

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Transport and Environment Committee

14th October 2021

Item 7.3 - Active Travel Investment Programme Update

Replace recommendations with:

Committee:

1.1 Notes with concern the considerable delays to the Active Travel programme and the consequent rising costs;

1.2 Notes that the vast majority of the proposed programme is cycling based schemes and that very little is proposed to specifically assist pedestrians – the top of the Active Travel Hierarchy;

1.3 Notes with concern that, despite officer and Administration promises of early action following the removal of Spaces for People measures on George IV Bridge, the Meadows to George St proposals are not now set to even begin construction until sometime in 2023/24 with no completion date indicated;

1.4 Agrees to:

- a. Investigate whether further pedestrian friendly measures could be added to the programme to assist safety and mobility – especially at areas of high footfall and recorded pedestrian injury accidents such as the Foot of the Walk.
- b. Reprioritise work and funding to deliver a full solution at Arboretum Place within early course and certainly by the end of 2022/23 financial year.
- c. Discontinue the Leith Connections work until after tram construction completion and reconsider a proper network of connections to existing cycle routes in the area rather than a duplicative route that fails to meet desire lines.
- d. Bring forward plans for Meadows to George St to begin construction as soon as possible.

1.5 Further agrees that a revised Active Travel Investment programme taking account of these issues is presented to Committee before the end of 2021 calendar year.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Stephanie Smith