

## SERVICE UPDATE

<b><u>Name of Function:</u></b>	Capital
<b><u>Date:</u></b>	22 March 2021
<b><u>Title of Update:</u></b>	South College Street Junction Improvements Project (Phase 1) Progress Update
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### **UPDATE:**

1. Further to the project progress report considered by the Capital Programme Committee on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 the following progress of note has been made.
2. Design  
Detailed design work continues to progress including the development of accommodation works and apparatus diversion/ protection solutions.
3. Compulsory Purchase Order  
A request was issued to Transport Scotland on 18 September 2020 to transfer the case to the Scottish Governments' Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) to allow arrangements to be put in place for a Public Local Inquiry (PLI). At this time positive negotiations were still ongoing in respect of the remaining objector, however, to protect the Councils interests the request was issued.
4. On the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 the remaining objector removed their objection to the CPO following agreement of terms for voluntary acquisition. This removed the requirement for Transport Scotland to pass the case to the DPEA. On the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Scottish Ministers confirmed the CPO without modification.
5. The land vesting process is now underway and all land required for the project should be under the Council's ownership or control from the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
6. Other orders  
The required redetermination order limiting access over side roads and establishing the changes in the right of passage associated with pedestrian and bicycle facilities was published in February 2021. Public consultation is on going and will conclude on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
7. Informal and formal consultation has commenced, on the required traffic regulation order restricting turning movements, parking and loading along the project roads. Full public consultation will commence in April 2021.

8. Advanced Works

During winter, works to clear the site of trees and undergrowth have been completed, avoiding impacts to nesting birds and programme risk had this remained part of the main works contract.

9. Over the course of February and March 2021 measures have also been put in place on site to secure areas of ground required for the works, preventing access by motor vehicle. The legal process to remove vehicles, believed to be abandoned on the site, has now commenced and should conclude in April 2021.

10. Main Works Procurement

Preparations are now underway to commence the main works procurement in Spring 2021.

11. Project Programme

As there is no longer a requirement for the CPO to be considered at PLI the indicative programme milestones are as shown in the table below:-

<b>MILESTONES</b>	<b>Target Period</b>
Design and Prep	Spring 2021
Tender Award	Summer 2021
Full Opening	Summer 2022
Project Close	Autumn 2023

12. COVID-19 restrictions continue to impact on the efficiency of design consultation and development with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties including public utility companies. Current programme monitoring indicates that task slippage should not affect the target for full opening.

13. Project Budget

The financial implications are continuing to be managed through detailed budget monitoring.

The current spend for the project is as follows;

<b>Budget</b>	<b>Spend to date</b>
<b>£10.7m</b>	<b>£0.5m</b>