

Helensburgh, Cardross and Dumbarton Cyclepath Update

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. This report updates Members on the progress made since the previous report to the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee on 13 December 2022 in relation to the delivery of a dedicated, high quality walking and cycle route linking Helensburgh, Cardross and Dumbarton.

1.2. Officers have approved five (5) -34(l)35(i)-27(n) 9DeceDuss (5) (33 TBT1 0 0 1

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1. This report updates Members of the progress made since the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee on 13 December 2022 in relation to the delivery of a dedicated, high quality walking and cycle route linking Helensburgh, Cardross and Dumbarton.
- 2.2. Full details of the project, including previous progress is available in the project update reports previously presented to this Committee.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. It is recommended that the Helensburgh and Lomond members:
- 3.1.1. Note the agreement of five change requests from WSP at an additional cost of £28,538.97, taking the total cost of WSPs work to £253,427.96. This additional cost is covered by externally secured funding.
- 3.1.2. Welcome the progress made by WSP towards completing their work package by 31 March 2023.
- 3.1.3. Note that some elements of work will require to be completed separately during summer 2023 to finalise the full package required for construction.
- 3.1.4. Note the current tender exercise for a design consultant to commence work on the section of route linking Morrisons Supermarket to Helensburgh Town Centre/Waterfront.

4.0 DETAIL

Finances

- 4.1. **Design (Phase 1 Colgrain to Cardross & Phase 2 Cardross to Dumbarton).** Officers have approved five (5) change requests from WSP, resulting in a cost increase of £28,538.97, taking the total cost of WSPs work to £253,427.96. This additional cost can be accommodated within the externally secured funding for this work. Funding for the design development has been secured from the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) Capital Programme and Transport Scotland Places for Everyone (PFE) programme. The Transport Scotland PFE programme, funded by the Scottish Government, is a highly competitive

- 4.7. **Phase 1 & 2 Technical Design** (stage 4) engineering design has been commenced by WSP in line with their programme to complete their work on the design by 31 March 2023. This work package includes further landowner engagement with regard to design detail. Subsequent to WSP's work further elements which will require to be undertaken during summer 2023 to complete the design package required for construction. This includes ground investigation (GI) surveys, ecology surveys which can only be undertaken during summer months, a quality review of the design work undertaken by WSP and submission of planning application and related statutory permissions.
- 4.8. **Phase 3 (Helensburgh Town) Concept Design** (stage 0 - 2) will commence on completion of the procurement exercise required to appoint a design consultant. This is for the initial design stages of route identification and concept design, and will include significant community engagement to ensure the route links the most appropriate locations and best serve community needs.

Construction (stage 5): Cardross Station to Geilston Burn

- 4.9. The [redacted] have completed work in the Cardross Park including fencing, bollards and signage. This completes work on the Cardross Park side of the Geilston Burn. To protect the public, the bridge over the Geilston Burn has been fenced off until access is agreed to further land on the west side of the Burn to construct the path through to an accessible destination.

Programme

- 4.10. **Appendix 1** provides the current programme of the key stages and forecast timescales for each section of the Phase 1: Helensburgh to Cardross section of the Cyclepath; Phase 2: Cardross to Dumbarton; and, Phase 3: Helensburgh: Hermitage Academy to Town Centre.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1. Completion of the Helensburgh, Cardross and Dumbarton Cyclepath will provide a dedicated, high quality, accessible walking and cycle route linking Helensburgh, Cardross and Dumbarton. This route will provide opportunities for all in the Helensburgh - Cardross - Dumbarton corridor to travel more sustainably and actively by walking and cycling. This will provide a safe alternative to having to use a private car to travel between these communities

Funding for these works has been secured from our key active travel partners with further bids being developed to enable the construction of further sections of the cycleway following completion of design work and as and when land acquisition has been concluded.

- 5.2. The delivery of the Helensburgh - Cardross - Dumbarton Cyclepath is dependent on securing highly competitive external challenge funding, 410.03 289.03 Tm(C)-27

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6.8. Customer Services

None.

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Appendix 1: Helensburgh, Cardross & Dumbarton Cyclepath Programme