

TEC 12.12.24 – Notes on the papers

Papers are here ..

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=7243&Ver=4>

Note that TRO decisions now go to the new TRO subcommittee. A very unfortunate change, with a different set of councillors on the TRO sub, thus having no background on the decisions they are taking, other than the officer report. As shown by their recent Corstorphine Connections [ETRO decision to scrap the bus gate](#)].

[] Square brackets are my thoughts

Red Seems possibly important

5.1 Work Programme - Expected dates of future Committee reports.

- **January**
- George St update + Geo St parking
- CCWEL – monitoring and George St connections
- Low cost zebras
- Bus rapid transit
- Council powers for modal shift
- Smokey Brae
- Leith Connections
- Meadows to Geo St
- Safety of Council HOVs
- Major Junctions Review – update

- **March**
- Road safety developer contributions
- George St parking removal
- CCWEL – lessons learned
- Delivery cyclists
- Bike hangars – update

- **April**
- City Centre operations plan – update
- PHVs in bus lanes
- Meadows to Canal

5.2 Rolling Actions Log

- Massive list as always (105 pages!) – not checked

6.1 Business Bulletin - info for councillors on various topics, usually with no decisions required

But deputations and councillor questions on these items are allowed. Includes...

- **p6-8 City Centre bike parking** Various sites in the High St/ Cockburn St area assessed – not many locations found, and TRO required for most. **[Doesn't look hopeful for any significant improvement any time soon - Have they missed any possible options?]**
- **p9-11 Elm Row pedestrianisation** Nothing new proposed, but planning a workshop with local businesses & residents **[Should we ask to be invited?]**

7.1 Petition for traffic-calming within Dalmeny Park

- 204 signatures (200 are required to bring a petition to Committee, fewer if businesses also sign).
- Problem seems to be 'boy racers' and modified noisy exhausts.
- The wording of the petition is in Appendix 1 of the report.
- Officers don't seem to provide further info or make recommendations for councillors

7.2 Petition: Making our Roads safe for South Morningside Primary School pupils

- 147 signatures + 4 businesses
- Seeks immediate road safety improvements around the school, including speed bumps, prominent signage, and crossing guards to reduce traffic risks. Long-term suggestions include redesigning street layouts and adding automated enforcement to ensure a sustained safe environment
- The wording of the petition is in Appendix 1 of the report.
- Report says officers have already met the school & parents, and ideas are being discussed in the School Travel Audit process
- Also a rather cryptic sentence, “colleagues from the Active Travel and Road Safety teams will also consider appropriate measures to mitigate planned changes to the Meadows to Greenbank Quite Route affecting the South Morningside and Canaan Lane Schools.” [what does this mean for the quiet route ETRO re unwanted removal of filters and N-S segregated route? – is change possible?]

7.4 City Mobility Plan – Capital Investment Plan Update

- Reading this depressing report basically makes clear what a disaster the Scot Govt has made of AT funding for councils, as a combination of the drastic in-year cuts during 24/25, and the ongoing uncertainty due to the way that new funding rules (changing from Sustrans to TS) have been implemented, notably the change to single-year-only funding of multi-year projects (4.10/4.11). The appendix 1 table and its footnotes illustrate the mess that TS has created.
- The Council now needs to have a pipeline of ‘shovel ready’ projects available, to apply for funding as and when it becomes available, possibly at short notice and to be spent that year.
- Therefore the report says a new project prioritisation method is being developed (CMP CIP), which will come to TEC in May 2025
- Councillors are also recommended to join with other councils to lobby Scot Govt on these issues [If we can support that in any way, we should!]

7.6 Extension of 20mph Network – TRO Promotion

- Officers have used various criteria to look further at a list of streets proposed for 20mph in a 2022/23 consultation, which would increase 20mph coverage from 86% of Edinburgh streets to 88% [presumably this is distance rather than no. of streets??]
- Analysis shows that increased journey time is usually minimal
- Bus operators are unhappy that times will nonetheless rise, especially for night services
- Appendix 2 lists streets which therefore will be dropped from 20mph meantime, though may be reconsidered in future.
- [We could argue in a deputation that the full list should go ahead, or at least those in certain of the categories in the appendix 2 table]

7.7 Rural Speed limits review , implementation

- Councillors are asked to agree to go ahead with rural West Edinburgh speed limits previously consulted on – needs detailed design, TROs and funding
- Our response to the consultation is in the rural roads para 2211 [here](#)
- [It is probably too late to get further changes – better to urge implementation asap? If we do a deputation on 7.6, could add support for 7.7?]

7.9 Improved Process for Implementation of Traffic Calming Measures

- Proposal to remove the need for RSOs for schemes which only make minor changes (as defined in the report)
- The appendix describes a replacement consultation process that would be followed instead of an RSO
- [This is a great initiative which could reduce a lot of delays, and save time for the Traffic Order staff. However, we need to be sure that Spokes will be included in the new consultation process – we presumably fit under the 4th bullet point in Appendix 1, but this needs confirmed at TEC. A councillor question?]

8.2 Trams to Newhaven, update report

- Report on defects, removal and planters, and footway widths
- Appendix 2 lists footway widths below normal standard (although compatible with ESDG guidance as to where width reduction, to not less than 1.5m, is permissible) and the reasons – often due to the cycleway
- [Martin & others are best placed to say if a deputn would be useful. I guess there may be a LS one]

8.3 Cycle Hire scheme, update

- Outline proposals in principle for a city-centre (initially) e-bike scheme; no operator yet in place
- It would use existing bike parking infrastructure and would be no cost to the council
- There would be a workshop in early 2025 for councillors, to discuss options on bikes & infra
- Unclear when it is hoped to begin operation.

8.4 Edinburgh as a Feminist City Working Group Update – referral from the Planning Committee

- Report referred “for info” from Planning Cttee. Presumably TEC can comment if they wish
- Appendix 3 includes relevant policies, including active travel, from existing policy documents

9.1 Motion by Councillor Booth - Decriminalisation of moving traffic offences

- Asks the council to seek powers from Scot Govt to enforce “moving traffic offences.”