

Environment & Transport Report 18 March 2020 by Jerry Ozaniec

Transport, Infrastructure, and Environment Committee Activity and Decisions

Since our last meeting the Transport and Environment Committee met on 27 February 2020. The next meeting will be on 20 March 2020.

In my last report I mentioned that the Minutes for the Transport and Environment Committee meetings of 5 Dec 2019 and 16 Jan 2020 were not available at the time of writing and that I had asked about this absence from both the Convener (Councillor Lesley Macinnes) & Vice-Convener (Councillor Karen Doran) of the committee. Their reply was to indicate that it had been passed onto the relevant officials; the minutes are now available but I never received any communication from an official informing me that they had appeared.

5 December 2019

- The Citywide Ban on ‘A’ Boards and Other Temporary On-street Advertising Structures was made permanent. It was noted that the continuation of the exemption during the festival fringe was to be investigated so that the possibilities of only allowing advertising in areas that were not footways or road ways that were designated for pedestrian use during the festival.
- Action on the Water of Leith Valley Improvement Proposals (Dean to Stockbridge Section) were transferred to the Culture and Communities Committee.
- The clamping of vehicles with 10 or more outstanding parking tickets was approved.

16 January 2020

- A public consultation in respect of the City Mobility Plan (CMP) started on 31 January 2020 and will run to 27 March 2020.

27 February 2020

- There will now be ongoing monitoring of litter and debris in the Water of Leith basins and monthly clean-up operations will take place to remove accumulations.
- A revised deployment of communal bins is being undertaken which will potentially mean fewer communal bins but countered with an increased frequency of collection. The criteria include conglomeration of different bin types into single locations and consideration of walking distance to these sites. The review for on-street bins in Inverleith is to take place in the Autumn of 2021.

Notes

The annual clean-up of the Water of Leith in Stockbridge will take place on the morning of 24 May 2020. Note that that a small group of volunteers meet on Monday mornings to maintain the path as a nature corridor and additional helpers would be most welcome.

Traffic Disruptions

The Lothian Bus service has become available again to those travelling eastbound. The temporary Stockbridge Shuttle service was discontinued after the evening of 14 March. The SGN website (<https://www.sgn.co.uk/our-gas-works/major-planned-projects/raeburn-place-area-edinburgh>) is the source of updates to the ongoing gas renewal works.

Road	Location	Details	Start Time	End Time
RAEBURN PLACE B900	Between Leslie Place and East Fettes Avenue	SGN; Gas main renewal. https://bit.ly/35EnGRE , bus diversions at https://bit.ly/39pfhmW Road closed to westbound traffic.	6-Jan-2020 6:30	28-Aug-2020 18:00
GROATHILL ROAD NORTH	At Easter Drylaw Drive	BT; Clearing blocked cable ducts. 4-way temporary traffic lights.	19-Mar-2020 9:30	21-Mar-2020 16:00
STRACHAN ROAD	At Hillhouse Road (Blackhall junction)	Scottish Water; Carriageway repairs. No entry to Strachan Road (exit remains open).	20-Mar-2020 9:30	20-Mar-2020 17:00
CRAIGLEITH ROAD B900	100m from Queensferry Road	BT; Clearing blocked cable ducts. 2-way temporary traffic lights (manually controlled to prioritise eastbound traffic).	1-Apr-2020 9:30	3-Apr-2020 16:00
BEDFORD STREET	At Dean Park Street	BT; Cabling works. Temporary traffic lights.	14-Apr-2020 9:30	16-Apr-2020 16:00
HOUSE O HILL GARDENS	Junction with House O'Hill Road	BT; Replacement of telegraph pole. Road closed	11-Jun-2020 9:30	11-Jun-2020 16:00