

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for September 2015

Highlights from the QDCC Transport Sub-Committee over the past month are listed below

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – A South Community Forum was held on Wednesday 26 August. Much of the latest news is described and illustrated in the September newsletter. Draft minutes from the forum are available but as some points have been disputed they haven't been published yet.
- 2. Forth Road Bridge** – There will be a public meeting hosted by Transport Scotland on Tuesday 29 September in the Contact & Education Centre from 7pm. Amey will outline their role as an operating company for the two road bridges and the surrounding trunk road network. This presently appears to be their only channel for community engagement, so a number of items regarding routine maintenance and road safety have been suggested for inclusion on the agenda.
- 3. Public Transport** – Edinburgh Airport have decided to discontinue their current flightpath trial from the end of October. Using data collected up to that point they intend to reconsider the flightpath in 2016. As part of wider network cuts, Lothian Buses have decided to withdraw some of the commercially-operated service 63 journeys on weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. An ANP meeting on Bustracker progress was held on Tuesday 1 September. CEC confirmed that considerable progress had been made recently but some data was still to be entered (affecting our 51 and 747 services) and a few displays reconfigured. On the 40/A service, the Station Rd blank display and Part Route text are expected to be resolved fairly soon. The general problem with estimated times showing for all Stagecoach vehicles was news to CEC and would be investigated. ScotRail have introduced some through services between Dalmeny and Tweedbank.
- 4. Queensferry Infrastructure Group** – Along with Keith, I attended the latest QIG on 18 September. On the High Street resurfacing subject, CEC have appointed WSP to manage the project and are keen to develop an outline design over the next few weeks. While a budget of ~£0.9m in 2016-17 is already available for the High Street itself, it may be appropriate to widen the project scope to include The Loan, Hopetoun Rd and Edinburgh Rd. This would require additional funding and may lengthen the project timescale.
- 5. SESplan SDP2** – A list of Queensferry transport concerns arising from SESplan's Main Issues Report for SDP2 (covering the period 2017-2037) was passed to QDCC's Planning Sub-Committee. At present it may be difficult to imagine more houses being proposed for Queensferry on top of the LDP2 quota. However, there seems encouragement from SESplan for Edinburgh to house more of its own workforce, especially in the west of the city, and also a push towards using rail for commuting to strategic employment centres. The consultation period runs until 30 September.
- 6. Correspondence** – Little transport correspondence has been received from the public this month and few Facebook comments. Markets, liner visits, utility excavations, bridgeworks and the Pedal for Scotland event don't seem to have created much disruption in Queensferry recently.

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