

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for August 2016

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

- 1. Traffic Calming** – Laura identified that the speed cushions on Burgess Road required identification by white paint and this has been raised with the West Team. It's interesting that the perfectly visible yellow lines have recently been repainted in this area but there has been no action on the virtually invisible white paint yet
- 2. FRC South Community Forum** – The next forum meeting will be on Wednesday 31 August. Quite significant traffic delays were experienced around Ferrymuir during the evening peak in early August, which seemed to result from lane restrictions at Echline Roundabout. This was raised with FCBC and the signal timings at the roundabout reconfigured by CEC allowing more vehicles to leave Ferry Muir Road. However traffic delays on roads elsewhere in Queensferry are now extensive and there are concerns that the new roads will not improve matters because they will not provide more capacity. While issues at junctions are supposed to be relieved by the ITS on approaches to the new bridge, much of the ITS is already in place and doesn't seem to help. An agenda item at the next forum meeting has been requested to discuss this
- 3. User Guide for New Bridge** – Transport Scotland are producing a booklet to answer many of the public's questions regarding access to the new road network once it is opened and have supplied a draft for comment. Feedback should be made by 26 August
- 4. Events, Liners, Ferry Fair, Hawes and Rose Lane** – Quite a lot of time has been spent dealing with the TTROs from CEC and fielding questions or observations from the public regarding detail of closures, access issues, anti-social behaviour or diversions. Although it will always be difficult, there's maybe some room for improvement in these processes
- 5. 20mph Speed Limits** – As previously discussed, the new 20mph speed limits were implemented on roads across Queensferry at the end of July
- 6. Public Transport – Buses.** Formal notification of this month's changes to the Stagecoach services appeared at the beginning of August. The reduction in evening frequency and introduction of the 40B route has created some concern locally. Although the 40/A/B routes were designed to favour the most popular journeys, some people claim evening reliance on the 40B route is unfair because certain journeys within Queensferry become impossible. Wayside publicity regarding the changes has been widely criticised. We've requested a meeting with Stagecoach directors but don't have a date yet. The non-functional Bustracker screen on Station Road was reported to CEC in July but is still not working. No action from Amey yet on overgrown bushes around the Dalmeny Primary School bus stops, again reported in July. **Trains.** Strikes have been suspended for the time being and cancellations due to crew shortage seem less common. A new timetable was introduced in August following re-opening of the Queen St tunnel in Glasgow. Additional night journeys operate at weekends during the Edinburgh Festival but crowding is still reported. Network Rail informed us they intend to cut the duration of floodlighting on the Forth Bridge

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