

DATA LABEL: PUBLIC



## **ENVIRONMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

### **CYCLING WALKING AND SAFE STREETS - PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND FOOTWAY SCHEMES**

#### **REPORT BY OPERATIONAL SERVICES**

##### **A. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to inform the panel of the list of proposed schemes for the provision of pedestrian crossings and footways to deliver cycling walking and safer streets and sustainable active travel within West Lothian.

##### **B. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Panel notes the contents of the report and makes recommendation to the Council Executive to:

1. Approve the list of schemes detailed in Appendices 1 and 2;
2. ask officers to proceed with designs through to implementation of the footway schemes; and
3. ask officers to carry out the assessments of the pedestrian crossings detailed in Appendix 1 and bring back a report to a future Panel for scrutiny of the prioritised programme.

##### **C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

I	<b>Council Values</b>	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; making best use of our resources; working in partnership
II	<b>Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)</b>	The delivery of these projects will contribute to improved road safety and encourage active travel.
III	<b>Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers</b>	None
IV	<b>Impact on performance and performance Indicators</b>	None

<b>V</b>	<b>Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement</b>	The project will contribute to outcomes:  “We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.”
<b>VI</b>	<b>Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)</b>	The projects will be funded through the General Services capital budget allocation for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets/Active Sustainable Travel.
<b>VII</b>	<b>Consideration at PDSP</b>	
<b>VIII</b>	<b>Other consultations</b>	The Financial Management Unit has been consulted and is satisfied with the contents of the report. Consultation on individual projects will be carried out during their development.

## **D. TERMS OF REPORT**

### **D.1 Background**

At its meeting on 23 June 2020, the Council Executive approved a budget of £801,000 to deliver schemes relating to cycling, walking and safer streets and active sustainable travel. This budget is linked to the Cycling Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) grant funding awarded to West Lothian Council from the Scottish Government for the financial year 2020/21.

The conditions of the grant funding stipulate that it must be spent by 31 March 2021 and a number of projects were previously identified to achieve spend to the value of the grant. However, with resources diverted to deal with the design and implementation of social distancing measures on the road network, the progress of a number of schemes has been limited.

Armada to Whitburn Cyclepath is currently under construction and will be completed this financial year. 50% of the outturn cost for this project will be funded through the CWSS grant funding. It is therefore proposed that further schemes be identified to help officers manage the delivery of projects and ensure that the full grant of £801,000 can be claimed

To enable this, officers have reviewed the list of requests that have been received from members of the community and identified locations that may benefit from the introduction of a form of road crossing or provision of a footway, see Appendices 1 and 2.

### **D.2 Pedestrian Crossings Provision**

An assessment of the locations detailed in Appendix 1 will be carried out and a prioritised list will be generated in line with the process used in the previous programme for the implementation of pedestrian crossings.

To inform this assessment officers require traffic and pedestrian counts and speed surveys to be carried out at these locations. The assessments will be carried out in accordance with Local Transport Note 1/95, The Assessment of Pedestrian Crossings. This will ensure a consistent approach is maintained from previous assessments and enabled the appropriate type of facility to be recommended.

The key survey characteristics to be considered include carriageway and footway width, surrounding amenities, vehicular and pedestrian flow and composition, average crossing time and difficulty, and recorded injury accidents.

It is proposed that the assessments are carried out on the pedestrian crossings this financial year with implementation carried out in line with the prioritised programmed developed from the assessment. A report detailing the assessments and the prioritised list will be submitted to a future Panel for scrutiny and recommendation to the Council Executive.

### **D.3 Footway Provision**

There are four footway requests that have been identified by officers in Appendix 2. Three have been identified as missing links within the footway network and will provide a suitable surface to connect to existing footways on desirable pedestrian routes. The fourth will provide a safer walkway between the communities of East Calder and Mid Calder.

It is proposed that officers progress designs for these footway schemes through to implementation.

## **E. CONCLUSION**

This report notes the conditions of the CWSS grant funding stipulating that it must be spent by 31 March 2021 and the need to progress and deliver additional schemes to enable officers to maximise spend to the value of the grant funding.

Officers are mindful of the desire to create safer environments within communities by introducing pedestrian crossings and footway schemes. The schemes identified in the appendices will contribute to the improvement of infrastructure within West Lothian and encourage active travel.

## **BACKGROUND REFERENCES**

### **F.**

Council Executive on 23 June 2020 - General Services Capital Investment Strategy 2020/21 to 2027/28 Update

Council Executive on 4 June 2013 - Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grant 2012/13 – 2014/15 Proposed Pedestrian Crossing Programme, Various Locations, West Lothian

Appendices/Attachments:      Appendix 1: List of Pedestrian Crossing Locations for Assessment  
   Appendix 2: List of Proposed Footway Schemes

Contact Person: *Ronald Fisher, Design Engineer Manager, Tel: 01506 284597, email: [ronnie.fisher@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:ronnie.fisher@westlothian.gov.uk)*

Jim Jack, Head of Operational Services

Date of meeting: 15 September 2020

# APPENDIX 1 – List of Pedestrian Crossing Locations for Assessment

SCHEME REQUEST	SETTLEMENT	ESTIMATED SCHEME COST	NOTES
Request existing zebra crossing in Addiewell be upgraded to a pelican at Addiewell primary school.	Addiewell	£40,000	Exiting zebra facility to be assessed to see if the location now justifies an upgrading to a puffin crossing.
Request for crossing North Street south of McNeill Crescent.	Armadale	£40,000	To be assessed to see if the location justifies a controlled crossing.
Provision of Pelican Crossing on Lower Bathville and upgrade of the zebra crossing east of Heathervale Walk to a puffin crossing.	Armadale	£80,000	To be assessed to identify the most appropriate location to justify a controlled crossing. Due to the length of the road two crossing may be justified.
Request for additional ped crossing facilities on the B8084 South Street north of Mayfield Drive.	Armadale	£40,000	To be assessed to see if the location justifies a controlled crossing.
Request for a pedestrian crossing on Hardhill Road near Falside Drive for children crossing to Windyknowe Primary School.	Bathgate	£40,000	A puffin crossing would provide a facility to Windyknowe Primary School. Suitable crossing point would be west of Falside Drive to access steps to Windyknowe Crescent.
Request for a new pedestrian crossing point on the A705 at the old Redhouse School.	Blackburn	£40,000	Benefits for pedestrians in providing a controlled pedestrian crossing across the A705. Suitable crossing point would be east of Elm Grove.
Request for pedestrian island on the A89 for a pedestrian crossing at Newhouses Road.	Broxburn	£40,000	Benefits for cyclists and pedestrians in providing pedestrian island and footway link across the A89.
Request for a pedestrian crossing on Preston Road in the vicinity of Linlithgow Primary School.	Linlithgow	£40,000	To be assessed to see if the location justifies a controlled crossing. Suitable crossing point would be north of vehicle access to school car park.
Request for a zebra crossing outside Springfield Primary School in Linlithgow.	Linlithgow	£55,000	A puffin crossing would provide a facility to Springfield Primary School.
Request for pedestrian crossing on Kirkton South Road near Charlesfield Lane.	Livingston	£40,000	Benefits for cyclists and pedestrians in providing pedestrian facilities on Kirkton South Road. Suitable crossing point would be west of Charlesfield Lane.
Request for controlled pedestrian crossing on Muirieston West Road at Robins Path.	Livingston	£40,000	A puffin crossing would provide a facility to Williamston Primary School and Bright Horizons.

# APPENDIX 1 – List of Pedestrian Crossing Locations for Assessment

SCHEME REQUEST	SETTLEMENT	ESTIMATED SCHEME COST	NOTES
Request for crossing on Simpson Parkway to link to bus stops from adult learning centre in Lister Road.	Livingston	£40,000	To be assessed to see if the location justifies a controlled crossing.
Request for pedestrian crossing on Calderpark Road south of Braeside Gardens.	Mid Calder	£40,000	To be assessed to see if the location justifies a controlled crossing.
Request for pedestrian crossing at Mid Calder Primary School.	Mid Calder	£40,000	A puffin crossing would provide a facility to Mid Calder Primary School. Suitable crossing point would be just east of South Lodge Avenue.
Request for pedestrian crossing and footway improvements on the B7015 Mid Calder outside Cunnigar House.	Mid Calder	£50,000	To be assessed to see if the location justifies a controlled crossing.
Request for pedestrian crossing point on A705 East Whitburn near to Red Mill Nursing Home for access to park and bus stop.	Whitburn	£25,000	To be assessed to see if the location justifies an uncontrolled crossing point.
		<b>£690,000</b>	

## APPENDIX 2 – List of Proposed Footway Schemes

SCHEME REQUEST	SETTLEMENT	ESTIMATED SCHEME COST	NOTES
Request for footway on Whitburn Road to Inchcross Industrial Estate.	Bathgate	£100,000	This would require a footway approximately 230m long.
Request for footway widening on Balmuir Road from Jardine Place to Race Road	Bathgate	£25,000	This would require a footway approximately 50m long.
Request for widening of footway and signalisation of Mid Calder bridge on the B7015 between Mid Calder to East Calder.	Mid Calder	£150,000	Would require widening of footway over bridge and traffic signals as road would have to be narrowed down to one lane.
Request to complete the missing footway link outside Livingston Crematorium on the A779 Starlaw Road.	Livingston	£60,000	This would require 120m of footway.
		<b>£335,000</b>	