

Motions and Amendments

Transport and Environment Committee

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Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

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Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

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Item 5.2 – Rolling Actions Log

Committee;

- 1 a) notes the status of rolling action 40 with respect to the petition on an HGV restriction on Station Road in Ratho Station.
 - b) notes how the motion approved unanimously by committee in March 2022 agreed that “officers should, at the earliest possible stage, engage directly with the ward councillors elected following the May elections and with the Newbridge and Ratho Station Community Association on the issues raised in the petition”.
 - c) regrets that, seven months on from the election, there has been no such engagement with ward councillors or the community association.
 - d) further notes that, while the rolling actions log states there is an update in the December 2022 Business Bulletin, the published bulletin contains no such update.
 - e) therefore, instructs officers to engage directly with ward councillors and the community association on options around a HGV restriction on Station Road within the next six weeks, so a substantive business bulletin update can be provided to the February meeting of the committee.
- 2 a) further notes the status of rolling action 19 with respect to Wardie Bay and Beach.
 - b) regrets that seven months on from the election, there has been no engagement with the community or with ward councillors despite explicitly expressed interest by several parties.
 - c) further notes that no update is given on the status of a letter in support of the community-led bathing water status application, the submission of which had been requested by SEPA by the end of November.
 - d) therefore, instructs officers to engage directly with ward councillors and relevant community organisations on progress within the next six weeks, so a substantive business bulletin update can be provided to the February meeting of the committee.

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Addendum by the Administration

Transport and Environment Committee

8 December 2022

Business Bulletin – Bus Lane Operating Hours

Committee:

Notes that CMP Action Movement 4 outlines the need to align parking and loading restrictions with bus lane operating times, and therefore agrees that the February 2023 Draft Public Transport Action Plan will consider the feasibility of testing this along with evaluating 7-7-7 bus lane operation as part of an ETRO. If feasible, the report should include plan for rapid implementation.

Notes that CMP Action Movement 4 outlines the need to expand and enforce public transport priority measures to improve journey time reliability and operational efficiency within the city and wider region, and therefore requests that opportunities for further camera enforcement of bus lanes are considered as part of any 7-7-7 evaluation.

Moved by Councillor Scott Arthur

Seconded by Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Committee - Transport and Environment

8th December 2022

Item - 6.1 Business Bulletin

Motion by Councillor Whyte and Councillor Mowat – Restoring a Bus Service for Willowbrae/Lady Nairn and Bus for Dumbiedykes

Committee:

1. Notes with disappointment that a Business Bulletin update is a limited response when the agreed motion, as amended by Council, called for a full report within two cycles on both the substance of the motion and the wider issues regarding supported bus services highlighted at Committee as long ago as 27 February 2020.
2. Considers that any proposals for a bus service for Willowbrae/Lady Nairn and Bus for Dumbiedykes that are considered by Committee at its meeting in February 2023 as part of a Public Transport Action Plan (that may well require further consultation) will come too late for any 2023/24 budget process and are, therefore, unlikely to be implementable in the near future.
3. Therefore, agrees that the alternative option described in the paper of an accessible minibus service be worked up as a proper budget proposal for each area in order that this can be considered by political groups as part of the forthcoming budget setting process.

Moved by: Councillor Marie Clair Munro

Seconded by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

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Item 6.1 – Business Bulletin

Committee;

1. Notes the update on bus lane operating hours within the business bulletin.
2. Regrets that this update does not meet the terms of the motion approved unanimously by Council on 30 June 2022 which agreed that *“a report on 7/7/7 bus lane operation should be provided to the October 2022 Transport and Environment Committee for a decision. This should propose a clear timeline for universal 7/7/7 operation.”*
3. Therefore agrees not to approve this part of the business bulletin.
4. Instead instructs officers to ensure the report to the February 2023 meeting of the committee includes a) the results of the 2019 consultation, b) the option to make a substantive decision on moving forward with the necessary statutory processes for extending bus lane operating hours rather than initiating a further consultation, and c) an associated timetable for implementation.

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Addendum by the Conservative Group

Committee - Transport and Environment

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Item - 7.1 Circulation Plan

Adds:

1.2.4 That the Consultation specifically addresses accessibility needs around areas where Public Transport (including trams, buses and taxis) is not prioritised (e.g. City Centre).

1.2.5 That methods are sought, as part of the Consultation, to engage the broadest range of the population on implications to changes for General Motorised Traffic including private and business vehicle users.

Moved by: Councillor Marie Clair Munro

Seconded by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Addendum by the Green Group

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7.1 - Circulation Plan - Delivering the City Mobility Plan

At 1.2.3 insert additional point and renumber subsequent recommendation:

“1.2.3 Calls for the public consultation to be drafted to focus on the changes and interventions required to truly deliver the sustainable transport hierarchy through the reallocation of finite space away from private vehicles to active travel and public transport, seeking engagement on the conflicts and challenges which will form Committee’s decision in order to agree a Circulation Plan to change the use of congested spaces and deliver benefits”

Insert additional recommendations at the end:

“1.2.5 With reference to paragraph 7.3 of the report, asks officers to reaffirm to HES that provision of through routes to motorised vehicles via the private roads within Holyrood Park does not align with Edinburgh’s transport strategies, calls on officers to revise the Circulation Plan maps in alignment with this position agreed by Committee in 2021, and to continue the ongoing dialogue with HES on closures of the park roads to motorised vehicles

1.2.6 With reference to paragraphs 4.9-4.12 of the report, in respect of the adoption of lower speed limits in certain streets to achieve safer and better conditions, calls on officers to continue dialogue with Transport Scotland to explore options for “child mile-per-hour” spaces in Edinburgh as per the 2022 work by the Active Nation Commissioner for Scotland”

Moved by: Councillor Miller
Seconded by: Councillor Bandel

Amendment by the Green Group

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7.2 - A71 Dalmahoy Junction Improvements

Amends recommendation 1.1.2 to read:

“1.1.2 Asks officers to proceed with the proposed traffic signal controlled junction with external funding as per the report and supplemented with internal funding which does not deplete the budget set aside for Active Travel and instead forms part of the overall transport capital budget.

Moved by: Councillor Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Bandel

Amendment by the SNP Group

Transport & Environment Committee

8 December 2022

Item 7.2 - A71 Dalmahoy Junction Improvements

Deletes 1.1.2 and replaces with:

1.1.2 Agree not to take £750,000 from the Cycling Walking Safer Routes funding and instead agrees this required amount will come from the road capital budget first. Should any additional funding be required to deliver the project in full, beyond resources available through the Roads Capital budget, officers will bring a report to Full Council to allow councillors to make a decision whether to allocate additional funds from reserves.

Moved by **Councillor Danny Aston**

Seconded by **Councillor Finlay McFarlane**

Addendum by the Green Group

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7.3 – Review of Parking Policy

Adds the following in addition to the report recommendations:

- “1.1.4 As part of the updated Parking Action Plan, calls on officers to investigate and recommend ways to take action against persistent evaders of PCNs
- 1.1.5 In relation to paragraphs 4.58-59 of the report, asks officers to engage and brief group transport spokespeople during the process of tender and contract development”

Moved by: Councillor Miller
Seconded by: Councillor Bandel

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

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Item 7.4 – Strategic Review of Parking – results of informal consultation for phases 3 and 4.

Delete 1.1.3.1 and 1.1.3.2 and renumber accordingly.

In 1.1.3.3, delete “B1” and insert “the area of B1 east of Mayfield Road”.

In 1.1.3.4, after “Pilton”, insert “, Blackhall East”.

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item - 7.4 Strategic Review of Parking

Replaces 1.1.3.1 and 1.1.3.2 and 1.1.3.3 and 1.1.4 with:

1.1.3.1 recognises the responses of the majority of residents from Portobello and surrounding areas to the consultation exercise (59% said they do not have a problem with parking, 57% are against the proposals for CPZ, 80% online selected "I don't like this").

1.1.3.2 to go no further with the statutory process to introduce controlled parking into the Portobello area.

1.1.3.3 Commence the statutory process to introduce controlled parking into the following areas; B3, B4, B5 and Fettes, as is detailed in this report; but not area B1 where residents overwhelmingly object (74%) and declare no parking issues (65%);

1.1.4 notes the operational details for the proposed parking controls for the Phase 3 area, as detailed in Appendix 4; and

Moved by: Councillor Marie Clair Munro

Seconded by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Addendum by the Green Group

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7.5 - Revision of the Air Quality Action Plan - Draft for Consultation

Adds additional recommendations:

“1.1.4 Notes ongoing relevant work at local, regional and national level described in the report (such as the upcoming local development plan “City Plan 2030”, National Planning Framework 4, vehicle emission standards, and a re-convened steering group for the Salamander Street AQMA) which will report and/or come into force during the period of the AQAP, and asks officers to consider how the action plan can be updated or appended and approved by Committee at an appropriate date”

Moved by: Councillor Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Bandel

Addendum by the Green Group

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7.6 - Brunstane Road Closure (Progression to a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order)

Adds additional recommendations as follows:

“1.1.5 Notes paragraph 4.35 of the report which describes displacement of through traffic from Brunstane Road to the Coillesdene area during the experimental period to date, and calls for the additional measures described in this paragraph to be implemented immediately with monitoring, in order for the ETRO to continue to fulfil its function as a trial of changes before a permanent TRO is considered

1.1.6 Notes continued concerns raised by residents regarding road safety on Brighton Place and Southfield Place, and calls for officers to return to committee with recommendations to improve safety with particular reference to this route to/from school”

Moved by: Councillor Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Bandel

Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport & Environment Committee

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Item 7.6 - Brunstane Road Closure (Progression to a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order)

Adds:

1.1.5 Welcomes the commitment to further mitigations in the Coillesdene triangle.

1.1.6 Notes that the report states at 4.35 that the Brighton Place/Southfield Place corridor 'continues to provide a good link into and out of the Portobello area', and that '[t]his scheme does not propose to make changes to this link'.

1.1.7 Notes however that the Brighton Place/Southfield Place corridor forms part of the route to two primary schools partly serving Portobello (Duddingston and St John's) and to the two high schools serving Portobello (Portobello High School and Holyrood High School), and additionally notes that the Brighton Place/Southfield Place corridor is part of an important active travel route, forming the link from the Promenade to the segregated cycleway at Duddingston Road/Duddingston Road West, and through Figgate and Treverlen parks.

1.1.8 Further notes that the report acknowledges that the volume of vehicles travelling via the Brighton Place/Southfield Place corridor has increased since the implementation of the ETRO at Brunstane Road, that the footways at the Brighton Place/Southfield Place corridor are narrow, that there is a bottleneck caused by the railway bridge, that many drivers are regularly ignoring the 20mph speed limit on the route, and that these issues are in part recognised by the pursuit of a TRO to implement double yellow line parking restrictions on Southfield Place.

1.1.9 Requests therefore that officers identify further mitigations for the Brighton Place/Southfield Place corridor, potentially including speed bumps, chicanes, or other traffic calming measures, and that further monitoring is conducted with a view towards increasing mitigations should evidence indicate that those are needed.

1.1.10 Recognises that Portobello is one of the most complete 20 minute neighbourhoods in the city and there is evidence for potential support for a Low Traffic Neighbourhood, possibly including a bus gate on Portobello High Street; requests that a potential LTN with bus gate and other measures is considered as part of the forthcoming Movement and Public Realm Strategy for Portobello.

Moved by Councillor Danny Aston

Seconded by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.6 – Brunstane Road Closure (Progression to a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order)

In 1.1.3, delete “approves the commencement of” and insert “agrees not to commence”.

Delete 1.1.4 and insert;

1.1.4 agrees to end the ETRO and asks officers to re-examine alternative measures for Brunstane Road such as parking controls and/or an HGV ban.

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item - 7.6 Brunstane Road closure

Deletes 1.1.3 and 1.1.4

Adds:

1.1.3 Notes that:

65.5% of responses disagree or strongly disagree that the changes have been beneficial.

Only 32.5% of responses agree or strongly disagree that the changes have been beneficial.

67% of responses do not want the measures made permanent.

Only 30% of responses want measures made permanent.

1.1.4 Notes the overwhelming unpopularity of the Experimental measures with local residents.

1.1.5 Agrees not to seek an extension of the ETRO.

1.1.6 Agrees not to progress with the process to make the measures permanent.

1.1.7 Asks Officers to revisit previous proposals and/or develop new proposals to address the longstanding traffic problems.

1.1.8 Asks Officers to consider engaging an independent Traffic Management Consultant to produce fresh proposals.

Moved by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Seconded by: Councillor Marie Clair Munro

Addendum by the Administration

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Item 7.7 – Draft Road Safety Action Plan – Delivering the City Mobility Plan

Committee:

Notes that the Draft Road Safety Action Plan proposes Low Traffic Neighbourhoods as an accident reduction measure as they reduce unwanted traffic cutting through residential areas. Further notes that academic research which used Waltham Forrest as a case study observed a “three-fold decline” in injuries, and that walking and cycling became “3-4 times safer per trip” (see: <https://tinyurl.com/p44jawtn>).

Therefore, agrees that well designed schemes have significant potential to both reduce the risk of accidents and improve community wellbeing by creating “connected neighbourhoods” as a result promoting walking, wheeling and cycling.

Agrees, therefore, that the Road Safety Action Plan & Active Travel Action plan consultations are used to explore the role connected neighbourhoods could play in Edinburgh, and how their deployment could be prioritised.

Moved by **Councillor Scott Arthur**

Seconded by

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Item 7.7 – Draft Road Safety Action Plan – Delivering the City Mobility Plan

Adds to recommendations:

- 1.1.5 Welcomes the recognition that meeting the targets of eliminating road casualties and reducing serious injuries set out in the Draft Safety Action Plan will require better education of road users.
- 1.1.6 Recognises that there is a particular responsibility for reduction of danger amongst those whose modes of travel create the highest levels of risk, i.e., drivers of motor vehicles.
- 1.1.7 Notes the update to the Highway Code in early 2022 which introduced several changes to improve the safety of more vulnerable road users and thanks officers for their social media campaign to disseminate the new rules to road users at the time.
- 1.1.8 Notes with concern that illegal and dangerous driver behaviour remains a significant road safety issue across the city.
- 1.1.9 Agrees that compliance with road rules cannot and should not rely on constant police presence and enforcement.
- 1.1.10 Welcomes the educational measures targeted at Young Drivers and Older Drivers outlined in the report.
- 1.1.11 Requests council officers to explore further measures and partnerships to educate drivers about safe and legal driving and present these options to committee in the next update on the plan post-consultation. Further options should focus on educating:
 - Drivers currently not targeted by existing measures
 - Professional drivers (HGVs, taxis, etc.)
- 1.1.12 Further recognises that while collision analysis can be a useful indicator of which road safety interventions should be prioritised, people should not need to be injured or killed for the need for an intervention to be recognised.

1.1.13 Agrees, therefore, to include data on near-misses and perceptions of safety when considering the need for road safety measures.

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel
Seconded by: Cllr Claire Miller

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

8th December 2022

Item 7.7 – Draft Road Safety Action Plan – Delivering City Mobility Plan

Add

1.1.5 agrees that officers should provide a follow up members' briefing, detailing the specific measures which will be introduced by the end of 2023 under the sections of 'accident investigation and prevention', 'section 75s', 'school travel', and 'further speed reduction measures' of appendix 2.

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

08 December 2022

Item 8.1 – Portobello High Street/Inchview Terrace/Sir Harry Lauder Road Junction – Update on Short, Medium and Longer Term Safety Improvements

Adds to recommendations:

“1.1.2 Agrees that the design needs to make sure the safe cycle route is clearly visible and sign-posted to cyclists.”

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Claire Miller

Addendum by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

08 December 2022

Item 8.3 – Maintenance of Footways and Cycleways

Adds to the recommendations:

- 1.2 Agrees that taking an equalities approach to public policy, spending, and service delivery is vital to ensure the Council treats all people equally and with fairness.
- 1.3 Notes that a gender budget analysis of winter maintenance policy in Stockholm found that prioritising maintenance of roads favoured men over women, and that prioritising pavements and cycleways instead led to a reduction in pedestrian injuries.
- 1.4 Welcomes the trial of a dedicated team for pathway and cycleway maintenance in the North West area.
- 1.5 Requests officers to explore the possibility of
 - Providing a pathway and cycleway maintenance team for other localities
 - Employing this team to provide a more proactive approach to leaf sweeping during leafing season
 - Reallocating a share of road gritting resources to path and cycleway grittingalong with the associated equalities impact and financial implications and to provide a brief report before summer recess 2023.

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Claire Miller

Addendum by the Administration

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Item 8.4 – Public Utility Company Performance and Road work Co-ordination April 2021 to March 2022

Committee:

Notes the scale of the public utility works in Edinburgh, and agrees that the resultant disruption can often have non-trivial impacts on public transport and other essential traffic.

Asks that the 2022/23 report details the benefits of increased partnership working with public transport providers.

Moved by Councillor Scott Arthur

Seconded by Councillor

Addendum by the Administration

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Item 8.5 – School Travel Plan Review Update

Committee:

Welcomes the reported progress on this important issue.

Welcomes the proposed Business Bulletin updates, and asks that these enable the progress made at each school to be tracked in more detail.

Further asks that the Business Bulletin provides more detail relating to the budget requirements, and the potential to accelerate the delivery of the scheme using external funding.

Moved by **Councillor Scott Arthur**

Seconded by

Addendum by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

08 December 2022

Item 8.5 – School Travel Plan Review Update

Adds to 1.1.2 after 'Business Bulletin': "including details of the road safety interventions agreed in completed School Travel Plans"

Adds at the end:

"1.1.4 Requests officers to circulate School Travel Plans among Transport and Environment committee members and ward councillors upon completion."

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Claire Miller

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

8th December 2022

Item 8.5 – School Travel Plan Review Update

Add

1.1.4 agrees that the 10 school travel plans which have been signed off for delivery should be published on the 'Streets Ahead' website and provided directly to ward councillors, as agreed by the Transport & Environment Convener at the 30 June 2022 and 27 October 2022 meetings of the Council, and that this process should continue as and when new travel plans are signed off.

1.1.5 agrees that, going forward, ward councillors should also be given the opportunity to become involved in the process set out in paragraph 4.5 of the report.

Moved by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Seconded by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 9.3 – Low Emission Zones

In 5), delete from “with an update” to end, and insert;

“with a report within three cycles to the Transport & Environment Committee for decision.”

Moved by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Seconded by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Addendum by the Administration

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8 December 2022

Item 9.4 – Motion by Councillor Bandel – Mobility Analysis

Adds

- 4) Requests that the report considers the use of Artificial Intelligence to monitor traffic movements at key junctions.

Moved by **Councillor Scott Arthur**

Seconded by