

TEC 11.1.24 – Notes

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5.1 Work Programme - Expected dates of future Committee reports. A selection shown below

Feb 1

- Finalised Circulation Plan & action Plans, for TEC approval
- Secure bike parking update
- N-S tram options

Mar 7

- Local Traffic Improvement Programme
- Greenbank – Meadows update
- Capital investment prog 24/25
- Corstorphine Connections update

Apr 25

- WPL progress

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

- Massive list as always – I haven't checked it

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

- p6 **Corstorphine Connections** – proposed changes to the ETRO in light of experience so far, therefore new consultation required (legally), 8 Jan to 7 July; but this new 6 months is within the 18-month ETRO, and the ETRO end date (when councillors take final decisions) is unchanged
- p9-10 **Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan 2024-2030** – draft plan, to approve a consultation. Includes how transport in the city can be made resilient to climate threats.
- P10-15 **Bike Hire, Car Hire and Congestion** – says bike hire schemes still being investigated. The later part of the report is about better coordination of roadworks, and urban traffic control 'smart city' using recent electronic methods
- p16-17 **Trams to Newhaven** - project handover still not finalised but "project team will remain available until end March 2024"

7.1 Major Junctions Review update

- **Porty junction now only "when appropriate management resources are available" on grounds that the existing interim solution 'mitigates' the biggest problem by banning HGV left turns. Could be 2+ years to the medium solution, due to above delay + traffic orders.**
- 4 others (West End, Tollcross, Maybury, East End included in other projects)
- Remaining 5 of the top 10 danger junctions now in a draft brief for consultants. Will apply to Sustrans for cash for design and to design 'early interventions' at all 40 junctions

7.3 Strategic Review of Parking: Progress Update

- Just an update on the rollout – no decisions being sought

7.4 Incorrect Parking on the Tram Line

- Reported incidents have fallen to 3 or 4 a month
- Most other councils have not experienced the problem much as they have not allowed parking bays next to the tramlines, like Edinburgh apparently does
- Council investigating improved reporting & removal options
- Council writing to Scot Govt to urge legal powers so that fines could be based on video evidence submitted by the public.

8.1 Accessibility Commission

- An informal but council-organised Accessibility Commission has been operating, “to provide independent advice to the City of Edinburgh Council (the Council) on the challenges, opportunities and actions required to ensure the city’s public streets and spaces are as accessible as possible to disabled people”
- The report seeks to formalise the Commission
- Disabled cyclists are not mentioned, and Spokes is not in the list of proposed Commission members

8.2 Air Quality Annual Progress Report

- Continuing general trend of lower NO2 & particulates, but a very few locations exceed Scot Gov recommended limits
- Draft [Air Quality Action Plan](#) (AQAP) has been consulted on, and final will come to Feb TEC. The LEZ is a priority action, with enforcement starting 1 June 2024.

8.4 Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP)

- The TAMP is a database of all transport assets (from roads to software) owned by the Council, to ensure better understanding and allocation of cash, e.g. for maintenance
- The report asks TEC to approve the latest TAMP updated version
- It says capital funding in coming years will be insufficient to improve road conditions, and refers to the controversial option of not incorporating active travel improvements into road renewals ([September 2023 TEC](#))

8.5 Trams to Newhaven *[NB – see also motion 9.1 below, relevant to this item]*

- Brief report on the processes for dealing with defects, as the project comes to a close.
- The report was prompted by a motion which asked for more, including a list of defects, but that is not included

8.6 Transport and Local Access Forum

- Proposes a single forum replacing the previous transport, Active Travel, and Access Forums
- Would meet at least twice-yearly, with one meeting dealing with the statutory requirements of Local Access Forums
- Spokes is recommended as a member of the Forum (see full list in the report)
- Note that this means far less time for AT as compared to a separate AT forum. *[DdF: The previous AT forum left much to be desired and had little impact. Personally I feel that a general transport forum, alongside our existing monthly mtgs with senior transport staff, is not a bad solution]*

9.1 Motion by Councillor Caldwell - Public Realm (scrutiny) along the Trams Phase 2

“Committee

Notes;

1. The Trams to Newhaven Project has seen a significant redesign of the streetscape of Blenheim Place, Elm Row, Leith Walk, Constitution Street, Ocean Drive, and Lindsay Road.
2. There has been a substantial amount of media coverage of the public realm works and anecdotal reports of a significant amount of concern raised by residents and small businesses along the route on the design.
3. The public realm goes through Scotland’s most densely populated urban neighbourhood and affects multiple A-Roads, therefore compliance with Council policies is of critical importance.
4. The design was largely built to 2015 Edinburgh Street Design Guidance standards (ESDG), which have since been updated (separately after the Project was approved and commenced).
5. A broad report on the Project’s final completion (or ‘closure’) is due to Transport and Environment committee in Spring 2024.

Therefore requests the scheduled Trams to Newhaven ‘closure’ report in Point 5. also outlines;

6. A summary of areas and designs that were in the final published landscaping plans but have not been executed.
7. An anonymised breakdown of incidents and concerns raised from members of the public regarding the new designs post or during installation and mitigations made/proposed. This should include evidence gathered from;
 - A) Trams to Newhaven Contact Centre records.
 - B) Ward councillors.
 - C) Minutes from Community Councils Together on Trams.
 - D) Relevant Place officers (Trams to Newhaven and ‘mainstream’ departments).

Locations of note where the new streetscape does not conform to 2022 ESDG and proposals of locations which may be appropriate to be reviewed either by Trams to Newhaven or by relevant Place departments.”

9.2 Motion by Councillor Walker - CPZ in Shandon/Meggetland

“Recognises that the CPZ rollout has resulted in displacement parking, which is concerning some residents, and that some are asking for the Council to introduce additional restrictions in response.

Therefore agrees that officers should engage with Ward Councillors, Community Councils, residents’ groups from within the Shandon/Meggetland area, and other relevant stakeholders, to understand what adjustments could be made.

Agrees that the outcome of this engagement be reported back to committee at the earliest opportunity.”