

1. Welcome

- a. All welcomed to the meeting. Apologies offered and accepted.
- b. Additional apologies offered re the last minute inability of Free Wheel North to accommodate due to building works; thanks given to Glasgow City Council Learning Academy for hosting at short notice.

2. Notes & actions arising from last meeting

- a. Output of Review Day discussed. Request that these be presented in more thematic approach and summary provided. Intention that it was being taken to the Forum for this purpose.

Summary

- Forum seen as constructive and progressive
 - Format seen as vast improvement on previous forum
 - Positive Leadership noted including facilitative approach
 - Positive and open relationships fostered between Officers and other members
 - Community locations and discussions in situ has created new perspectives
 - Thematic approach has enabled focused discussions
 - Membership – extending this has ensured seldom heard voices and alternate opinions voiced
 - Future: continue as above with greater thought as to how:
 - Forum can support policy development, shaping strategies etc. earlier
- b. Cllr Richardson spoke of her commitment as to how the Forum could feed into strategy – more open and participatory approach than Committee structure
 - c. Transport strategy – will cover neighbourhoods, local and city centre/wide: 1s draft due 2020
 - d. Place based and design approaches entailing a stronger focus on inequality. Must ensure that it is not the same voices and repeated conversations

- e. Level of ambition – rate of change is fast paced, and needs to be. Opportunity to develop this in the Cycle Strategy update (Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee - [11/06/2019](#)). Agreement that the new transport strategy and Cycling Strategy refresh provide a good opportunity
- f. Discussion re strategy development and purpose of consultation (Woodlands example by SWECO). Others felt these positive opportunities. Welcomed previous Forum 'Avenues presentation' and that their previous disconnect improved by being provided with a strategic overview
- g. Junction designs – more technical sessions are being held to improve
- h. Communication – raised the lack of no one go to site, however, new [Aye Cycle](#) website highlighted. Discussion on how this could be used to support policy updates, and sharing of research and evaluation.
- i. International Best Practice:
 - Copenhagen highlighted; acknowledged this over a 25 year period, however, other cities e.g. Utrecht, Seville etc. had made structural changes over a shorter period (4-5 years).
 - Acknowledged that permanent infrastructure work takes time – Seville implemented changes quickly then had to go back and change again, involving more time and cost.
 - Agreement that poor infrastructure does not lead to more people on the streets – the public must feel safe and confident in doing so.
 - Cllr Richardson shared that she was taking 3 projects to Scottish Government for funding this week re cycling but that these were part of a wider strategic vision.
 - Further discussion whether one big consultation would facilitate change quicker: pros and cons to this noted e.g. current parking charges consultation, Edinburgh Roseburn project delay; one sole large scale consultation could mean more discrete issues overlooked and/ or larger changes caught up in delays.
 - GCC Officers take a strategic approach, packaging proposals and choreographing smaller project developments within overarching aims and goals. For example, Control parking Zones offer the

opportunity to develop more storage, Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs), Play Streets etc.

- Agreement that neighbourhood strategies and initiatives e.g. more and frequent Play streets, were important in promoting dialogue and it was important to win hearts and minds at the micro level.
- Consensus that both big and small projects had their place.
- Cllr Richardson noted possible 'Connection & Communication' themed session on how the Forum could engage with car owners and public transport providers and bodies.

3. Glasgow City Council update

a. Consultation update: [GCC online Consultation Hub](#) highlighted and current opportunities to inform GCC policy highlighted:

- Only [1 live consultation](#) on the GCC website: [Consultation on future policy development of Sexual Entertainment Venues in Glasgow](#)
- Questions raised re [Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders](#) and engaging with the public earlier: resources issue re capacity for Officers identified, engagement and wider strategic approach seen as preferable and more realistic than discrete activity

A Conversation About George Square

- Following discussion at the [Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm City Policy Committee \(03 June 2019\)](#) over the next few months, GCC will begin a public consultation to ask what the people of Glasgow would like to see and experience at George Square or how / if they would like the Square to be changed.
- Last year, there was a survey about the possible closure to traffic of George Square, with 5,000 taking part - but those taking part were not asked about the Square's future use and design.
- Glasgow's first-ever City Urbanist, Professor Brian Evans, will be involved in this process, helping to inform the series of public engagement activities with our citizens, businesses and visitors about George Square's use or design and any future design brief.

- Nothing is off the table – GCC want to hear about what the people of Glasgow have to say about a public space which is obviously a huge part of our civic life and history.
 - Discussion as to whether this review should be before any transport strategy and options decided: general opinion that use of civic space was an important subject in itself.
 - Ongoing dialogue with the Bus Partnership re bus routes etc. re how Avenues/ George Square etc. would work is ongoing, however, all agreed this was about the needs not just of bus operatives but the people of Glasgow e.g. citizens with disabilities as highlighted by GDA previously (Aug 2018 input)
- b. [Places for Everyone \(Sustrans/ Transport Scotland\)](#) bids – as noted three bids have been submitted and ‘pitches’ being made Friday 07 June. Proposals are: 1. North City Way 2. Yorkhill Village 3. Avenues Plus (Duke Street). [Results expected late July earliest.](#)
- c. Other
- *City Centre* – EIIPR Block A “Avenues Project” will transform 17 streets; Sauchiehall St near completion. Block B & C designs and contracts should be in progress by July 2020
 - *Collegelands/Calton Barras* - will improve cycling provision from Inner East to City Centre by enhancing existing connections and infrastructure and by creating new routes
 - *East City Way* - will eventually stretch 7km from Bridgeton to Mount Vernon, and will be constructed in sections over the next 3 to 5 years (funding applied for). Mt Vernon station development; first stage of 7km route commenced (due Feb 2020)
 - *North Glasgow* – Sighthill TRA: emphasis on cycling key to the design. Infrastructure works including new bridge scheduled for completion summer 2020
 - *Canal and North Gateway* - introducing segregated cycling routes and improvements to existing connections to the City Centre and surrounding area
 - *South West City Way* – St Andrews Drive: new bid to extend

- *Robroyston* – new park and ride facility at station; active travel route at development stage
- “*Connecting Woodside*” - Glasgow’s ‘Mini Holland’ incorporates improvements for walking, cycling and place making linking the city centre and Sauchiehall Avenue with the Forth & Clyde Canal and regeneration work at Port Dundas and Sighthill. TRO consultation (until 12 July 2019)
- *Waterfront/W End Innovation Quarter* – planning application for Govan-Patrick pedestrian bridge due summer 2019. Byres Road Public Realm more
- *South City Way* - Queen’s Park first phase completed in mid-2018 (completion marked with the South City Way’s first ever Street Fest to celebrate active travel). Phase 2 completion expected July 2019 (Cumberland St-Govanhill). Public art to be installed later in 2019 @ Pollokshaws Road at Cavendish Street (involved several community events & local groups). South City Way Small Grants Fund launched -up to £5,000 per project.
- *Battlefield: Creating A Place for People* - successful launch September 2018, approximately 400 people attending further engagement events are planned for 2019 and concept designs will then be presented to the Council later in the year.
- *Glasgow Mass Automated Cycle Hire Scheme* - MACH saw its most successful year on record for hires with 207,559 in a single 12 month period in 2018. Continued growth geographically - an additional 10 stations added in 2018, bringing the total number of available locations to 62
- *Secure Tenement Storage* – 50 initial sites from early Oct 2019

4. **Thematic input:** *Materials* (Glasgow City Council - Technical Services)

- a. Range of choices available re surface materials e.g. resin/ chips, and colours etc. Noted that there can be conflict between various users e.g. needs and preferences of cyclists and people with disabilities.
- b. Opinions expressed by forum members that:

- Colours, ride quality & consistency most important issues discussed
- Disability groups would like colour contrast in cycle lanes
- Cycling groups are more concerned about ride quality and expressed a clear preference for machine laid asphalt. They have no preference with regard to colour.
- The cost, durability and maintenance of different types of surface was discussed and the need for a standard surface that can be easily repaired was recognised.
- Some felt chips are more slippery during frozen weather
- Preference for minimising street clutter such as pedestrian guardrail and incorporating natural features into amenity spaces
- Argument made for site specific solutions, however,
- Consensus that Glasgow standards were required for cycle routes including colour and (preferably) surface and that it would be advantageous if national standards were available.
- Any further feedback to be sent to Cllr Richardson and Policy Support Officer
- Agreement that future Test Panels would be brought together by Technical Services to further discuss aesthetics and materials

5. Wider Partner Update

- a. Proposed cycle shelters in Glasgow – concerns expressed that these are located primarily in the South & West (see Appendix maps) and that if the pilot does not work then these areas will still have that infrastructure whilst the East will not. Strategic approach informs i.e. population density, SIMD etc this. Discussion around future expansion in city wide approach to cycle storage.
- b. Blackhill on Bikes survey of 420 pupils found over 70% owned bikes however less than 15% currently cycle to school. ‘Safer Cycle Paths’ (32%) and ‘a Friend to Cycle with’ (34%) would prompt increased cycling.
- c. [Bike Life Glasgow 2018 report](#) (due to be discussed at Environment, Sustainability And Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee - [11/06/2019](#)) – agreement that it captures a lot of the progress made in Glasgow and shift in public opinion, but not widely circulated and known. Discussion as

to how ATF could support dissemination and potential to create infographics from this.

d. GCPH highlighted a number of reports due over the next few months – generated discussion on a central repository:

- ‘Active Community Project’ report (Summer 2019)
- Bike Hire Scheme 5 year report (Sept 2019)
 - Bikes for All project evaluation (subset of bike hire scheme)
- Cycling Scotland Cycling Casualties in Scotland report (Oct 2019)

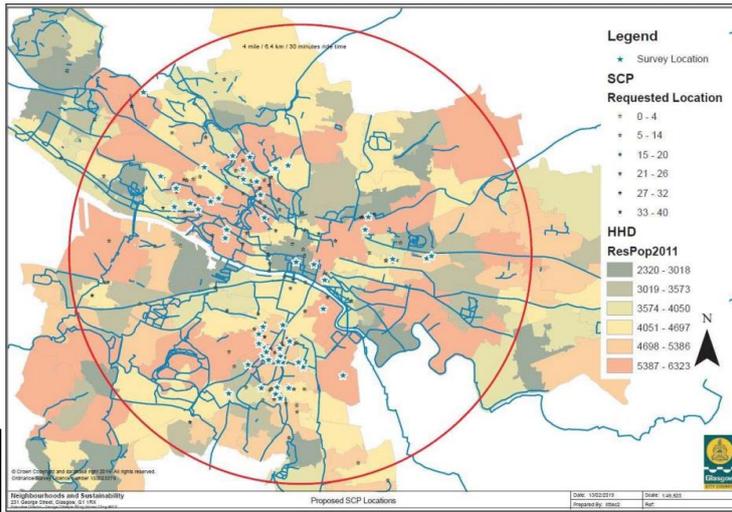
6. AOCB

a. Litter – discussion re this – only problem area now seems to be Yoker. GCC & Sustrans to discuss.

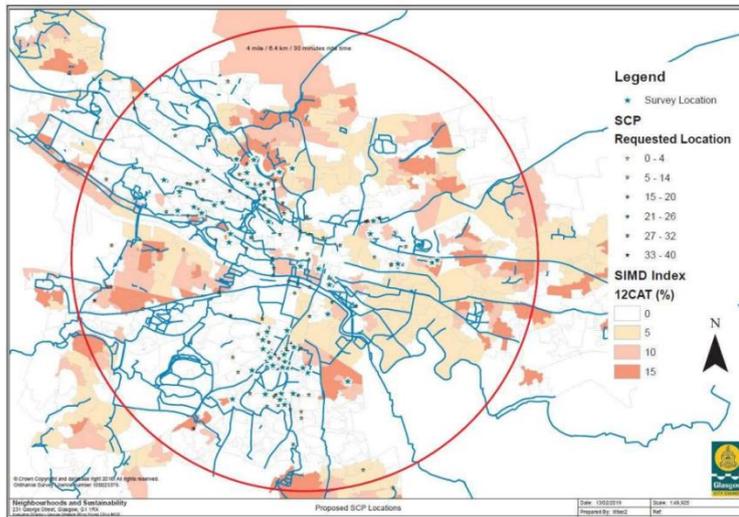
b. [Aye Cycle](#) website launch from 4 – 6pm 14 June 2019 at Bike For Good Glasgow South Community Hub.

Date of Next meeting: 09:30-11:30 Wednesday 25th September 2019 – Glasgow University, [Tay House, 300 Bath St, Glasgow G2 4LH](#)

Appendix 3. Proposed Secure Cycle Shelter Survey Locations Household Density (HHD)



Appendix 4. Proposed Secure Cycle Shelter Survey Locations SIMD

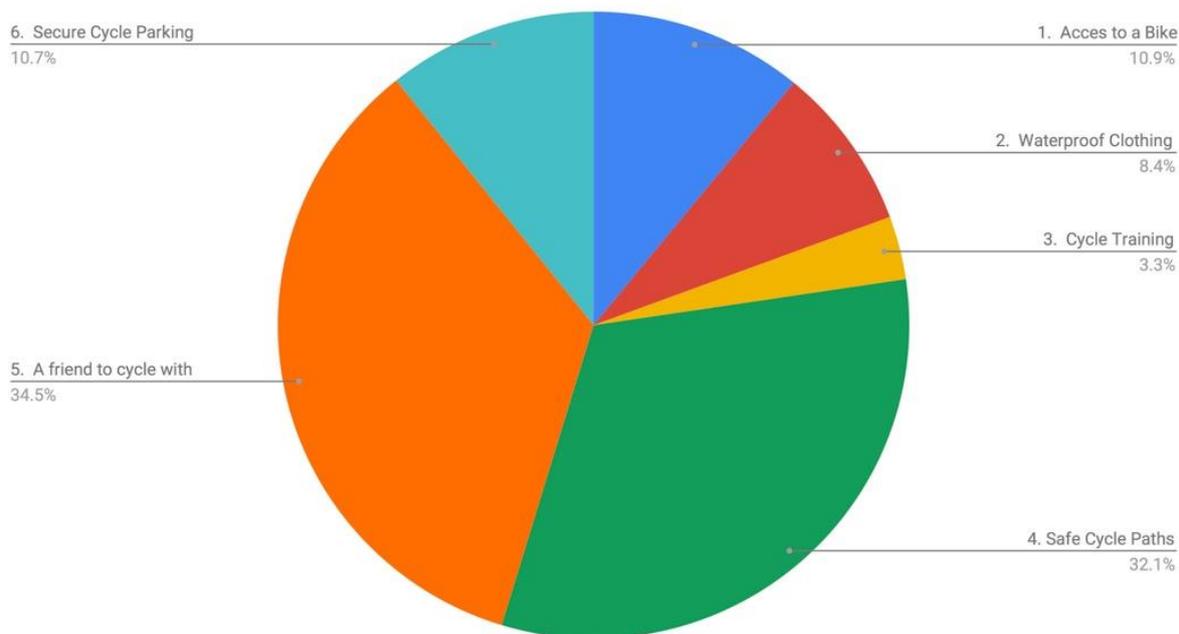


Cycling to School at Smithycroft Secondary School (420 pupils surveyed)

■ No ■ Yes



What would help you to cycle to School? (420 pupils surveyed)



DRM