

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for July 2018

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – A Forth Bridges Forum public meeting will be held in the Contact & Education Centre on Tuesday 31 July. Prior to this QDCC reps can meet some of the Amey management team. Locally there is some impatience regarding queues of northbound traffic approaching the new bridge, and related issues at Queensferry junction. While the congestion might be dispersed by ITS measures (variable speed limits and ramp metering), these haven't been implemented yet.
- 2. Comments from Public** – Dalmeny Station Residents Association wish to make a presentation to QDCC regarding their ongoing dissatisfaction with vehicles using Rosshill Terrace and CEC's response to their petition. Graeme and I attended a public meeting called by the residents association last month where CEC gave an update on some survey work that was being undertaken. This arose from claims that a significant change in traffic flow had resulted from housing developments outside Edinburgh, in addition to the new bridge opening. A survey was undertaken in June to record traffic movements around both Queensferry and Kirkliston. Findings from this study would be discussed with elected members and community councils (QDCC, KCC and C&BCC) to identify possible actions where any major difficulties were identified. However it seems unlikely that influence would be extended to stakeholder groups at the 'microscopic' level such as residents associations with an interest in only a single short stretch of road.
- 3. High Street Resurfacing** – Another drop-in session was held by Ironside Farrer and CEC at the end of June. The intention was to collect opinions on some design proposals for the resurfacing and associated traffic management and appeared quite well-attended. A follow-up review session with the steering group is still to be arranged. At first glance most of the ideas and comments seemed quite familiar and revolve around ideas for either accommodating or restricting vehicles. However one proposal also made provision for traffic lights on The Loan and Hopetoun Road, which might also include a pedestrian phase.
- 4. Public Transport** – Lothian Country revealed plans to divert all Sunday 43 bus journeys into Ferrymuir from Sunday 29 July, which coincides with the re-opening of Leith Street meaning the city centre route will revert to using George St in each direction. Hopefully the turning area at Borrowman Square will be ready for use by all services from the same date. The new leaflet is linked [here](#). Lothian Country also recently announced introduction of some new bus services for Broxburn and Livingston. These are potentially concerning if they result in consolidation so that the 43 moves away from the Central depot. Experience suggests operating the service from off-route depots leads to poor reliability. An update meeting has been arranged with Lothian Buses for Thursday 26 July at 7.30pm.
- 5. Liner Visits** – Graeme has continued to press for revisions to the liner passenger collection and drop-off arrangements. These plans would improve the visitor experience and road safety around the Hawes pier area. They'd also allow some additional afternoon car parking in a section which ordinarily remains closed all day, which nearby businesses have sometimes mentioned as adversely affecting their trade.

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