

## TEC 30.1.25

### 8.5 City Centre West to East Cycle Link and Street Improvements Project and Continuous Footway Monitoring

**Council report** [21MB] [https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s79523/7.2%20-%20CCWEL\\_Street%20Improvements\\_Continuous%20Footway%20Monitoring.pdf](https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s79523/7.2%20-%20CCWEL_Street%20Improvements_Continuous%20Footway%20Monitoring.pdf)

**Useful Edi.bike summary below** [see 8.5 in [this newsletter](#)]

Based on measurement from the first six months since its opening — roughly Spring to Autumn 2024 — this report details some of the measured outcomes from the delivery of the City Centre West to East Link (CCWEL). The headlines:

- Pedestrian satisfaction on key streets has increased notably with the largest increases at St Andrew Square and Roseburn;
- The vast majority of shoppers (around 90%) interviewed on affected streets had travelled by sustainable means;
- Overall satisfaction levels for shoppers on affected streets increased. Meanwhile satisfaction levels for shopping streets which were not affected by the project decreased;
- Most residents who took part in the household survey support the scheme and the level of support has increased since pre-construction from 49% to 64%. Meanwhile the level of opposition remained roughly the same at around 10%;
- The proportion of residents living near the scheme who cycle as their main mode of travel to work increased from 8% to 12%. If residents who work from home are removed, the increase is even larger, doubling from 8% to 16%;
- Residents' satisfaction with the public realm and the availability of parking spaces both improved;
- Children at Roseburn Primary School were more likely to report that they usually cycled to school. Up from 13% to 24%;
- 6% of people cycling on the CCWEL route said that before the construction of the project they would have made their journey by car or van. This modal shift is estimated to have resulted in a reduction in carbon emissions associated with transport of 29 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> in 2024.

**Fantastic outcomes, and great data. Councillors and campaigners alike should be celebrating the wins of this project and looking to replicate it across many other projects across the city, building a resilient and active city-wide cycle network around the principles employed here.**