

South Gloucestershire Council Update for North Bristol SusCom – Nov 2017

Bromley Heath Viaduct

Currently on schedule with no issues or delays to construction, planned completion is late spring. As of 10th November there has been no left turn from Hambrook Lane onto the ring road and this appears to have had a positive impact on traffic heading in to the works from the direction of UWE. This will be reviewed on 24/11 but current data suggests that doing this has delayed the build-up of traffic levels by approximately 1 hour (from 3pm to 4pm).

M4 Junction 18a consultation

The public consultation on scheme options closed on 16th October; the project consultant, CH2M, is now considering the responses received and will be preparing the study reports (including a report on consultation) for issue to the council and publication in the New Year. South Gloucestershire Cabinet will consider the study findings in March 2018.

LCWIP Bid

We have been successful in securing funding from the DfT for consultancy support for the creation of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan covering the 4 West of England authorities, the bid was submitted by WECA, together with North Somerset.

Cycle Forum

The next cycle forum meeting will be at 6pm on Tuesday 28th November 2017, many thanks to Filton 20 for hosting this meeting. We are also looking for businesses to host the March and May 2018 meetings, please email cycleforum@southglos.gov.uk if you can help out.

JSP

A final consultation, ahead of submission of the JSP to the Secretary of State, started on 22nd November – link to web page for information.:

<https://www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk/consult.ti>

JLTP

A new working group comprising the 4 West of England UAs and WECA has been set up, first meeting was approx. 3 weeks ago. They will be developing a draft plan for consultation and are currently reviewing objectives. Planning to run the first consultation in summer 2018.

Metrowest

Work is continuing to provide electrification through the area and a lot of the OLE is in place through some of our more populated areas and can be seen on viaducts up to Parkway. Work continues to complete the platform at Parkway and there are a number of days in November when the station is closed - check the website when planning to travel. There will be ongoing disruption until the proposed completion date of December 2018. FAW work continues on the platform and NR have said that the normal access will be reopened in December.

During the rail replacement parking has been reduced at a number of stations. MetroWest phase 1 has begun the DCO consultation and events are publicised on the travelwest website. MW1 has reviewed the work required to take a staged approach to delivery of the improved services and link to Portishead and reduced the cost estimate

substantially. However there remains a funding shortfall. A report will be sent to WECA joint committee on 7th December proposing a way forward.

MetroWest 2 work is now in GRIP3/4 of NR's project management stages. Lessons are being learnt from issues arising with MetroWest1 this will lead to an updated business case towards the end of next year.

The supported bus services consultation has now closed and a very good response was received. A report will be made shortly to set out the findings of this work.

A new shelter has been installed at Yate station to cover the ticket machine and booth funded by SGC and Severnside Community rail partnership and supported by Yate town Council and the friends of Yate station.

Environmental Policy and Climate Change Team

We are in the process of preparing a new Climate Change Strategy for the council. We hope to bring it out for consultation in December and we would be very keen to get responses from members of SusCom in the consultation. A representative from the team will give a brief presentation at the January meeting.

GULW

The legal agreement for Grant payments completed and submitted to UWE for sign off to enable the implementation of a rapid charging hub. Awaiting returned form to arranging payment schedule accordingly.

A new GULW Grant application form has been approved by the legal team. These are now being utilized across the scheme. Anticipating three further applications within the next month, still plenty of budget available for additional match funded grants this financial year.

Publicly accessible charge points – As part of our target to increase the number of EVCP in the area we are also looking to install new publicly accessible charge points. These are 100% funded and we are currently looking for possible locations for this. We will be doing some market research to help identify locations but if your site would be suitable for a charge point and is publically accessible or if you know of a potential location then please let us know.

A supplier for the EV demonstrator fleet has been procured. Aiming to promote this from early in the new year, a representative from the team will attend the next SusCom meeting in January.

Access West

We still have plenty of budget available for employer, this can be for any project which promotes sustainable travel for work and specifically reduces SOV vehicle trips. The focus for Access West is promoting cycling and walking.

The cycle champions scheme is running well, with several large businesses joining over the last month. The first network meeting was held earlier in November at Filton 20. There was a relatively low turnout but lots of useful feedback and all those who came along felt it was

a useful event. Details of the presentation will be circulated ASAP. The next meeting is planned for March 2018, more details will be available in due course.

We will be changing the name of the scheme in January to Active Travel Champion. This will include two strands, walking and cycling champions, under the same banner. It is still possible for large businesses to have more than one Cycle Champion, if you have any that would be willing please let us know.

Winter Cycle Campaign – We have produced three film style posters promoting our Winter Cycling Campaign – bike lights and cycling gritting routes. These will be made available in A4 size to be put up on notice boards, please let us know if you would like any for your organisation. We will also be placing these on bus stops along select routes in South Gloucestershire in December.

Travel to work survey

We have run a mini-tender process to appoint a provider for the travel to work survey for the remainder of the Access West project, we have completed the scoring process and will be appointing our preferred supplier by the end of w/c 27th November. We will be promoting survey registration in the New year.

Travel awards

The awards are taking place on Thursday 30th November at the Guildhall in Bath and it should be a great event, tickets have sold out so if you haven't booked it is probably too late, please do get in touch if you are really keen to attend as places may become available in the coming days. Next year the awards will be hosted in South Gloucestershire so we'll be looking for lots of nominations and also venue suggestions (although we do have somewhere in mind already...)

Travel challenge

It's a bit early to be talking about this but just wanted to give a heads up that this will be going out to tender in the next month or 2 so we may have a new supplier and format for future events, watch this space for more information!