

REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
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REPORT ON: ALBERT STREET AND NORTH EAST CORRIDOR

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The advise Committee of the progress of the works on the North East Arterial Corridor and to seek approval to progress to the next stage.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Committee is asked to approve the proposals contained in this report and the preparation of the appropriate Traffic Regulation Orders.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total cost of the works will be met from the Public Transport Fund Bid during the financial year 2002/03.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The scheme promoted within this report is aimed at encouraging modes of transport other than the car and as such will contribute to the protection of Dundee's environment.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The scheme promoted within this report is aimed at improving public transport for the benefit of all Dundee's citizens, whether or not they have access to a car or are able bodied or have a disability, thus ensuring Dundee's transport network caters for all.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 It is anticipated that the new link road at Middle Street will be completed in February 2002 with the associated traffic management works being implemented progressively thereafter.
- 6.2 Dens Road/Dura Street junction followed by Stobswell junction will be re-constructed to complete the alternative route to the city, by-passing Albert Street. These works are programmed for completion by Autumn 2002 approximately.
- 6.3 Improved facilities in the shopping street to enhance walking cycling and public transport use will then be pursued. In addition more short term on-street parking spaces to compliment the retail area can be introduced.
- 6.4 Informal consultation over these proposals has already been carried out with the Albert Street traders, Stobswell Community Council (no longer in existence) and the

Stobswell Environment Group. The proposals were also displayed at two manned exhibitions in Stobswell Parish Church and Trinity Church halls.

- 6.5 The exhibitions were well attended and the proposals were mostly well received.
- 6.6 This final package of proposals for the north east corridor is as detailed on the large scale plan displayed in the members' lounge and is summarised as follows:
- a Mains Loan south of Mollison Street to be closed. Access to the section of Mains Loan to the south of the closure will be from Forfar Road as at present. Turning manoeuvres in conflict at this junction will be significantly reduced. The alternative route is via Mollison Street and Eliza Street. Clepington Primary School gate has been relocated to Catherine Street.
 - b Traffic Signal control to be installed at the Dura Street/Albert Street/Forfar Road junction to include pedestrian crossings to connect the shopping areas and create safe egress from Albert Street for buses.
 - c The main route is to be re-aligned from Forfar Road/Albert Street to Forfar Road/Dura Street.
 - d The advisory loading only area at the north end of Dura Street is to be re-located approximately 20 metres north in order to accommodate the traffic signals without the loss of on-street parking at the shops. The opportunity to legalise this loading only space will be taken at this time.
 - e The introduction of up to a further 26 on-street parking spaces and the re-location of bus stops on Albert Street at the locations shown on the plan.
 - f The following manoeuvres are to remain prohibited at this time as they would be minor flows and would create conflict with major flows:
 - i No right turn from Albert Street to Victoria Street except for cyclists
 - ii No right turn from Arbroath Road to Albert Street
 - iii Ahead only eastbound on Victoria Street
 - iv No left turn from Princes Street to Victoria Street.
 - g From the informal consultations thus far the Cycling Touring Club has indicated a preference to use Victoria Street and Crescent Street as the preferred city bound route. In order to accommodate this a revocation of the restriction for cyclists southbound in Crescent Street will be required.
 - h Albert Street from Arthurstone Terrace to Arbroath Road to become two-way.
 - i Traffic signals at Victoria Road/Dens Road/Victoria Street to be removed and replaced with a mini-roundabout. Controlled pedestrian crossings to be retained around the junction.
 - j The pattern of flow will change significantly in the area and further relaxations to streets with restrictions surrounding the Lyon Street area will be re-assessed following the introduction of the significant changes made along the corridor.

7 CONSULTATIONS

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

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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