REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 29 OCTOBER 2001

LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 19 NOVEMBER 2001

REPORT ON: CYCLE LANE PROVISION – ARBROATH ROAD

REPORT BY: JOINT REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION AND DIRECTOR OF LEISURE & ARTS

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To outline the opportunities and need for cycle facilities on Arbroath Road and Craigie Avenue.

2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee approve the proposal to develop the cycle facilities at this location.
- 2.2 The Committee is asked to approve the preparation of the Traffic Regulation Orders necessary to create the facility.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The project has an estimated cost of £19,900, for which funding is secured from:

Scottish Enterprise Tayside – £17,900 Dundee City Council, Leisure & Parks Department - £2,000

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The benefits of cycling have been well documented. Cycling is a completely pollution-free form of transport and its increased usage will reduce the quantity of harmful emissions and noise found on a congested road network.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The development of cycle facilities offer improved availability of a cheap and cost effective form of transport for persons without access to a private car and creates a safer climate for increased usage of cycles amongst all age groups.

6 BACKGROUND

6.1 The proposal to develop facilities results from an assessment of current provision and demand for cycle facilities. This included public consultation through the Paths for All programme and direct requests for a route from members of the public, cycling organisations and elected members.

- 6.2 The proposal is to establish a cycle route on Arbroath Road between its junction with Albert Street to the west and extending to the shopping area at Scott Fyffe junction in the east. Further facilities are to be placed on Craigie Avenue, where it joins Arbroath Road. Advance stop lines are also to be added to Trades Lane/ St Andrews Street. A Plan showing the route to be established is attached.
- 6.3 The provision of this facility will assist the passage of cyclists who commute between the City Centre and the housing areas in the east of the city. In addition, this route will improve the quality and safety of the Green Circular Recreational Route, together with the National Cycle Network and North Sea Cycle Routes.
- 6.4 Arbroath Road is an important and busy thoroughfare for cycles as well as vehicular transport. The installation of cycle lanes will assist in improving the visibility and safety of cyclists in this area. Cycle lanes of this style convey a message to motorists and this creates an increased awareness. This will in turn assist Dundee in achieving the National Targets of doubling cycle use by the end of 2001 and further double this again by 2011.
- 6.5 These proposals will directly connect to the existing facilities in the central area and the redevelopment work associated with Middle Street will also take into account the needs of the cyclists.
- 6.6 For many cyclists the preferred route to the east of the city centre is at the Waterfront and includes the use of the road network through the Port of Dundee. To date attempts to secure an official cycle route through the Port have been unsuccessful. The advancement of this project in no way replaces the future desire for a Port route to be established.

7 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, and cyclist groups have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

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