

Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meeting

23rd June 2025 - 19:30

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82527616002?pwd=6fkrDubxvhESIYskB7cZrUZiYogCay.1>

Attendees: JR DF MW AR

Apologies: MM EB RA NG

Welcomes & Apologies

TEC items - notes by DaveDF

- [TEC notes from Dave](#)

TEC items - notes by Alex

- TEC reports are now available for next week. The [George Street report](#) includes multiple design options at different cost levels, which will presumably be the main focus:
- Notably, options 3 and 4 include the total removal of HVM and access control, which I think we should object to. The report itself identifies how this will allow rat-running and unrestricted vehicle access.
- Not much else of interest, although we are namechecked in a [report around delivery cyclists](#)

TEC Deputation(s):

- George Street
 - Support a particular option or just anti-3/4 which don't include vehicle control?
 - There are errors on the technical drawings regarding vehicle restrictions which might be worth mentioning

Updates/ongoing

Construction projects:

- Leith Connections
 - Response to alternative proposal to Robert Drydale? I will respond - thanks for the input John. (Martin)
- CCWEL
 - Cycle count data at Omni show increases
- West Edinburgh Link
 - Construction contract at [FRC this week](#). No confirmed funding yet, but aiming for construction in October 2025. To be built in phases now, phase 1: Bankhead Drive to Calder Road.
- St John's Road crossing improvement proposals
 - Complete, but the traffic signals don't show except cycles for the no right turn. AR to email Brendan.
- Cammo Road
 - temp toucan crossing removal?
 - [ETRO consultation ends 19 July](#). Presumably this legal process still needs response despite the temporary removal of the facility
- LDPAP Projects (Burdiehouse, Queensferry and Maybury)
 - Further consultation/construction TBC

- Porty Junction
 - Not paused. Any update?
- Elm Row/TtN Mitigation Measures
 - Elm Row currently under construction. No detailed drawings shared. Cllr Jack Caldwell has shared MM to share.
 - odd pelican / puffin crossing zebra now installed and other works seemingly paused
- [A7 Active Travel Improvements](#)
 - New shared use path from North Esk Bridge to the Eskbank Road Roundabout
- Meadows - Canal / King's Theatre Improvements - **AR to respond**
 - [TRO/25/13](#) - TRO for the initial public realm works around the King's Theatre, including making the Valleyfield St contraflow permanent.

Ongoing issues:

- [Braids Estate](#).
- Roadworks & Cycling Safety
 - RA pursuing. Special designations not being used. Cycleway need special treatment. What has changed?
- Cowgate
 - TBC on short term improvements
- [Pentlands to Porty](#) JR to check
- TdF in Edinburgh - EB has collated ideas
 - Funding / spend agreed
- Port Hamilton cycle route closed - banned left turn on diversion
 - AR emailed Traffic Signals/Brendan. Will be chased, but unlikely to be news until July.
- [Walking, wheeling and cycling improvements in Currie](#)
 - Relatively minor but positive improvements. Junction narrowing/ramps/new crossings. NG to reply? AR to check - closes 06/07
- [Marionville Road walking, wheeling and cycling improvements](#) - **AR to share draft, closes 17/08**
 - Adds segregated cycleway on part of Marionville Road and new crossings
 - See PDF [response](#) info
- EB - Craighall Road in Trinity is going to be closed until 2028 as part of the rebuilding of Trinity High School.
- AR - Meeting with VOI
 - AR shared a summary of the meeting.
 - VOI have asked about a letter of intent to collaborate.
- JR - cycle hangar TRO issues
 - Waiting List

Other transport

1. Midlothian - we have responded to these consultations, see [here](#)
[A7 consultation](#), JR to monitor
 A701 Relief Road and A702 Link Road [Consultation](#) - closed 30/05. DF responded
[Cycle Hire Consultation](#) - deadline 27.06.2025
2. East Lothian
 - Cockenzie - action taken to remove unnecessary barriers from shared pavement
 - QMU - JR queried but pending action - JR to reply to Cllr
3. West Lothian
 - Broxburn - DF to review

4. [TROs](#)

- Travelling Safely ETROs - [South Edinburgh ETROs closes 15th June](#) - Submitted
- East ETRO delayed
- Meadows to George Street TRO delayed *again*
- Next TRO sub-committee meeting is 04/09/25
- [TRO/25/13](#) Kings theatre area, part of Meadows-Canal. Initial consultation, **closes 11 July**
- TRO for cycle hangars - Hangars MW / JR

5. Princes Street

- a. DdF [draft website article](#) & [options table](#) (not yet made public) - please send any comments on article content and/or how to use it. Robert & Dave met Richard Murphy of RM architects. He will be updating their drawings to show a partially segregated bike route, with Robert's Manchester example of bike lane passing *outside* the bus stop.
- b. Princes Street junctions

6. Bus lanes

- a. Council workshop on allowing PHCs in bus lanes, also asked for thoughts on allowing PHCs through bus gates. **DF to put in writing.**

7. Scot Gov consultation on Transport Just Transition

- a. DdF circulated draft response to PG for comment. [Now submitted.](#)

8. The M9/A9 Trunk Road (Brora) (Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2024 - Second Extension - JR to respond in support.

Planning

- Winchburgh Railway Station
 - Slightly suboptimal connections to the shared use route. AR can submit a comment/objection.
- Broxburn Development - West Lothian

Planning group organisation

AOB

1. Peter Hawkins retirement from PG
2. New PG member - Mike Watt
3. Agenda - Transport & Local Access Forum - 27 June 2025
Transport & Local Access Forum - points to raise - see my email just now and also papers [here](#)

Next Meeting - 11/08/2025