

<u>SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL</u>			
<u>CYCLE FORUM</u>			
Notes of meeting held on Thursday 16th January 202- at 5.00 p.m. in the Town Hall Committee Room 3			
	Item	Notes	Action
1.	ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Present: Cllr Peter Price (Chair), Cllr Ruth Mersereau, Simon Geller, Paul Sullivan, Greg Challis. List incomplete Apologies: Professor Pete Marsh, RD and Lee Thompson (Sustrans)	
2.	NOTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING	The notes of the Cycle Forum held on 21 November were agreed as a correct record. Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) From meeting with SCR Crime Commissioner Alan Billings, it appeared that he did not see the “close pass” initiative as a priority. b) TCF tranche 2b) bid had been submitted by SCR, with a decision due in March. c) Five Weirs Walk – plastic pollution (in trees). Clean up would be the Environment Agency responsibility, similarly on the Upper Don where a community clean-up was also proposed. d) Division Street closure: Andrew Richards (Cycle Sheffield) had met with Richard Eyre (City Centre Manager) and Peter Vickers (Network Management). 	ACTION Jan/20/2d: Division Street closure, officer review follow up
3.	TRANSFORMING CITIES FUND Tranche 2a) & 2b)	PS reported on progress towards four cycling related schemes arising from TCF tranche 2a) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) City centre and Hanover Way crossing (West) – it was proposed to be on site and complete by the end of March. Advanced detection signals would be installed to monitor cyclist numbers b) Hanover Way crossing (Broomspring Lane) – upgrade proposed as part of Amey enhancement works, with high 	

		<p>standard and segregation for cyclists (linking to main scheme on Wellington Street)</p> <p>c) Extension of Portobello route – crossing of Mappin Street in design but delivery would slip into 20/21 financial year along with route completion via Holly Street.</p> <p>d) Purchase of up to 200 E-bikes, of which 185 would be for “social prescribing” plus four E-trikes for Wheels4All at Hillsborough Park and an E-trishaw for Cycling Without Age along with 10 higher spec E-bikes for use by PCSO s and CEOs.</p> <p>e) As part of TCF Tranche 2b) Mott MacDonald had been brought in to help look at connections to Tinsley and Meadowhall.</p>	
4.	<p>SUSTRANS RANGER PLAN 2020</p>	<p>a) SG reported that a draft plan had been drawn up and that volunteer group was mobilised to survey the TPT route and dates were already earmarked for 2020 to do litter picking and vegetation control. There were currently 20 rangers on the books, but more were needed, the aim being to double the number.</p> <p>b) NCN 6 Porter Valley improvements – bio-diversity and improved habitat; similarly Beeley Woods where Tony and Polly Blacker were wildlife champions.</p> <p>c) Chapeltown Greenway was a work in progress and improvements were needed at Meadowhall.</p> <p>d) Access barriers had been removed adjacent to Mosborough Parkway.</p> <p>e) New route to Waverley (NCN627) from Richmond</p> <p>f) Two bridges “greenway” needs looking after.</p> <p>g) New signs had been put up to direct cyclists away from the tram</p>	

		<p>route on Infirmary Road/Langsett Road and to Penistone Road as a preferred route.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> h) A celebration ride was being arranged to mark 30 years of the TPT along with publicity stall at local fairs etc. i) David Holmes raised a question concerning the proposed 320 new homes on the former Hepworth's site in Loxley Valley. A meeting had taken place with developers at pre-application stage about a proposed cycle route into Hillsborough to mitigate for additional vehicle trips. If they use the river valley footpaths, this would be similar to encouraging cycling on the Rivelin Valley nature trail and would be encouraging cycling in a sensitive area (Loxley Valley). j) A discussion ensued on quality of surface of TPT and other Sustrans designated routes, and their maintenance (e.g. leaf fall in Beeley Wood). k) PS stressed that where routes were not built to an adoptable standard then they would not fall under the Streets Ahead contract for maintenance. Therefore additional funding would be needed for improvements to Blackburn Valley and Beeley Wood routes. 	
5.	COUNTING CYCLISTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) PS referred to a previous report to the Forum in 2018. There were now 14 counters on the cycle network – seven had been in place for three years and thus showed trends over this time, others for only one year so not. On those counters there were an additional 40,000 trips, an increase of 8% to 460,000 p.a. b) Broadfield Road had the biggest increase at 32% c) Penistone Road next (21%) d) Moore Street however had seen a 	

		<p>10% decrease although numbers were on the up again and at 15,000 were the busiest in the city. This counter only measured one “arm” of the subway and showed fluctuations in line with University term times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) Overall, counters also picked up a seasonal drop of around 20% in cycling trips during winter. f) Barrow Road showed a similar pattern, but with additional weekend trips driven by leisure cycling to Meadowhall and the TPT g) Penistone Road had data going back to 1984 (101 trips per day) which rose to around 300 by 1994 and 380 in 2010. h) A manual count was also done, comparing numbers using the cycle track with those using the road. This showed 3:1 ratio in AM peak and 1:1 in the PM peak as cyclists took advantage of the outbound bus lane. i) As improvements had been made to the route numbers had risen as follows 2016 (491 trips), 2017 (530); 2018 (565); 2019 (607). j) Statistics can be misleading as the raw data showed 2.5 annual trips on London’s embankment and 850,000 on Oxford Road in Manchester which, based on relative populations, compared favourably with Sheffield. k) For the future TCF schemes counters would be installed in advance in order to measure the uplift. These would be built into the ground top combat vandalism and solar powered options were being looked at. Proposed locations were Broomhall Road, Cemetery Road, Shoreham Street, Clarkehouse Road and Portobello Road. 	
6.	CYCLE SHEFFIELD	a) Planning condition (Ozmen’s) – SCC legal were now preparing to	ACTION: Jan/20/6f) PS to

<p>MATTERS</p>	<p>serve non-compliance notice.</p> <p>b) Co-op store Derbyshire Lane – registered as an enforcement issue and Legal were preparing paperwork.</p> <p>c) Five Weirs Walk – two sections were shut following recent flooding – East Coast Road to Stevenson Road and it was hoped to re-open in March. The more problematic section by Thessco would be repaired by Amey by January 2021. In view of the long running issues at this location an alternative route via Attercliffe Road or Brightside Lane was under consideration.</p> <p>d) Streets Ahead contract – resurfacing work is still progressing, although limited during the winter this would ramp up as weather improved. Any problems should be reported to Streets Ahead via the Council website.</p> <p>e) Matilda Way works – the contraflow cycle lane would be reinstated and additional signing provided.</p> <p>f) Blackburn Meadows – access gates locked to private land owned by EON.</p> <p>g) Portobello Road/Trippett Lane – works scheduled for completion by June. The route would then be open following complementary work by the University of Sheffield. The diversionary route was lengthy as it was not appropriate to use Broad Lane because of traffic levels or West Street because of tram tracks. The best that could be offered was to ensure warnings were posted well in advance so that cyclists could make an early decision about the best route to follow.</p> <p>h) For future TCF schemes more consideration would need to be</p>	<p>Speak to scheme designer on Blackburn Meadows progress, relating to EON access</p> <p>ACTION: Jan/20/6g) Network Management (Highways Co-ordination) to be invited to future Forum to discuss alternative route signage</p>
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		<p>given as to how to accommodate existing cyclists on appropriate alternative routes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Hillfoot Bridge – barriers were in place following damage to parapets. Amey currently doing signals work, completion by end of March. j) Cart Road – work with Sustrans had identified an opportunity to extend the Chapelton Park route to J32(A) of the M1 using HS2 NCN related funding. Options to be considered were at a cost of £400k for a shared use route or £900k for a shorter, segregated route on this busy road. The scheme would need to be completed by March 2021. k) E cargo bikes – DfT had announced a competitive fund for up to £200k for fleets, the deadline being 28 February. A decision on successful local bids was expected in March and procurement by October. Discussions had already been had with delivery companies in relation to the Clean Air Zone vehicle charging 	
7.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr RM urged that South Yorkshire Police be invited to a future Forum to discuss cycle safety as a priority. b) The Forum discussed the lack of progress in this matter, despite there being best practice examples elsewhere such as West Midlands where video evidence was permissible in pursuing “close pass” incidents 	ACTION: Jan/20/7b) PP to contact Police Commissioner to follow up on cycle safety.