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COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFE STREETS – NEW FOOTWAY SCHEMES AND ASSESSMENT OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

REPORT BY OPERATIONAL SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to progress four new footway schemes as part of the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) funding and to commence with an assessment of identified pedestrian crossing sites.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council Executive notes the contents of the report and:

1. approves the new footway schemes detailed in Appendix 1 and instructs officers to proceed with their design and implementation;
2. instructs officers to carry out assessments of the pedestrian crossing sites identified in Appendix 2; and
3. instructs officers to bring back a report to a future Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel (PDSP) on the assessment's recommendations and a programme for delivery commencing from 2021/22 onwards.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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

V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	The project will contribute to outcomes: “We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.”
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	The projects will be funded through the General Services capital budget allocation for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets/Active Sustainable Travel.
VII	Consideration at PDSP	The proposed list of pedestrian crossing locations for assessment and footway schemes appended were considered by the Environment PDSP at its meeting on 15 September 2020.
VIII	Other consultations	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 Scottish Government's CWSS grant funding.

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 the spend level. However, with resources diverted to deal with the design and implementation of the Spaces for People programme, the progress of a number of CWSS schemes has slowed.

In spite of this, the approved Armadale to Whitburn Cyclepath is currently under construction and will be completed by mid-January 2021. £446,000 of the construction cost will be drawn down from the CWSS grant, leaving the balance of £355,000 for new schemes.

D.2 New Footway Schemes

Four new footway schemes have been identified by officers through community requests, to a value of £335,000, that could be quickly delivered and enhance the footway network. These new schemes are outlined in Appendix 1.

D.3 Assessment of Pedestrian Crossings

To enable early delivery of pedestrian crossing schemes in future years, it proposed that assessments are carried out now at the various site locations listed in Appendix 2.

These assessments will be carried out to determine the most suitable type of crossing for the location and inform a prioritised programme for implementation. This procedure is in line with the process used in the previous years.

A report providing details of the assessment's findings and the recommended programme for implementation will be submitted to a future Environment PDSP.

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. Examples of the different types of crossings are shown in Appendix 3.

D.4 Environment PDSP Consultation

The Environment PDSP considered the new footway schemes and the proposed list of pedestrian crossing sites for assessment, as detailed in Appendix 1 and 2, at its meeting on 15 September 2020.

The Panel agreed that officers should take a report to the Council Executive for approval.

E. CONCLUSION

This report highlights the opportunity to progress four new footway schemes to ensure that CWSS grant funding is maximised in 2020/21.

Approval is also sought to undertake an assessment of pedestrian crossing sites which will inform a programme of future works.

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 Proposed Footway Schemes
Appendix 2: List of Pedestrian Crossing Locations for Assessment
Appendix 3: Examples of Pedestrian Crossings

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Appendix 1 – 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 to complete the missing footway link outside Livingston Crematorium on the A779 Starlaw Road.	Livingston	£60,000	This would require 120m of footway.
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 the road would have to be narrowed down to one lane.
		£335,000	

Appendix 2 – List of Pedestrian Crossing Locations for Assessment

SCHEME REQUEST	SETTLEMENT	ESTIMATED SCHEME COST
Request existing zebra crossing in Addiewell be upgraded to a pelican at Addiewell primary school.	Addiewell	£40,000
Request for crossing North Street south of McNeill Crescent.	Armadale	£40,000
Provision of Pelican Crossing on Lower Bathville and upgrade of the zebra crossing east of Heathervale Walk to a puffin crossing.	Armadale	£80,000
Request for additional ped crossing facilities on the B8084 South Street north of Mayfield Drive.	Armadale	£40,000
Request for a pedestrian crossing on Hardhill Road near Falside Drive for children crossing to Windyknowe Primary School.	Bathgate	£40,000
Request for a new pedestrian crossing point on the A705 at the old Redhouse School.	Blackburn	£40,000
Request for pedestrian island on the A89 for a pedestrian crossing at Newhouses Road.	Broxburn	£40,000
Request for a pedestrian crossing on Preston Road in the vicinity of Linlithgow Primary School.	Linlithgow	£40,000
Request for a zebra crossing outside Springfield Primary School in Linlithgow.	Linlithgow	£55,000
Request for pedestrian crossing on Kirkton South Road near Charlesfield Lane.	Livingston	£40,000
Request for controlled pedestrian crossing on Muirieston West Road at Robins Path.	Livingston	£40,000

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Request for crossing on Simpson Parkway to link to bus stops from adult learning centre in Lister Road.	Livingston	£40,000
Request for pedestrian crossing on Calderpark Road south of Braeside Gardens.	Mid Calder	£40,000
Request for pedestrian crossing at Mid Calder Primary School.	Mid Calder	£40,000
Request for pedestrian crossing and footway improvements on the B7015 Mid Calder outside Cunnigar House.	Mid Calder	£50,000
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
		£690,000

APPENDIX 3 – Examples of Pedestrian Crossings



Pedestrian Refuge Island

Is an uncontrolled crossing commonly used throughout the road network where a form of crossing is justified but either pedestrian footfall or traffic volume do not justify the expense of the installation of a controlled crossing such as a Zebra or Puffin Crossing.



Zebra Crossing

Crossings are marked by black and white painted strips across the road and flashing amber beacons. The Highway Code states that motorists 'must give way when someone has moved onto a crossing'. However, pedestrians should remain on the kerbside for safety's sake until approaching vehicles have stopped. Zebra crossings are cheaper to build than traffic signal controlled crossings although their use on roads where traffic speeds are higher than 35 mph is not recommended.

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Puffin Crossing



Puffin Push Button Unit

Puffin Crossing have superseded Pelican Crossing. They do not have a flashing green man/flashing amber signal. The demand for the crossing is triggered by the push button unit with the red man/green man signals above the push button unit on the pedestrians' side of the road. This allows pedestrians, waiting at the crossing, to look at the approaching traffic at the same time as looking at the red man/green man signal.