

Cycle Forum - Newsletter

Cycling Delivery Plan

On November 27th the Government plans to launch its Cycling Delivery Plan, a ten year plan for supporting cycling and walking in England.

A draft version of the CDP is currently out for consultation ending on 13th November, officers and members are currently considering the South Gloucestershire Council response.

Key targets identified in the draft CDP are by 2025 to:

- double the number of cycling trips across England from 0.8 billion to 1.6 billion.
- increase the percentage of children that walk to school from 48% to 55%

You can view a copy of the draft plan [here](#).

Sustainable Transport Package schemes for 2015/16

South Gloucestershire Council has been provisionally allocated £750k in capital funding for the 2015/16 Sustainable Transport Package. The infrastructure improvements that would be delivered with this funding are:

- Grants to employers for transport infrastructure that supports

sustainable travel to and from workplaces.

- Yate Spur: construction of section from Westerleigh Rd to Westerleigh Village north
- A4174 Ring Road cycle path: installation of lighting on the Bromley Heath to Wick Wick section of the route.
- Improvements to walking, cycling and public transport movement within Bristol Parkway Station.
- Funding for improved cycle parking at schools.

LSTF WEST

Work is underway on the mobilisation of the LSTF programme for 2015/16. Funding will continue to support the business engagement and school transition projects.

Pinch point scheme - M5 Jct 16 & 17

Work has commenced on the Pinch Point scheme at M5 Junction 16. This is programmed for completion by March 2015.

The Council recognises the concerns expressed by some cyclists about the scheme, and dialogue is continuing with the Highways Agency over the potential for improved cycle facilities at this junction.

At Junction 17, works are programmed to commence in January 2015, and the scheme will include the introduction of toucan crossings to provide controlled crossings on the route connecting The Mall with the B4055.

amendments to waiting restrictions.

These can all be viewed at <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti>

Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension

The Council is in the early stages of developing a new major transport scheme called the Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension. This scheme would extend the already planned North Fringe to Hengrove MetroBus route, creating a direct link between Parkway Station and The Mall via the Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood on the former Filton Airfield. The scheme would incorporate improvements to cycling infrastructure along the route. Public consultation on detailed designs is planned for summer 2015; in the meantime summary information is available at www.travelwest.info/metrobus/extension

Consultations

There are a number of consultations on transport schemes underway, some of which you will doubtless already be aware of. Proposed schemes currently being consulted on include:

- Cribbs Causeway B4055 proposed 20mph speed limit near Bristol boundary.
- Cheswick Village - Proposed signage for cycle & pedestrian routes.
- Emersons Green - Jenner Boulevard - Proposed Pegasus type Pedestrian Crossing.
- Mangotsfield - various locations - Proposed Waiting Restrictions.
- Wick - Chesley Hill and Holbrook Lane area - Proposed 30 mph Speed Limit.
- Emersons Green - Guest Avenue and side roads - Proposed

Cycle Rail Funding

The DfT has established a £15m capital fund available for infrastructure projects that support cycle-rail integration. The Council has been liaising with First Great Western in order to identify potential bids for cycle improvements at rail stations in South Gloucestershire.

The deadline for applications was 31st October 2014, and an update on this will be provided at the forthcoming Cycle Forum.

South Gloucestershire Cycle Forum

The next cycle forum meeting will be on Wednesday 19th November 6pm in the Kipling suite at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, BS32 9BS. The meeting will be attended by Matthew Barnes from First Great Western who will talk about a survey of cycle users on the Severn Beach line that they have recently undertaken. There will also be an opportunity to discuss any other cycle/rail issues you may wish to raise with him.

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