

COUNCIL: 26 NOVEMBER 2020

STRATEGIC PLANNING & TRANSPORT STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM:

Castle Street

Castle Street is being used to support economic activity and increased footfall in a safely-managed way. Wider pavements have been created to support local businesses and pedestrians requiring more space. After extensive safety testing, the road will reopen to buses and taxis to support public transport movement and allow more people to leave their cars at home.

We are now considering the long-term plan for the street, and will be undertaking a consultation exercise to ensure that decisions are made with stakeholders and the public. The exercise will be underpinned by detailed modelling work explaining how the different options impact air quality and traffic flows around the city centre.

Wellfield Road and District Centres

Following the recent public consultation, we are now proceeding to Phase 2 of the proposals. This work commenced on site on 16th November 2020 and will include the introduction of a one-way system on Wellfield Road and 'lower' Pen-y-Lan Road, together with a two-way segregated cycle lane and footway widening on Wellfield Road. Revised parking arrangements are also being put forward, which will reinstate some parking on Wellfield Road itself, as well as improving provision in the surrounding streets.

Pedestrian enhancements have also been installed in local and district centres including Pontcanna, Llandaff, Whitchurch and Tongwynlais.

Lower Speeds

Reducing traffic speeds is a key strand of the work to support a safe and active recovery in our local communities. 20mph limits have now been implemented in nine local and district centres across the city, with work at a further 12 locations underway and close to completion.

Cycleways

Construction of the 'Cross City' pop-up cycleway route is continuing, which will run between Broadway (Adamsdown) and Broad Street (Canton).

Engagement is being carried out on the proposed 'Cross City South' pop-up cycleway linking Adamsdown to the Taff Trail. The 'Cross City South' route will run along East Tyndall Street from the 'Magic Roundabout' and along Herbert Street. It could continue through Callaghan Square, connecting with Cardiff Central station, and along Penarth Road continuing over the bridge and connecting with the Taff Trail.

Business and resident engagement has also begun on proposals for a pop-up cycleway on Albany Road, which would link to Wellfield Road.

Once the engagement process has been completed, the schemes will be implemented in phases, with traffic levels and usage being monitored before moving on with each phase.

Construction is underway on Phase 1 of Cycleway 4. This phase links Castle Street to Western Avenue (A48) via Sophia Gardens and Pontcanna Fields. Construction commenced in September 2020 and is due to be completed by the end of the year. A 300m section of cycleway and footpath has already opened to the public. The route will eventually reach the new housing developments in the north-west of the city. Consultation will begin shortly on proposals for the next stage of the route through Llandaff.

Officers and I met recently with counterparts in Newport City Council to discuss our desire to see a cross-city route that would join Cycleway 2 and link to the proposed new St Mellons Parkway train station. We also intend to improve active travel infrastructure along that wider corridor and will shortly be inviting stakeholders to discuss these opportunities.

Bike Hangar Trial Scheme

We have launched a bike hangar trial scheme, which is aimed at providing secure cycle parking on the highway for people who have limited bike storage in their homes. Residents were asked to nominate locations for the trial, with over 500 survey responses received.

School Streets

Cardiff Council is continuing to lead the way on School Streets in Wales and shared good practice from our experience to date at the Living Streets seminar that was held last month. We are continuing to receive suggestions of additional School Streets from councillors, residents and schools.

Schools Bike Fleet Scheme

Over 50 applications have been received for Phase 2 of the Schools Bike Fleet scheme, which provides schools with a fleet of bikes for pupils to use in school for the delivery of cycle training. The Council's Road Safety team is continuing to work with schools to deliver training, including the National Standard Cycle Training (free for anyone living, working or studying in Cardiff as well as in schools) and the Streetwise and Kerbcraft programmes. Officers are also working with close to 20 schools in the current financial year to install secure cycle parking provision.

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