

City Centre West to East Cycle Link and Street Improvements – Project Update 1

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Project Updates

This is the first Project Update bulletin for the Council's City Centre West to East Cycle Link and Street Improvements (CCWEL) project.

The main aim of the project is to help make getting around by bike a realistic choice for many more people. It also seeks to significantly improve the streets involved as places for walking, shopping and living. The cycle route will be mostly segregated from traffic and will link together planned cycling facilities on Leith Walk with the city's off-road path network at Roseburn. Other street improvements will include new pedestrian crossings and better provision for pedestrians crossing side roads.

These bulletins will be issued regularly and will include updates on:

- key project-related information
- project progress
- statutory procedures
- construction information and arrangements

When construction commences on site (currently programmed for 2018), updates will be issued more frequently and will include the latest details of:

- construction timescales and duration of work phases
- contractor working hours
- access arrangements
- traffic management (including road closures, temporary changes to parking and loading, and temporary bus stop changes etc)
- general construction progress

Latest Progress

The preliminary design for the full route between Roseburn and Picardy Place was approved in December 2016. This followed an extensive period of work with a range of project stakeholders over a three-month period to improve the design as far as possible.

The detailed design process is now underway, having commenced in February 2017. This stage of the project involves developing the approved preliminary design to a more detailed, technical level.

A dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer for the project will be appointed in the coming weeks. This officer will act as a key point of contact for all project stakeholders, including residents and businesses, and will maintain regular contact with the local community for the duration of the project. Contact details for the new Stakeholder Liaison Officer will be circulated in a future update.

Further information on the CCWEL project, including plans showing the approved preliminary design, are available on the project webpage at: http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20135/cycling_projects/1209/roseburn_to_leith_walk_cycle_route

Statutory Procedures

The Council intend to begin the statutory legal processes necessary to implement the changes in April 2017. This will give any interested parties the formal right to object to elements of the proposed changes or express other views. Any comments received will be referred to the Council's Transport & Environment Committee (or Regulatory Committee for changes relating to taxi stances).

The first part of the route for which statutory orders will be progressed will be the section between Roseburn Park and Manor Place.

Further information will be issued to residents and businesses along the route in advance of the statutory public consultation period, and further information will also be included in a future Project Update.

For more information

For further information on the CCWEL project, please contact Mr Callum Smith, Senior Project Manager, Major Projects on 0131 469 3592 or c.smith@edinburgh.gov.uk

Please also use these contact details if you wish to be added to or removed from the mailing list for future CCWEL Project Updates.