

TEC 25.04.24 – Notes on the papers

Papers are here...

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5.1 Work Programme - Expected dates of future Committee reports.

May 23

- Workplace Parking Levy
- Onstreet secure bike parking
- George St stage 3 design
- 7-7-7 bus lane trial
- Experimental Conversion of N.Bridge-S.Bridge-Nicolson Street into sustainable transport corridor
- Piershill to Powderhall railway
- Travelling Safely update

June 20

- ATINP update
- Local Improvement Programme 24/25, prioritisation
- Princes St Waverley Strategy, consultation proposal
- Trams to Newhaven, follow-up actions (including Elm Row update)
- Bike Hire scheme
- Kirkliston/QF traffic & active travel study
- Leith Walk pavement parking
- Tesco Silverknowes active travel path

5.2 Rolling Actions Log

- Massive list as always – not checked

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

- **p4-6 Major Junctions Review**
 - 1. Kings Rd PB junction – the selected option 3 being further amended to include toucans at all signal crossings. Revised design and timeline, will be issued late April
 - 2. Funding being sought to design & implement for package 2 (early interventions at 40 jns)
 - 3. Package 3, the 5 top junctions, resourcing discussions (staff & cash) at early stage
- **p9-10 Longstone Link** – Council seeking cash for design of the WoL bridge at Longstone and a complete AT route (with lights) linking Lanark Rd & Gorgie Rd (not currently in ATINP). If funding secured soon, hope to build bridge & locally connecting routes before the new housing is occupied
- **P10-12 Evidence on impact of cycle facilities on bike use & safety** Various academic papers/ studies from elsewhere in UK & Europe listed
- **p12-13 Greenbank-Meadows** – how the agreed Option 3 will be delivered. Defenders will be used during the ETRO period as no point spending a lot of cash on an experimental scheme. Will be implemented “Autumn 2024”! Traffic counts done to compare with Option 3 situation (NB is **speed** to be assessed as well as numbers, given that speeds were drastically reduced by the filters?)
- **p13 West End Crescents** – Following CCWEL measures, traffic fallen substantially (data appendix)
- **p13-14 Accessibility Commission Update** – No mention of Spokes representation, despite the decision of Jan TEC that Spokes must be included (thanks to an amendment by Cllr Aston). We even did a short written deputation on it at the Jan TEC. **Did we get to attend the subsequent AC meeting? - if not, has anyone checked the Accessibility Commission minutes – was it raised? If not, should ask Cllr Aston to query this.** The final (January) motion (from TEC [minutes](#)) was ...
- **Decision**
 - *To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Arthur:*
 - *1) To note the Terms of Reference and next steps for establishing an Accessibility Commission for Edinburgh.*

- 2) To recognise disabled people who cycled had insights and experiences which would be of key value to the future work of the Accessibility Commission and to **therefore agree to add a commissioner nominated by Spokes** to the list at paragraph 2.7 of the report.
- **p17-18 Queensferry High Street** TROs soon to be issued. Sustrans has refused to fund the scheme because too much car parking, so council looking for other sources including 'internal.' **Will this include cash from the AT budget??**

7.1 Road Safety Delivery Plan 2024/25

- I have not looked at the plan, which is appendix 1 to the report
- Report also discusses ways to reduce larger/heavier vehicles, but nothing proposed for early action
- Report discusses speed limits. How existing Council plans on further speed reductions will be implemented. Rural speeds now to fall under the ATINP programme – are we happy with that?

7.3 Local Traffic Improvement – Programme Proposal and Assessment Criteria

- The Council is setting up a new team and funding for small improvements (under 50K) in local areas.
- The paper contains draft criteria under which projects will be prioritised.. **Spokes, LS and the Access Panel are to be consulted on the draft criteria.** [From a quick look none of the criteria are specifically about cycling/cycleroutes, though many are relevant. However footways and roads have quite a few specific concerns]

7.5 Footway Capital Investment Prioritisation

- Criteria for deciding which footways get attention. Don't think this affects the total footway budget, just how it is used.

7.6 Roads and Infrastructure Investment - Capital Delivery Priorities 2024-25

- Annual report on which roads/cycleroutes/footways are to get attention from the £23m total available for 24/25
- The prioritisation method is unchanged other than the new footways one (above). It continues to include 5% weighting for roads important for cycling (thanks to our efforts years ago) – the only Scottish council to have such a weighting.
- Street design improvements will be included in **strengthening & resurfacing schemes** (this was scrapped for 23/24, but is now back) though this will reduce the number of schemes.
- The report (4.52) says Spokes, LS, Lothian Buses, EWH, will be consulted on the 24/25 schemes (seems a bit late!). *"It is proposed to continue this consultation throughout the year"*
- Appendix 2 has the list of strengthening & resurfacing schemes. **Can anyone make notes on the list? Would be good to meet them asap given that these are for the current year.** Includes A1, A8, Morrison St, and many others. Surely would be good also to have the provisional list for 25/26?

8.2 Edinburgh Tram York Place to Newhaven Project Delivery

- Major report on many aspects. It is hard to identify what is relevant to us
- 4.40 – **Ongoing design/implementation issues which are not contractual faults.** There will be reports on these to May & June TEC. These are...
 - 4.40.1 Picardy Place saturation and operation;
 - 4.40.2 London Road left turn ban;
 - 4.40.3 Montgomery Street/Elm Row loading provision;
 - 4.40.4 Elm Row pedestrianisation;
 - 4.40.5 Brunswick Street closure and loading provision; and
 - 4.40.6 Landscaping along the route from Picardy Place to Newhaven.
- Appendix B – **Project management review**
- Appendix F – **The handover plan itself**
- **Defect Resolution** Para 4.36-4.39 & appendix G (App G appears to be the final 3 pages of the report). **Would be interesting to compare with Martin's list.**