

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

8th January 2024 - 19:30

Topic: January PG meeting

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Attendees: David French (DF), Martin McDonnell (MMcD), John Robson (JR), Sarah Morton (SM), Neil Thomas (NT), Neil Gwynne (NG)

Apologies:

TEC items

1. 7.1 [Major Junctions Review Update](#)

- a. Includes delay to King's Road junction upgrade - in June they said deliver summer 2024 and funded from existing budget - now 2 years, road orders, no staff and no money! Expecting "development" to commence in Spring with design cost from Road Safety budget, delivery (750K to 1m) from external source. Did they forget about road orders initially? Are they really needed? Do they have to take so long? (Martin)
- b. Weren't we pushing for Major Junctions to be prioritised as a "quick fix" to better cycle facilities as was done in Glasgow? Now they're putting on hold until after City Mobility Plan and Future Streets Framework (is that a replacement for the Circulation Plan?) 4 of the top 10 have already had some work as part of other projects eg Lothian Boulevard. Doesn't seem to be any urgency although clearly makes sense to sort out the "big picture" but it just seems to introduce more and more delay.(Martin)
- c. (Dave re (b) above) ...I think the **Future Streets Framework** is the circulation plan + the action plans. See the [Work Programme paper](#). All this is due to be published for the Feb 1st TEC, and approved at that meeting. So that should not be a cause for much delay???? If so, then the main delay to the bulk of the 40 schemes would appear to be resources. The table in the MJR report says 'External Funding Required' for packages 2 and 3 (ie. for all 40 junctions other than Portobello) and that CEC will be applying to Sustrans Places for Everyone Fund for this. It would be good at least to ensure that this happens in the next round of bidding to that Fund.

2. 8.1 [Accessibility Commission - what do other cities do?](#)

3. 8.4 [Transport Asset Management Plan](#)

4. 8.5 [Trams to Newhaven](#)

Details were requested at previous TEC of the outstanding defects & concerns and the process for dealing with them. The report just states that they are being tracked and processed using the existing project processes! No details - a whitewash! Doesn't mention Spokes as one of the sources for raising the issues or consultation. Might contact Cllr Caldwell and Community Council(Martin)

5. 8.6 [Transport and Local Access Forum](#)

Updates/ongoing

1. Roseburn/Canal
2. Canal/Meadows - https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/meadows-to-canal-cycling-and-walking-improvements/supporting_documents/MEDCAPHAC01DRC1001_P01%20%20Nov%2018.pdf
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3. CCWEL - MMcD to enquire about progress.
4. George St/Meadows
 - a. [TRO/21/32 Meadows to Geo St \(MGS\). stage 1 consultn](#) - does AR know what's going on?
 - b. [George Street cross-streets consultation](#) - Closes 8 Feb 2024 - draft response by Richard & Ewan for comment - on the website ([in para 2311](#)).
5. [Parking Levy](#) - draft volunteer required - John Robson to draft. February Deadline. in case useful, Spokes responses to the earlier national consultations 1. [Regulations consultn](#) 2. [In advance of the law](#).
6. Fountainbridge - Alex Robb looking at this.
 - a. Need to investigate interim scheme for Roseburn - Canal integration.
7. [Musselburgh Active Toun routes](#)
 - a. also "East Lothian Active Freeway" also being consulted on https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210566/roads_and_transport/12809/cross_east_lothian_active_freeway
 - b. I share concern about the advisory cycle lane on Millhill (Fisherow) - too many interruptions etc - better as a traffic calmed/filtered road (Martin)
 - c. Also concerns re the narrowness (2.1/ 2.5m) of the bi-directional cycleway on Linkfield (beside racecourse) and the awkward, non-intuitive connections at either end. Seems like AECOM not using cycling designers!).
8. Greenbank-Meadows - Send separate email to Cllr Arthur and ward councillors. **DF to draft email**
9. "Urban traffic management and control" - **DF to draft email**

Other Transport

- 1.

Planning Apps

- 1.

AOB

- 1.

Next Meeting?

[TEC meeting](#) on 1st Feb is expected to be busy, so may want to have a meeting on 29th January?