

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Transport Report
for Council Meeting on Monday 23 April 2012

1. **Forth Road Bridge Repairs and FRC Construction** – The first weekend of substantial M90 restrictions coupled with FRB lane closures seems to have passed without significant disruption in Queensferry. Restrictions will apply for the next few weeks and increased capacity is being provided on some Fife Circle trains at weekends to absorb additional demand. It is hoped that the FRC-related 30 mph speed restriction on Buileyon Road will be made more obvious to drivers in the near future.
2. **Event/Liner Visit Traffic (and Parking) Management** – The first liner visit on Wednesday 11 April seemed to run reasonably well, although this would normally be a fairly quiet day for traffic. More liners are planned to arrive on Saturday 19th and Wednesday 23rd May. QDCC received a request for information regarding competitively-priced private taxi or bus transfer to Edinburgh City Centre from liner passengers due to visit on Monday 4 June.
3. **Road from Echline Corner to Society Road and Port Edgar** – On Friday 13 April I attended a meeting between interested parties regarding the idea of creating a public road linking Echline Corner with Port Edgar. An opportunity seemed to arise from the FRC Environmental Pond access road and a short FRC 'haul road'. An important point to note is that the permanent access road will run on the east side on the new bridge and not to the west as shown on some recent diagrams.
4. **Public Transport** – A few changes have taken effect on the buses this month, with First and Horsburgh altering timetables and some fares being increased. CEC have updated the sheets inside most bus stop cases but Lothian Buses haven't made flag number changes yet. First will withdraw the twice-daily 630 through Craigiehall and replace these journeys with regular 631s in a new timetable effective from 30 April. Following observation of step-access vehicles being used on service 43 during the hourly evening pattern, I contacted First and they immediately ensured that the route was filled with low-floor buses. However recent reports indicate that reliability problems continue to affect the low-floor fleet.
5. **B800 Speed Limit Change** – Within the past month a traffic order which came into force in 2009 has been implemented. The speed limit on the road was reduced from 60 mph to 50 mph, indicated by a few signs fixed to lamp posts. Some correspondence with CEC surrounding the background to these procedures is continuing.

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