

SERVICE UPDATE

<u>Name of Function:</u>	Capital
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<u>Title of Update:</u>	South College Street Junction Improvements Project (Phase 1) Progress Update
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UPDATE:

1. Further to the project progress reported by service update published for Capital Programme Committee on the 22nd March 2021 the following progress of note has been made.
2. Design
Detailed design work is drawing to a close, work continues to finalise agreements with 3rd parties on accommodation works, apparatus diversion/ protection solutions and asset protection.
3. Compulsory Purchase Order
The land vesting process is now complete with all land required for the project under Council ownership or control.
4. Redetermination Order
The consultation on the required redetermination order, limiting access over side roads and establishing the changes in the right of passage associated with pedestrian and bicycle facilities, has concluded. The order will be made under delegated power in October 2021.
5. Traffic Regulation Order
The consultation on the required traffic regulation order (TRO), restricting turning movements, parking and loading along the project roads, has concluded. A number of objections were received regarding the proposals to regulate waiting and loading on South College Street south of Palmerston Place. An amended order excluding this area will be made under delegated powers in October 2021. Further consultation has been undertaken with objectors over the summer. This engagement has now concluded, it is intended that a revised TRO with amended waiting and loading proposals will be published in the coming weeks.
6. Off Street Car Parking
Due to feedback received from objectors to the TRO, the project is progressing designs, agreements, permissions and orders to enable the formation of a public off street car park opposite the arches businesses south of Bank Street. If viable the establishment of this car park will be included within the main works.

7. Advanced Works

Over the course of Spring 2021 measures were put in place on site to secure areas of ground required for the works, preventing access by motor vehicle. The removal of abandoned vehicles is now complete.

8. Main Works Procurement

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

9. Project Programme

Updated indicative programme milestones are as shown in the table below:-

MILESTONES	Target Period
Design and Prep	Autumn 2021
Tender Award	Winter 2021/22
Full Opening	Autumn 2022
Project Close	Spring 2024

10. COVID-19 restrictions continue to impact on the efficiency of design consultation and development with 3rd parties including public utility companies. Current programme monitoring indicates that task slippage will impact the target for full opening by a one season move.

11. Project Funding

As reported to City Growth and Resources Committee on 25th August 2021 the North East Bus Alliance Bid to the Scottish Government Bus Partnership Fund has been successful. The associated grant award includes funding of £10m towards the South College Street Junction Improvements Project (Phase 1) for costs incurred progressing the project. This will allow current capital funding to be reallocated towards other projects within the transportation programme.

12. Project Budget

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

The current spend for the project is as follows;

Budget	Spend to date
£10.7m	£0.7m