

STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION)
COMMITTEE

Monday, 22 July 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.30 am

Present

Members:

Graham Packham (Deputy Chairman)	Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Randall Anderson	Deputy Alastair Moss
Peter Bennett	Alderman Alison Gowman (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Keith Bottomley	Paul Martinelli (Ex-Officio Member)
Christopher Hayward	

Officers:

Joseph Anstee	- Town Clerk's Department
Zahur Khan	- Department of the Built Environment
Ian Hughes	- Department of the Built Environment
Bruce McVean	- Department of the Built Environment
Gillian Howard	- Department of the Built Environment
Leah Coburn	- Department of the Built Environment
Tom Noble	- Department of the Built Environment
Simon Glynn	- Department of the Built Environment
Sam Lee	- Department of the Built Environment

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Christopher Hill, Shravan Joshi and Oliver Sells (Chairman).

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Alderman Alison Gowman declared an interest in Item 5 by virtue of being resident at a property in the Beech Street vicinity.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting on 28 May 2019 be agreed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

The Deputy Chairman, in the Chair, drew Members' attention to the proposed Member Briefing on Road User Charging, and advised the aim to hold the briefing in September 2019.

4. **BANK ON SAFETY (IMPLEMENTATION OF ENHANCEMENT WORK)**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment seeking approval to proceed with final design elements and the construction of interim improvements to Bank Junction.

In response to questions from Members, the Director of the Built Environment advised Members that access for taxis and hire vehicles would be reviewed for the longer-term protocol for the junction and would be treated as part of the options at Gateway 4, and that pedestrian comfort levels were measured as number of pedestrians per square metre. Concrete was suggested for material for the interim scheme with the expectation that it would be reworked later.

The Sub-Committee discussed signage and road markings at and approaching the junction. Members stressed their importance in avoiding confusion for motorists and asked that they be given sight of proposals for the permanent scheme. The Director of the Built Environment confirmed that all statutory signage and road markings were currently installed correctly at the junction. Officers would consider the approaches to the junction and the wider area for the permanent scheme and updates could be reported to Committee.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee:

1. Agree that Option 1A, as the base option, (largest area of footway widening is undertaken using concrete paving) is agreed to proceed to construction;
2. Agree to the proposed prioritisation of the 'Additional Design Measures' in the Design Summary, and that should the selected base option not utilise all of the proposed budget, or additional funding be acquired from other sources, agree that an additional design measure can then proceed. This will be delivered in priority order;
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Built Environment to proceed with items in recommendation 2 above;
4. Delegate authority to the Director of the Built Environment to approve budget adjustments, above the existing authority within the project procedures and in consultation with Chamberlains, between budget lines if this is within the approved total project budget amount;
5. Note that subject to the outcome of the Capital Funding and Fundamental Review in September 2019, it could be necessary to reassess the material choice if this measure were to be in place for longer than anticipated;
6. Agree that the Bartholomew Lane footway widening improvements proceed to construction using existing and separate local risk funding (as detailed in the last paragraph of the 'Overview of project options section);
7. Agree a budget increase of £398,716 taking the total project budget to £1,822,374 (Current approved budget is £1,423,658); and

8. Agree to the departures from the design standards set out in the City's Public Realm SPD (2016) to use concrete paving and concrete scan kerbs (adhesive kerbs) as interim footway materials.

5. **BEECH STREET: TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment seeking endorsement for an interim scheme for Beech Street to be progressed to the next Gateway and informing Members of work and findings on the Beech Street project to date. The Director of the Built Environment introduced the report and drew Members' attention to the key points, also advising of a revision to the recommendations to make explicit that access to the Barbican Car Parks and Resident Car Parks will be retained for non-compliant vehicles in the interim scheme as part of Option 2.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee:

1. Approve Option 2 for Two-way Zero Emission Street as an interim scheme on Beech Street (Access to the Barbican Car Parks and Resident Car Parks will be retained for non-compliant vehicles in the interim scheme as part of Option 2);
2. Note that if an interim scheme is approved, officers will proceed with further developing options and outline designs in a Gateway 4/5 report to be bought back to Committees in October 2019, with work also continuing on investigating all closure options for the longer-term scheme;
3. Note work and findings to date.

6. **MOORGATE CROSSRAIL URBAN INTEGRATION**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment seeking approval to explore design changes to the public realm across the wider Moorgate area to enhance the pedestrian environment. Changes would also facilitate the expected pedestrian uplift resulting from the opening of Crossrail in 2020/2021 and other adjacent developments. The Deputy Chairman, in the Chair, advised that the Barbican Centre were supportive of the scheme but wanted more thorough consultation for the Barbican Centre and Barbican Estate, as connectivity with Moorgate station was crucial for the Barbican Centre.

RESOLVED - That the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee:

1. Note the next steps for Phase 2 of the Moorgate Crossrail Urban Integration project;
2. Approve that a new name of 'Moorgate Crossrail Station Links' is allocated to the currently called 'Phase 2' project to clearly distinguish this work from the existing Crossrail reinstatement work (Phase 1);
3. Approve project objectives for Phase 2 (MCSL) to align to the adopted Corporate Plan (in Table 4);

4. Approve the funding programme as set out in Section 3 and Appendix 6, including any financial interest accrued on the S106 funds (subject to the approval of the DBE Prioritisation report at the other relevant committees);
 5. Approve a budget of £1,173,062 for Phase 2 – (MCSL). This budget is made up of the following:
 - £114,876 from the Phase 1 pre-evaluation budget (outlined in Section 3)
 - £1,058,186 to be funded from S106 contributions (outlined in Section 4, paragraphs 30 to 32)

 - Approve the use of £182,952 of the Phase 2 MCSL budget to reach Gateway 3/4;
 6. Agree to increase the scope of the Phase 2 (MCSL) project to include the Wilson Street/South Place junction to facilitate cycling and pedestrian improvements;
 7. Agree to increase the scope of the Phase 2 (MCSL) project to include the whole of the Finsbury Circus western arm;
 8. Delegate authority to the Director of the Built Environment to approve budget adjustments between budget lines if this is within the approved total project budget amount;
 9. Approve the increase in scope to facilitate the potential opportunity to formally link Cycle Superhighway 1 through Moorgate into the City;
 10. Approve the investigation of an interim measure of the western arm of Finsbury Circus as an early deliverable (Phase A) of the Phase 2 (MCSL) project;
 11. Request an allocation of £80,000 from the overall project budget for the investigation of the delivery of the interim measure, subject to the outcome of the traffic-order making process; and
 12. Request that a Gateway 4/5 report specifically on this interim measure on Finsbury Circus western arm, be delegated to the Chief Officer for subsequent approvals (as explained in Section 4, paragraph 28).
7. **CITY CLUSTER AND FENCHURCH STREET AREA PROGRAMME REPORT**
The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment seeking approval to progress several City Cluster and Fenchurch Street Area projects, using a programming approach in order to coordinate reporting and updates and ensure that dependencies and risks are managed. The Director of the Built Environment introduced the report and drew Members' attention to the key points, and advised that the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) would be considered.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee:

1. Agree the proposed programming approach which will include joint regular programme updates;
2. Agree the recommendations relating to the Gateway 2 City Cluster and Fenchurch Street Healthy Streets Plan:
 - a) That a budget of £13,400 is approved to reach the next Gateway;
 - b) Note the total estimated cost of the project at £350,000 (excluding risk);
 - c) That the £110,000 allocated from Transport for London's Liveable Neighbourhood fund is released;
 - d) That delegated authority is given to the Director of the Built Environment, in consultation with the Chamberlain, to make any adjustments between elements of the project budget; and
 - e) That the next Gateway report proceeds under delegation to the Director of the Built Environment, subject to project cost not exceeding £350,000;
3. Agree the recommendations relating to the Gateway 2 City Cluster Vision Phase 1 – Activation, greening and experiments programme:
 - a) Agree a contribution of £45,000 from the Pinnacle S106 towards the short-term interventions which will be implemented in the next 6 months.;
 - b) Approve the development of the 2-year programme with funding of £50,000 from the 6 Bevis Marks S106 to reach the next Gateway; and
 - c) That delegated authority is given to the Director of the Built Environment, in consultation with the Chamberlain, to make any adjustments between elements of the project budget.

8. SHOE LANE QUARTER PHASE 2 - PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENTS (LONDON DEVELOPMENT S278) - ISSUE REPORT

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment seeking approval for an increase in the project works budget for the public realm enhancements around Shoe Lane.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee:

1. An increase in the project work budgets of £173,628 taking the total approved budget to £7.78m, due to an increase in construction costs, all to be fully funded by the Developer; and
2. That authority is delegated to the Chief Officer, in consultation with the Chamberlain, to further increase or amend the project budgets in the future (above the level of the existing delegated authority) should any increase be fully funded by the Developer.

9. MIDDLESEX STREET AREA ENHANCEMENT PHASE 2: PETTICOAT LANE MARKET IMPROVEMENTS AND PUBLIC REALM

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment presenting a detailed options appraisal for enhancements to the Middlesex Street Area.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee:

1. Approve Option 2 for the public realm enhancements to be progressed to Gateway 5 stage; and
2. Authorise the progression of the project and approve funds of £184,146, as set out in the report.

10. CITY CYCLEWAYS PROGRAMME (PHASES 1, 2 AND 3)

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment seeking approval for delivery of a programme of pedal cycle projects as proposed in the City's adopted Transport Strategy (May 2019). Members stressed the value of minimal physical segregation to avoid further limiting road space.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee:

1. Approve the first three phases of the Cycleways Programme as described in the report;
2. Approve a budget of £450,000 to reach the next Gateway; and
3. Note the total estimated cost of the three phases is in the region of £3.5M - £4.5M (excluding risk).

11. CITY-WIDE PEDESTRIAN MODEL

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment presenting the outcomes of the City-Wide Pedestrian Model project. The Director of the Built Environment confirmed the City of London Corporation's ownership of the model.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee authorise the closure of this project.

12. CITY TRANSPORTATION GATEWAY 6 CONSOLIDATION REPORT

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment presenting outcomes for several projects.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee approve content of the Outcome Report and agree to close the Snow Hill / Holborn Viaduct, Newgate Street / Warwick Lane, Alderman's House and Milton Court projects.

13. CITY TRANSPORTATION GATEWAY 6 CONSOLIDATION REPORT

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RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee:

1. Approve the content of this outcome report;

2. Authorise the Chamberlain's department to return unspent section 278 funds as set out subject to the verification of the final accounts;
3. Agree to close Sugar Quay, New Ludgate and 30-32 Lombard St projects;
4. Agree to split 52-54 Lime Street and 10 Fenchurch Avenue projects into two phases;
5. Agree to close phase one of 52-54 Lime Street and 10 Fenchurch Avenue projects;
6. Agree to retain current balances for phase two for 52-54 Lime Street and 10 Fenchurch Avenue to enable completion of deferred works listed and shown in the report; and
7. Note Progress Report for phase two will be submitted to Projects Sub Committee and Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee prior to recommencing their respective works.

14. **DOCKLESS CYCLE HIRE UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment updating Members on the trial of a new approach to managing dockless cycle hire, highlighting progress made and the intention to continue with the trial.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

15. **REVIEW OF PROJECTS WITHIN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment provides the results of a review and proposed prioritisation of transportation and public realm projects within the Department of the Built Environment. The Deputy Chairman, in the Chair, advised that he had met with officers and requested further information on S106 projects and archived projects for a future meeting. The Director of the Built Environment introduced the report and advised Members that S106 funding would be applied more narrowly going forward, with Community Infrastructure Levy to be increasingly applied.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

16. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

The Sub-Committee received a list of outstanding references. The Sub-Committee noted that the Swan Lane project had been completed, with a Gateway 6 report expected after the summer recess, and that the S278 agreement in respect of 22 Bishopsgate had been completed on 5 July 2019.

RESOLVED – That the outstanding actions list be noted, and updated accordingly.

17. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE**

A Member asked officers about the relocation of the LIFFE statue currently placed in the Ambulatory at Guildhall, noting that planning permission had previously been granted to relocate the statue to a location within Dowgate ward, and asked that the issue be brought to Committee for Member oversight and approval.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There was no other business.

19. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED - That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item No.	Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A
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23 – 24	-

20. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2019 be agreed as a correct record.

21. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Town Clerk.

22. GATEWAY 2 ISSUE - SECURITY PROGRAMME

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment.

23. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE

There were no non-public questions.

24. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 11.07 am

Chairman

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