

Supporting Information for report on potential retention of Spaces for People measures: June 2021

Cycle counter data from Counters on Spaces for People routes

The Council has a network of cycle counters. The 4 counter sites presented here are on roads that have had Spaces for People measures installed. On two of these streets cycle flows appear at present to be roughly 50% up on pre-pandemic levels on the same streets. On Mayfield Road, which connects the two main University campuses, cycle flows are dramatically lower at present, which will be due to the almost complete lack of in-person teaching. On the 4th street it is difficult to discern trends due to gaps in data.

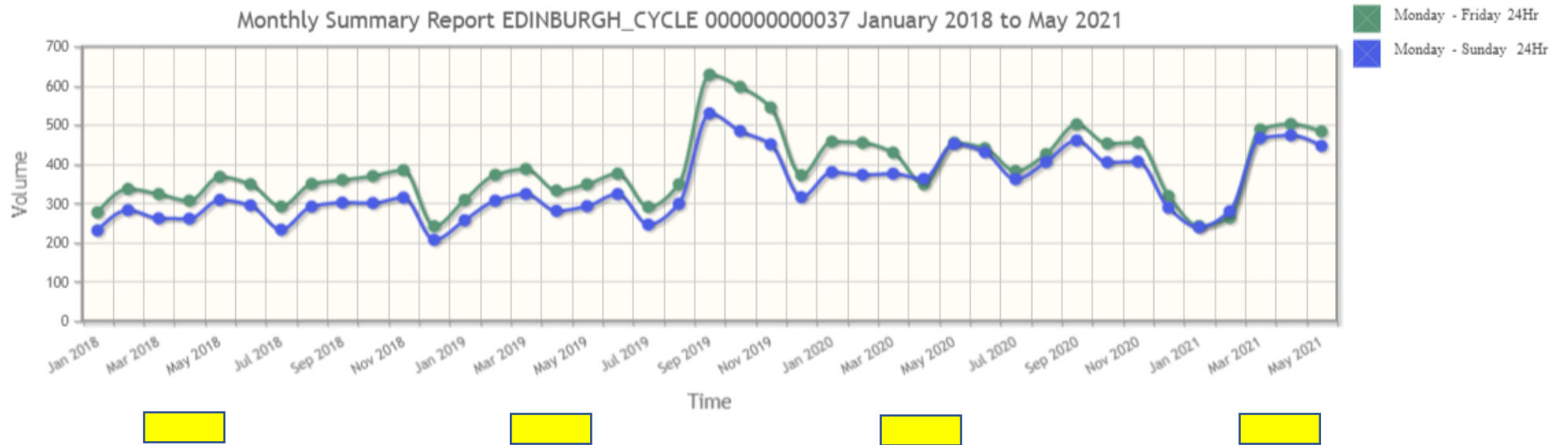


Figure 1: Cycle counts from 2018-2021 on Whitehouse Loan (Greenbank to Meadows Quiet Connections)

The yellow bars indicate the spring period in succeeding years. It appears that cycle flows at present are approximately 50% up on pre-pandemic levels and around 15% higher than in 2020.

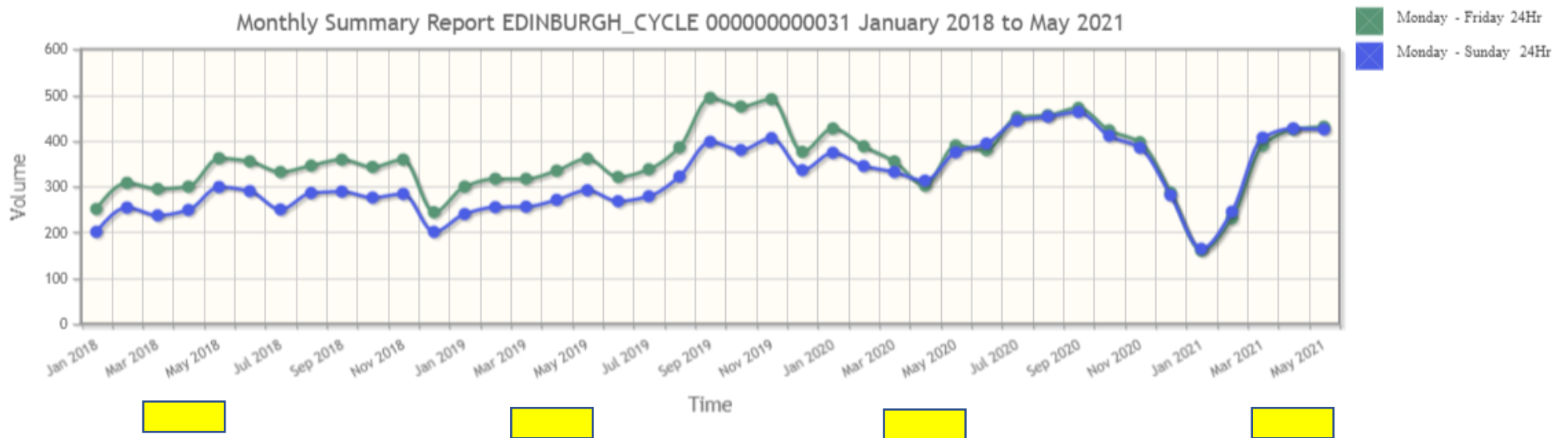


Figure 2: Cycle counts from 2018-2021 on Dundee St

The yellow bars indicate the spring period in succeeding years. It appears that cycle flows at present are approximately 50% up on pre-pandemic levels and slightly higher than at the same time of year in 2020.

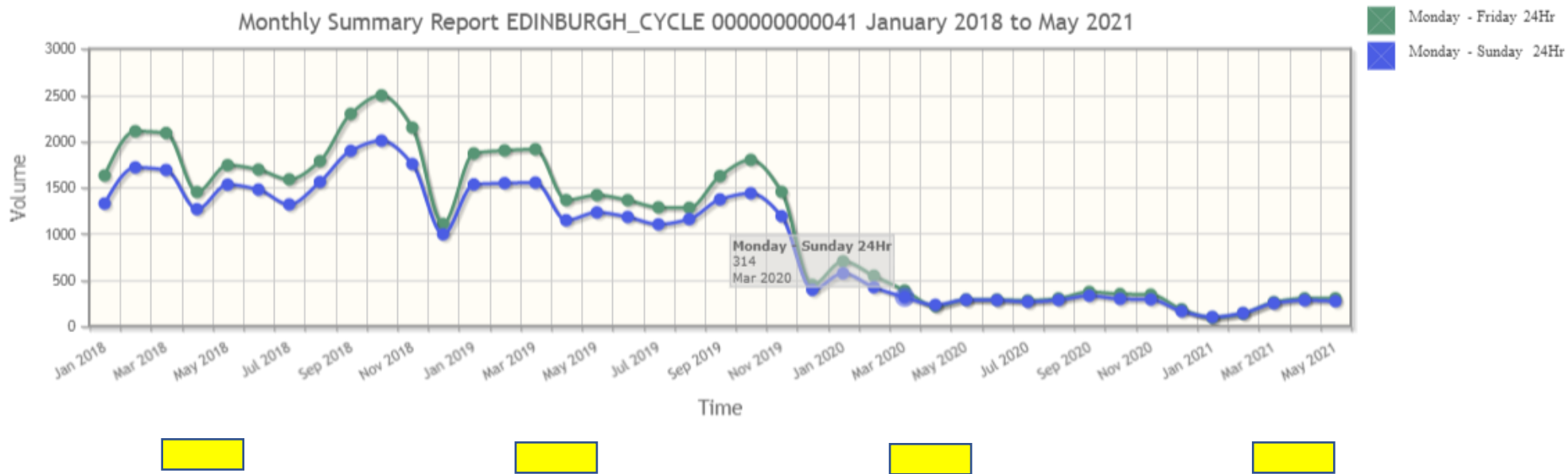


Figure 3: Cycle counts from 2018-2021 on Mayfield Road (Northbound)

This road connects the two main campuses of Edinburgh University. Cycle figures on this corridor are currently dramatically lower than pre-pandemic, with the University’s transition to online teaching and therefore fewer staff and students commuting to and from the King’s buildings.

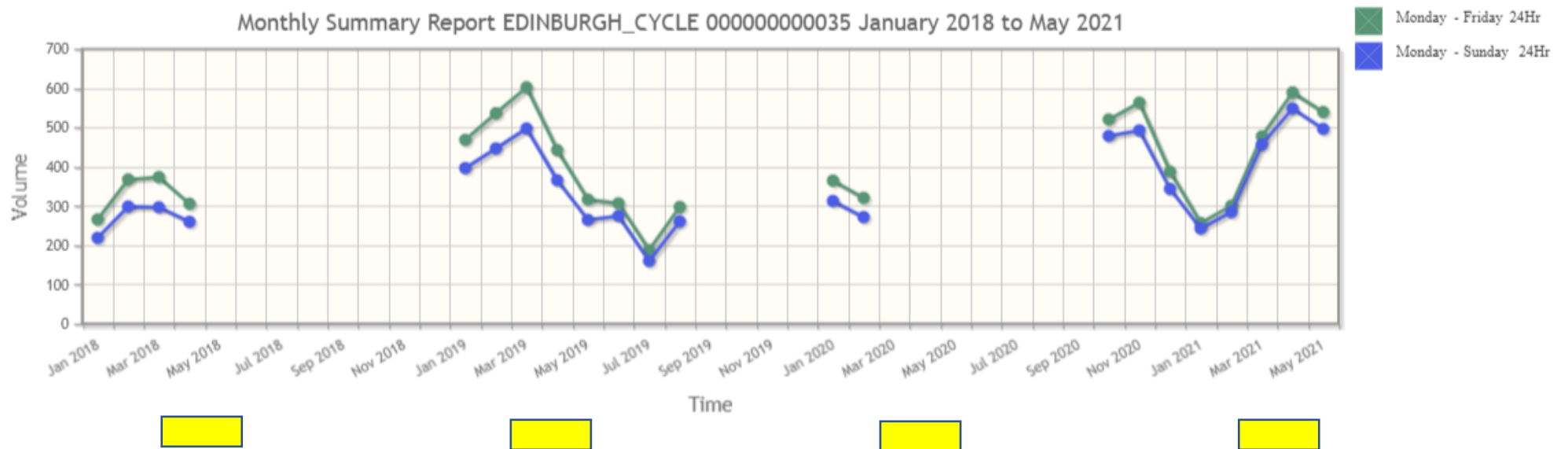


Figure 4: Cycle counts from 2018-2021 for the A90

Gaps in the cycle counter data represent periods during which the counters weren't operational. It is difficult to draw any conclusions from this data.