TEC 12.11.26 – Notes on the papers

Papers are here ..
https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=8123&Ver=4

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)

- **Jan 28, 2027 includes..**
  - Strategic Review of Parking – annual update
  - Our Future Streets – the Circulation Plan
  - High pedestrian-flow streets
  - Coastal Change Adaptation Plan
  - Response to Motion by Councillor Gardiner - Safe Management of Street Closures
  - Lothianburn Junction Traffic Trial – A702-A720 – Motion by Councillor Cuthbert
  - Queensferry High Street
  - Voi update
  - By Councillor Cuthbert - A720 Sheriffhall Junction - Progress and Accountability
  - Response to motion by Councillor Day – Craighall Road Closure
  - Response to motion by Councillor Booth – Kinauld Tan Works Footbridge
  - **The following items were to be Nov 12, but postponed to Jan**
  - Trams to Newhaven Final Report
  - Parking enforcement around schools – response to motion by Councillor Ross

- **April 1 includes..**
  - Transport Capital Investment Programme – Annual Update … This is the annual document of planned road resurfacing for the next year and beyond, and a good opportunity to go through the list and ask for a consultation meeting on any where we see opportunities

5.2 Rolling Actions Log

- Massive list as always (82 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.

- **p1-2 Leith Walk side streets** Council looking at more loading opportunities on many streets leading off Leith Walk
- **p2 Communicating road improvements and the Capital List** This is all going to be put on council website before next April's Capital Investment report (5.1 above)
- **p4-5 Powderhall Rail line** Reply received from Scot Govt (it is Appendix 1) – despite SNP manifesto, govt says it is all up to the Council
- **p9-11 Princes St fire** Lessons for the future / Footway to reopen in December

7.1 Petition - A trial of new bus lane operating hours between East Milton Road and London Road

- Petition of 2000 people & 60 businesses opposing the bus lane trial.
- EBUG doing a detailed deputation (written & verbal). We will do a short written deputation basically supporting theirs – see PG emails on this – Dave to finalise and submit

7.2 Petition - - Urgent Road Safety Improvements Required on Station Road and High Street, Kirkliston

- Asking for traffic calming etc in centre of village, esp at main junction. Cycling not mentioned, though is important as the road leads to the A89 cycleroute into Edinburgh and to QF path.

7.1 Petition - Petition – Broomhall Road, Road calming measures

- Seeks traffic calming on whole of Broomhall Rd. Mentions ongoing roadworks nearby, resulting in much higher traffic levels on Broomhall Rd.

7.6 City Centre Public Realm Proposals

- This is a major report bringing together all existing city centre projects, major ones shown in Figure 2, and all of them listed in 4.4 and 4.5. Reports on delivery will be...
  - **Mobility Plan, Capital Investment Programme annual update** [item 7.8 of this TEC] includes many of the city centre projects
  - **City Centre Transformation Operations Plan (CCTOP)** being developed to show how all the projects work together, presumably timescales etc – initial CCTOP report for TEC Jan 2027.
- George St is to implement the existing design with major cost-savings by using asphalt and not including trees. They rule out an interim plan to remove parking & install temporary bike lane (4.20-4.23). It sounds like it could be 3 years before George St (and CCWEL) is complete
- Visitor Levy cash will be used and it seems like George St will get most funding initially (4.24/4.25)
- There is also lots about smaller projects, e.g. the squares at ends of George St (4.17-4.19) and the link to Waverley Bridge
- **Spokes implications??** I doubt we could affect the main thrust of this but could press for George St to get its share of the visitor levy cash a.s.a.p., so that CCWEL is completed asap. The importance of this is covered in 4.9 There may also be comments on the smaller schemes

7.7 City Mobility Plan – 2026 Review

- This is the second 2-yearly review of the City Mobility Plan (CMP) and its implementation plan. Remember that the Implemention Plan includes several documents on different aspects, one being what used to be called the Active Travel Action Plan (and is now called *CMP – Implementation Plan - Delivering Actions for Active Travel)*. All documents relating to CMP (including the first 2-yearly review, Feb 2024, are here).
- There is a mass of detail, too much to take in! The review has several parts...
- **4.32-4.33 Updating the CMP itself** The proposed changes are in Appendix 5. One proposed change (for CMP p11) is to add "*Congestion - Edinburgh was the second most congested city in 2025, seeing a worsening since 2023.*" The 'Delivering' documents, including *Delivering Actions for Active Travel*, are to be updated later *on the basis of the changes in this Committee report.*
- *4*.**30-4.31 Changes to Policies in the CMP** Two existing policies are to be 'paused' - designing a workplace parking levy, and exploring road user charging.
- **4.21-4.31 Updating the Implementation Plan** The proposed changes are in Appendix 4. There are 112 actions at the time of the 2024 review, and it is proposed to drastically reduce these to 50, by consolidating some, and several other reclassifications. Very puzzling, I can't see these changes being shown in the Appendix – i.e. which are continuing, and which are not.
- 4-3-4.10 **Revising the Key Performance Indicators** They are proposing to reduce the number of KPIs from 36 to 26, supposedly for reasons such as "*duplication or outdated methodologies*." Euan has looked at them (see his email) and is dubious about some of the decisions.
- **Euan/Dave have put forward draft ideas for a deputation on most of the above points**

7.8 City Mobility Plan – Capital Investment Programme Annual Update

- This is the annual update of the prioritised programme for active & sustainable transport projects, excluding those that are on 'rolling programmes' such as bike hangars and Travelling Safely upgrades ()Appendix 4). There is no change to the scoring methods for prioritisation of schemes. There are some comments on individual schemes (e.g. St Marks path bridge added, with 'proeceed' status).

- Over 90% of funding is from external sources, mainly Trnasport Scotland ATIF and BIF (3.14). However, the 5% which comes from internal council capital is vital (4.40-4.44) to provide flexibility, e.g.when there is uncertainty about timing of external funding.
- 4.11-4.23 The report also answers a series of motions from TEC during the year, and basically seems to say that the existing prioritisation approach covers the concerns.
- Overall, I can't see much for us to do a deputation on ??
- App 1 – funding sources
- App 2 – progress of each current project during 25/26 financial year
- App3 – actual construction during 25/26
- App4 – the rolling programmes
- App5a & 5b – full list of the CMP projects with prioritisation, 'proceed/pause' and scoring
- App8 – 26 June 2026 Briefing note to Councillors on the BIF
- App 9 – map of AT projects by council ward (including those paused)
- App 10 – map of all public transport projects in the CMP programme

8.1 Motion by Councillor Kinross-O'Neill – Bus Journey Times

- Shows current bus congestion/delay spots and what is being done, including...
- (a) Consideration of bus gates, bus lanes, and bus priority lighting phases. (b) Extension of bus lane operating hours. (c) Removal of on-street parking. (d) Improved coordination of roadworks. (e) A **review of cycle infrastructure** and other 'Travelling Safely' measures to ensure they do not impede bus stop approach and departure.
- ***Note from Alex:*** see appendix 2, where details of the BIF Tier 2 funding is. It's a very significant list, with lots of AT overlap and AT projects themselves oddly.
- Good to see appendix 2 includes the A8 corridor, which was originally to be funded as active travel but is now from BIF although will still include segregated bike lanes. Funding for further design and consultation.

8.2 Road Safety Audits and Traffic Regulation Orders - motion by Councillor Mowat

- This explains RSAs (road safety audits) & TROs, but is not seeking any action. I *think* it is basically because the TRO subcommittee is not all that clear about what it is meant to do and this may clarify some uncertainties

8.3 Road Safety Delivery Plan 2026/27 – Six-month update

- Includes coverage of 20mph extension and school travel audits
- Appendix 1 is full list of all schemes in the pipeline; quite a few **buildouts, might be worth checking**

Notes from Alex...

- Dalmahoy Junction due 1Q2027
- Still no final design for King's Road Junction, construction is now due FY28/29
- TRO for Polwarth Gardens roundabout is due soon
- Quite a few proposed toucans are on the new crossings list. It might be worth contacting Road Safety early to be involved in the design process.

8.6 Air Quality Annual Progress Report

- General downward trend, but "*four AQMAs declared for breaches of the nitrogen dioxide (NO2) objectives – Central, St John's Road, Great Junction Street and Glasgow Road (Newbridge)*". And Salamander St for particulates
- Meaures city-wide to address air quality are described. e.g. "*New parking standards were approved (September 2025) in the Council's revised non-statutory guidance (Edinburgh Design Guidance). ... Proposals for new off-street car-parking within highly accessible locations, will not be supported.*

Sites in accessible locations close to amenities such as town centres are also expected to provide zero or very low levels of car parking."

9.1 Motion by Cllr Cuthbert - Closure of Kinauld Tan Works Footbridge

- Asks for a safe alternative to Lanark Rd for active travel, but does not mention the option of temporary bollarded solution along Lanark Rd.

9.2 Motion by Cllr Munro = Cycle Hangars and Road Resurfacing

- Interesting point that road resurfacing is happening without removing bike hangars, so that section is not resurfaced. The motion asks for liaison with Grease Monkey on options to allow this at reasonable cost.