alternatively are red by default and only change to green when approaching drivers adhere to the speed limit. Drivers learn that speeding on streets with such signals will require them to stop at the light and be delayed as a result.
2. Understands that this technology is already in use in other European countries including Spain and the Netherlands, in the US including in Boulder, CO and Washington D.C., and has recently been trialled in Montreal, Canada.
3. Asks for a report to the Transport and Environment Committee in February 2024 on feasibility and costs to trial this technology in Edinburgh as a potential speed-reduction measure.”