

Motions and Amendments

Transport and Environment Committee

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Addendum by the Administration

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Item 6.1 - Business Bulletin

Part 1 – Trams to Newhaven Update

- 1) Notes the public concern regarding Lothian Buses regularly removing services from Leith Street due to delays at Picardy Place.
- 2) Agrees that a report is brought to the March 2024 TEC analysing the problem, and proposing changes which help the flow of buses, trams and goods/services moving through the area whilst respecting the sustainable transport hierarchy.
- 3) This report should consider all key routes to Picardy Place, and the additional demand created by the St James Quarter.

Part 2 – Cycle Hire Scheme

- 1) Notes that in February 2023 TEC agreed Edinburgh should be open to a Cycle Hire Scheme operating as a concession with no ongoing cost for the Council, and that since then 3 providers have informally approached the Convener.
- 2) Agrees that a report should be brought to the April 2024 TEC detailing how a concession could begin at the earliest possible opportunity.
- 3) Agrees that this report should be informed by a members' workshop.

Moved by: Councillor Arthur

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Administration

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Item 7.1 - Major Junctions Review Update

Agrees that a note is issued to TEC / Local members on the likely timeline to complete the Kings Road junction works, and also information on what the current competing priorities are.

Moved by: Councillor Arthur

Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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7.1 – Major Junctions Review Update

Adds:

- 1.2.1 Notes that the Medium Term Improvements at Portobello High Street/Inchview Terrace/Sir Harry Lauder Road Junction report to the June 2023 Committee indicated that 'delivery of the improvements would take place in summer 2024'.
- 1.2.2 Notes with concern however that delivery is now not expected until 2026 because TRO and redetermination processes have not yet commenced and are not due to be commenced until the Spring.
- 1.2.3 Agrees that officers will provide monthly written progress updates via email to the relevant communities starting in February (including councillors for wards 14 and 17, Portobello and Craightinny/Meadowbank community councils, and Spokes Party).
- 1.2.4 Agrees therefore that these processes will be commenced as soon as practicable.
- 1.3.1 Notes the costs outlined at 6.1 of major junction improvement schemes.
- 1.3.2 Agrees that officers will work with political groups to identify where there are budget requirements in order to deliver the priorities identified in the Major Junctions Review, ahead of the 24/25 budget setting process.

Moved by: Cllr Danny Aston

Seconded by: Cllr Stuart Dobbin

Amendment by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 7.1 – Major Junctions Review Update

Replace 1.1.1:

“1.1.1 Expresses significant concern about the lack of progress on the medium-term road safety improvements to Kings Road / Portobello High Street junction.

1.1.2 Asks officers to seek appropriate funding to progress with engagement, detailed design and traffic orders promotion as a matter of priority.

1.1.3 Requests a short update report within two cycles to outline the benefits and risks and provide expected timelines for the following options:

- Proceeding with the status quo as outlined in this report
- Resourcing work on the medium-term improvements immediately, along with an outline of which projects would have to be deprioritised instead
- Progressing the plan for long-term improvements for the junction”

Renumber accordingly.

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Kayleigh O’Neill

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 7.2 – East London Street

Delete 1.2 and replace with:

- 1.2 Notes that East London Street is not within the World Heritage Site and is on the extreme periphery of the New Town conservation area.
 - 1.2.1 Further notes adjacent London Street's asphalt carriageway despite being within the World Heritage Site and the New Town conservation area.
 - 1.2.2 Further notes the most western section of East London Street is asphalt.
 - 1.2.3 Acknowledges that noise reduction on the street remains the primary concern of the New Town & Broughton Community Council and a significant number of residents who signed the 2023 petition to the Transport and Environment Committee and who have engaged with Ward Councillors.
 - 1.2.4 Understands that the physical geography of East London Street, its city centre location and proximity to the operational centre of Lothian Buses, a police and fire station and St. Mary's Primary School mean that even if the setted carriageway is restored traffic noise will continue to impact residential amenity on the street at night.
- 1.3 Recognising the importance of the 2018 Setted Street Policy, agrees that there could be merit in setting aside the policy in respect of the specific circumstances for those living on East London Street and therefore instructs officers to begin the required consultation exercise, including heritage bodies and residents to generate a report to the relevant committee immediately.

1.4 Agrees that investment of capital to setted streets of specific importance to the visitor economy may be worthy of consideration for funds raised by the Transient Visitor Levy.

Moved by: Cllr Finlay McFarlane
Seconded by: Cllr Danny Aston

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 7.2 – East London Street

Deletes 1.2 and replaces with:

- “1.2 Welcomes the exploration of Green Street as an alternative route for buses.
- 1.3 Notes that this route would lead to an increase traffic near important pedestrian routes across Bellevue Place, including for pupils of Drummond High School.
- 1.4 Asks officers to engage with City Centre and Leith Walk ward councillors in the development of options for a Green Street bus route that ensure road safety at Bellevue Place in addition to the Green Street / Annandale Street junction, ideally retaining the street trees, and to report back to committee within three cycles.
- 1.5 Further asks officers to consider the following road safety improvements to East London Street to calm residual traffic:
- Refurbishment of the speed bumps
 - Narrowing the wider sections of the street by widening the pavement
 - Consultation of Saint Mary's RC Primary School on replacing the parking spaces in front of the playground with a pavement build-out.”

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Kayleigh O'Neill

Addendum by the Administration

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Item 7.3 - Strategic Review of Parking: Progress Update

- 1) Recognises that the CPZ rollout has resulted in displacement parking, which is concerning some residents, and that some are asking for the Council to introduce additional restrictions in response.
- 2) Therefore agrees that officers should engage with Ward Councillors, Community Councils, residents' groups from within the Shandon/Meggetland area, and other relevant stakeholders, to understand what adjustments could be made.
- 3) Agrees that the outcome of this engagement be reported back to committee at the earliest opportunity.

Moved by: Cllr Val Walker

Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee

11 January 2024

Item 7.3 – Strategic Review of Parking: Progress Update

Adds:

1.2 Committee:

1.2.1 is concerned about the level of parking displacement that has been caused by the introduction of Shandon (Zone S5) and Craiglockhart (Zone S7) CPZs, particularly into the Craiglockhart North area.

1.2.2 Agrees that officers will engage immediately with Ward Councillors, Community Councils and affected residents' groups in order to agree a suitable course of action in order to minimize further resident disruption, especially in Lockharton Gardens, Avenue and Crescent. This outcome must take cognizance of any further parking displacement that may occur as a result of new adjustments.

1.2.3 Agrees that the outcome of this engagement be reported back to Committee at the earliest opportunity with a timeline for action.

1.3.1 Agrees to progress option 3 for Westfield Street as outlined at appendix 2, part C to be implemented as quickly as possible without ruling out future adoption.

1.3.2 Requests a separate report on Westfield Street within two cycles, which provides full details of the ownership of the whole street, including the access road to the Gorgie War Memorial Hall and the BMC Social Club, and includes consideration of how the public realm can be improved and maintained in the future, including the possibility of adoption. The report should also provide an update on implementation of option 3.

Moved by: Cllr Danny Aston

Seconded by: Cllr Stuart Dobbin

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.3 - Strategic Review of Parking: Progress Update

Committee adds

1.1.4 notes the original Strategic Parking Review report on 12 September 2019 set out a phasing and timetable graph within Appendix 8 and which clearly set out for affected residents the lengthy process from design through to implementation; therefore requests a business bulletin update within two cycles setting out the revised timetable graph, and for this to be made available on the relevant page of the Council website.

Moved by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.3 – Strategic Review of Parking

1.2 Committee Notes:

1.2.1 Phase 1 Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)/Investigation Area 2 (covering Shandon, Gorgie North, Gorgie, and Craiglockhart) has CPZ area designations: S5, S6(E), S6(W) and S7. S5 is the main area in need of parking restrictions while the others were included mostly because of possible effects from displacement.

1.2.2 Roll out to S6(W) has been paused pending further review of effects from displacement.

1.2.3 S7 is an unusual spur off the main body of Area 2 and part was originally the B8 Priority Parking Area (PPA) that has now been extended and updated to a CPZ.

1.3 Committee further notes:

1.3.1 Many residents, from both the new S7 CPZ and the adjacent Lockharton area, have complained the new CPZ has worsened conditions, either by overly restricting residents parking or by causing displacement, and call for it to either be overturned or otherwise altered.

1.3.2 An extended S7 Zone would meet the requirements for a PPA (as defined in the Strategic Review of Parking report presented to Committee in August 2018) and would combat the main problem of long-term parking by non-residents.

1.4 Committee therefore asks that officers:

1.4.1 Engage with local residents and stakeholders in and around S7 to understand the extent of the problems and possible solutions, and present

a Report to Transport and Environment Committee in March on options including:

- 1) Replacing the S7 CPZ as a PPA
- 2) Extending the area controlled by the S7 Zone and changing restrictions to a PPA rather than a CPZ. The extended area to include Lockharton Avenue, Lockharton Crescent, North Meggetland, and Meggetland Wynd and
- 3) Any alternative suggestion Officers feel appropriate

1.4.2 Report back to committee with the results of the review of effects from displacement on S6(W) before making a decision on whether to continue the CPZ rollout in this area.

Moved by: Cllr Christopher Cowdy

Seconded by: Cllr Marie-Clair Munro

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.4 – Incorrect Parking on the Tram Line

Committee adds:

- 1.2 Notes that the contents of the report are based on the original motion by Cllr Rae, rather than the substantially amended composite motion that was approved by Council on 31 August 2023.
- 1.3 Notes that as a result, several actions from the composite motion remain outstanding.
- 1.4 Therefore agrees to receive a further report to the February meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee so that the outstanding actions can be addressed.

Moved by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Seconded by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 7.4 – Incorrect Parking on the Tram Line

Deletes 1.1 and replaces with:

Committee:

- 1.1 Notes this update on incorrect parking on the tram line as requested by the Council and Committee.
- 1.2 Regrets that a briefing from parking officers, with Transport spokespeople and ward Councillors has not taken place despite Committee agreeing to have this offered by the of September 2023.
- 1.3 Therefore, requests that a briefing is organised with relevant officers, Transport spokespeople and ward councillors on the issues raised in Councillor Rae's original motion.
- 1.4 Furthermore, requests that a revised report comes to Committee in 3 cycles which addresses the issues raised and the following:
 - a) how effective, accessible and well used the current reporting systems are
 - b) what the financial and environmental benefits of reducing car parking spaces on Leith Walk would be
 - c) how we can proactively implement physical measures and prioritise these in future business cases
 - d) how these measures are crucial in reducing car kilometres, dependency on the private car, and congestion whilst ensuring our public transport options remain the most accessible and attractive form of mobility in Edinburgh.

Moved by: Cllr. O'Neill

Seconded by: Cllr. Bandel

Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee

16 November 2023

8.1 – Accessibility Commission

Adds:

- 1.2 Recognises that disabled people who cycle have insights and experiences which will be of key value to the future work of the Accessibility Commission and therefore agrees to add a Commissioner nominated by Spokes to the list at 2.7.

Moved by: Cllr Danny Aston

Seconded by: Cllr Stuart Dobbin

Addendum by the Administration

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Item 8.2 - Air Quality Annual Progress Report

- 1) Agrees that the Council should work with organisations like NHS Lothian, the British Heart Foundation and Asthma and Lung UK to ensure air quality in Edinburgh improves beyond the minimum standard set by the Scottish Government.
- 2) Notes that the Scottish Parliament has urged the Scottish Government to work with local authorities to map out pathways for achieving the WHO air quality guidelines, and to consider enshrining a continuous improvement approach into air quality policy.
- 3) Agrees that the Convener will write to the Scottish Government asking for an update on any progress made.

Moved by: Councillor Arthur

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Conservative Group

Transport & Environment Committee

11 January 2024

Item 8.2 - Air Quality Annual Progress Report

1.2 Committee Agrees:

- 1.2.1 Having no exceedance of Statutory Parameters for either NO₂ or PM in Edinburgh is an outcome worth celebrating.
- 1.2.2 The continued downward trend of pollutants across the city provides additional evidence in support of revoking the AQMA for Inverleith Row and amending the AQMA for St John's Road.
- 1.2.3 Given the consistent improvements in air quality, the Report to Committee in February on the draft AQAP should include a section on the process of revoking the remaining AQMAs.

Moved by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Seconded by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro

Amendment by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 8.4 – Transport Asset Management Plan

Replaces 1.1:

“1.1 Notes that the Plan assumes that motor vehicles on Edinburgh's road network will continue to increase, putting additional pressures on maintenance.

1.2 Further notes that this assumption conflicts with the stated objectives of the City Mobility Plan which sets out to achieve a 30% reduction in kilometres travelled by car by 2030.

1.3 Asks officers to outline how these traffic reduction objectives are considered in the predictions of future conditions of transport assets and the investment strategies based on them, and to bring a revised report to the March meeting of Transport and Environment Committee.”

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Kayleigh O'Neill

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 8.5 - Trams to Newhaven

Adds:

- 1.1.2 Recognises the continued and growing success of the tram extension delivered within the Trams to Newhaven project but notes with regret that this report does not meet the requirements of the adjusted motion approved unanimously by Council at the August meeting.
- 1.1.3 Further notes that multiple snagging issues are still outstanding, and in some cases are well outwith the promised timeframe for repair, including a lamppost in the Picardy Place cycleway, and several damaged manhole covers, and that as a result the cycleway at the Picardy Place gyratory remains closed.
- 1.1.4 Recognises that a project close out/lessons report will be coming to Committee in or after April 2024 but that the list of the outstanding defects should be reported to Committee prior to this, and therefore agrees that this will happen via the Business Bulletin no later than the March Committee.

Moved by: Cllr Danny Aston

Seconded by: Cllr Finlay McFarlane

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.6 - Transport and Local Access Forum

Committee adds

- 1.2 That Cllr Dijkstra-Downie be appointed as a member of the Forum in place of Cllr Lang.

Moved by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

11 January 2024

Item 9.1 – Motion by Councillor Caldwell - Public Realm (scrutiny) along the Trams Phase 2

Amends 7 to read: “A summary of feedback from members of the public regarding the new designs post or during installation and mitigations made/proposed.”

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Kayleigh O’Neill

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