

TEC 10.09.26 – Notes on the papers

Papers are here ..

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[Advance notes from Edi.Bike](#)

Note that the reports in section 8 are to be taken as agreed unless any councillor wishes that paper to be discussed. I've only included reports I thought were of interest, but do check the full list!

5.1 Work Programme - Expected dates of future Committee reports (*selected ones* below)

- **November 12 includes..**
 - City Mobility Plan Investment Plan 2026/27
 - City Mobility Plan Investment Plan - Annual update
 - City Mobility Plan - Two Yearly Review
 - Incorrect Parking on Tram lines Update
 - Trams to Newhaven Final Report
 - Parking enforcement around schools – response to motion by Councillor Ross

5.2 Rolling Actions Log

- Massive list as always (70 items) – 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.

- **p2-3 Kings Theatre Public Realm** – *"The project has also futureproofed the area around the theatre prior to further walking, wheeling and cycling improvements being delivered by subsequent phases of the Meadows to Union Canal project. It should be noted that in conjunction with the removal of the theatre's refurbishment site compound, Tarvit Street has been permanently closed to general traffic by the introduction of a modal filter that permits cycle access in both directions and loading access for the King's Theatre."* **Edi.bike (above) points out that Tarvit St closure being drastically abused by parking vehicles**
- **p3 Transport & Local Access Forum report**
- **p4 Edinburgh South Suburban Railway Feasibility Study** Transport Scotland, Network Rail & Council to begin early discussions. **Not mentioned in report, but note that a spokes subgroup will work on devising active travel routes to stations for TTfE.** Mike Lewis coordinating; John (PG), Andy (Maps) & Corey (from TTfE). Anyone else interested welcome to join the group. Getting such proposals early may help cement access routes into the project rather than becoming separate projects at a later date (if ever).

7.1 Petition for Consideration - Broomhall Road, Road, calming measures

- Seeks traffic calming to reduce speeding

7.4 Edinburgh Visitor Levy: New Projects

- Recommends funding **Causey project**
- **City Centre Public Realm (Princes Street and George Street)** - *"As a decision is yet to be made on the development of Princes Street and George Street, officers recommend that the £31.75m that was previously allocated for George Street and First New Town, is ring-fenced for the development of city centre public realm improvements"* - to be released once members have considered the upcoming report on a strategy for developing and improving these streets

7.6 Trams from Granton to the Edinburgh BioQuarter / Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and Beyond Strategic Business Case

- This is the Strategic Business Case (SBC). If approved next stage will be outline design stage (detailed design to follow even later). Recommends going ahead with south route as priority. Unclear if any further investigation of north route options meantime or if that will be left entirely for later.
- Note that appendices include
 - App2 - The full SBC, by Jacobs consultants
 - App 4 – Benefits experienced from Trams to Newhaven
- **See draft spokes written submission, circulated**

7.7 Turnhouse Road Bus Gate – Proposed Operating Hours for Experimental Traffic Regulation Order

- See edi.bike comments. *“This is set to be another contentious point for the West of the city, where the car is king; recent housing developments at Turnhouse specified a need to mitigate car dependency and introducing even more traffic, so a bus gate has always been planned here; locals wishing to drive absolutely everywhere with no care for ensuring public transport runs smoothly in order to be an attractive alternative to driving are already up in arms about something that was always on the cards being implemented. The council, perhaps surprisingly given its history with Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs) are using one to trial a bus gate on Turnhouse Road and gather feedback and data from Lothian Buses. Expect Lib Dem whataboutery, frothy media pieces and angry comments sections”*

7.8 Traffic Orders – TROs Sub-Committee Update: Improvements to the TRO Process

- Robbie has looked at this and is reasonably impressed....
- *“The proposals are generally good - changing the threshold for objections requiring referral to committee from 6 to 20.*
- *They've also introduced a category where certain small TROs won't go to committee unless called in, regardless of number of objections: Traffic calming; Disabled bays . I think it would be reasonable to add bike parking to this list, given it is also minor.*
- *Streamlining the TRO process for bin hubs and rain gardens too might further help discourage car use. Including cycling one-way exemptions might be a step too far, as some have been controversial recently (needlessly).”*

?? Short written deputation worthwhile to welcome this and make the above suggestions

9.1 Motion by Councillor Cuthbert - Lothianburn Junction Traffic Trial – A702/A720

- Says that process problems around Davidsons Mains rbt scheme show need to improve processes
- **?? Short written deputation to point out cycling dangers**

9.3 Motion by Cllr Staniforth - Inclusive Design of Traffic Islands

- Seeks a briefing note on island design to ensure big enough for pram-pushers

9.4 Motion by Cllr Gardiner - Safe Management of Street Closures

- Following a pedestrian death in Cowgate during ‘Summertime Streets’, Living Streets have called for *“better management and enforcement of street closures”*
- The motion seeks a report on this, in time for Edinburgh Winter Festivals.