

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for April 2018

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – Not much news directly from either TS or Amey this month. However reassurance was received that public access to the field between the new bridge and Springfield would remain available following planting in the area. Some roadworks near McDonald's on Bullyeon Rd took place, which was notified via CEC. Various media reports arose recently regarding non-permitted traffic using the Forth Road Bridge and other slip roads. This seemed in line with previous figures we heard from Amey (perhaps just the same data) at about 0.1% of traffic or 1 vehicle every 10 minutes.
- 2. Comments from Public** – We've received a couple of requests to meet with local residents. One of these is from Dalmeny Station Residents Association who wish to outline the difficulties of living in Rosshill Terrace while various types of vehicle park and pass nearby. This has been made particularly challenging by recent routing of tour buses along the street. We're presently trying to establish the background as there may have been a number of actions proposed or taken previously.
- 3. High Street Resurfacing** – The first public engagement session was held on 19th April, with the display boards still available for comment through various local channels. The consultants and CEC representatives were pleased with the response, although clear consensus wasn't always obtained. The timeline still suggests an initial design will be created over the next few months, and a second consultation event will be held in June. Procurement negotiations should be complete by the end of 2018. Resurfacing activity would take place sometime during 2019, with duration depending on time of year chosen.
- 4. Public Transport** – The bus stop pole at the Lochinvar Gds development (near the new community facility building site) which Norman had been progressing now has a flag, so is identifiable as a bus stop at last. Unfortunately a pole on Kirkliston Rd was knocked over a few months ago, and various councillors are trying to get this replaced. However at least the words 'bus stop' are painted on the road at this location, if rather faded from recent utility excavation. Note flag numbers along the X43 route have not yet been updated following February's change. No-one from CEC has been back in touch regarding re-tendering the 63 route. Once the contract expires later in 2018 it is assumed this will continue with monthly funding to the incumbent operator, but visibility of a commitment would be useful. We can ask Lothian directly, as we're due an update with the anniversary of launching their 43 route approaching. A couple of new services were recently registered by Lothian Buses to support liner passengers and Hopetoun event spectators, in addition to the tour buses referenced above. On trains, the new timetable from 20 May isn't available yet due to a very large number of changes being accommodated across the network. It now seems unlikely any major revision on the Fife Circle times or capacity increase will happen until 2019. We'll need to confirm this with ScotRail once the cascade of rolling stock position becomes clearer.
- 5. Burnshot Bridge** – Further update received this month. The new bridge design may be a single span (unlike the dual span that was demolished). A single span needs to be slightly higher and in this event some changes to approach road alignment would become necessary. Some active travel comments were received during the engagement period, such as integration/segregation of bikes with traffic. Some funding from Sustrans is being sought to implement these ideas. The consultants are looking at how these factors can be accommodated along with a higher span.