

Active Travel Fund Engagement/consultation plan - Tranche 2

Background

The government guidance for Tranche 2 of the Active Travel Fund is that it should be aimed at more permanent active travel solutions. Tranche 2 proposals for South Gloucestershire were submitted to the government via the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) on 7 August 2020. These schemes were informed by our experiences from implementing Tranche 1 funded schemes, public feedback and local aspirations and were agreed with the Executive Member for Transport and Leader of the Council before submission.

The Tranche 2 schemes are aimed at making it easier to walk, cycle and use public transport as part of ongoing work to cut air pollution and support social distancing. The prioritised schemes for South Gloucestershire are as follows:

- **Filton - Southmead Road/Dunkeld Avenue - Phase 1**
new cycle lane facilities
- **Kingswood - Hollow road**
footway widening outside The Park Primary School
- **School streets**
schemes at schools across the authority
- **Staple Hill - Signal Road and Charnell Road**
low traffic neighbourhood scheme
- **Staple Hill - Pendennis road**
footway widening outside Christchurch Primary School
- **Thornbury - High Street**
pedestrianisation through Experimental Traffic Order with a view to making permanent following consultation
- **Winterbourne - A4174, Holiday inn entrance**
cycle priority over a side entrance on an existing cycle corridor
- **Yate - Station Road - Phase 1 and 2**
new cycle lane facilities

Initial Consultation

An initial consultation and engagement will be carried out for all schemes with:

- MPs
- Frontagers/businesses
- Local Councillors
- Parish Council
- Emergency services
- Public transport operators (where affected)
- Disability groups
- Sustrans
- South Gloucestershire Cycle Forum
- North Bristol SusCom
- Other statutory consultees
- Other affected parties

The form of the consultation will consist of an online webpage which may or may not include an online questionnaire.

The following methods will be used to inform people of the consultation:

- Letters are sent to frontagers/businesses
- Emails are sent to local members, parish councils, public transport operators, statutory consultees, disability groups and cycling groups
- Consultation notices are posted on-street and maintained throughout the consultation period.
- Paper copies of the consultation documents are sent out on request

At the end of the consultation responses are reviewed and amendments made to the proposals in line with the responses where it is deemed beneficial and achievable. A feedback report of the consultation or engagement results is then prepared, circulated to local councillors for comment and then published online. Copies of the feedback report are emailed or posted to those consultees who request a copy

Members of Parliament

A letter will be sent to each of the three MP's with constituencies within South Gloucestershire, outlining all Tranche 1 and 2 Active Travel Fund schemes implemented within their area. The letter will invite them to comment on the plans and seek their support for individual schemes and the Active Travel Fund project. Where relevant this letter will also include information on recent/in progress walking and cycling schemes funded by through sources, which link to the ATF schemes.

Experimental Traffic Order

Where a Traffic Order is required the next stage of consultation will be the processing of an Experimental Traffic Order (ETO). This will be undertaken at the same time as a temporary scheme has been implemented (for instance a school street).

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At the end of the consultation a report will be drafted and circulated to local councillors for comment. The Director for Community Services will then decide as to whether or not to make the scheme permanent.