

Project Coversheet

Appendix 1

[1] Ownership & Status

UPI: 12072

Core Project Name: St Mary Axe Experimental Timed Closure

Programme Affiliation: City Cluster Vision Phase 1 – Activation, greening and experiments programme

Project Manager: Averil Pittaway

Definition of need:

The activation, greening and experiments programme is part of Phase 1 of the implementation of the City Cluster Vision.

St Mary Axe is a key pedestrian route into the City Cluster from Liverpool Street and Fenchurch Street stations and at peak times has a high pedestrian density. Over 3,500 pedestrians use the street at each peak hour of 08:00-09:00 and 17:00 – 18:00, with over 5,000 pedestrians in the proposed timed closure periods. Nearly 80% of people supported timed closures of St Mary Axe through the City Cluster Vision Consultation in 2018.

The City Cluster Vision proposes to implement a timed closure on St Mary Axe, along with a raised and narrowed carriageway and wider footways. This will provide a pedestrian priority axis connecting Houndsditch to Fenchurch Street (via Lime Street, which has an existing timed closure) during the daytime.

An experimental timed closure of St Mary Axe to motor vehicles during peak times has been identified as a suitable short-term intervention within the Phase 1 – Activation, greening and experiments programme. The proposed experiment will allow the City to 'live trial' the timed closure element of the proposal and provide immediate improvements to the comfort and safety of people walking on St Mary Axe, ahead of any longer-term streetscape change or permanent timed closure being investigated. The trial will monitor the impact on vehicle access to businesses and other access needs as well as benefits such as any increases in pedestrian and cycle flows and improvements to air quality.

Key measures of success:

- Whether businesses can still meet their delivery and access needs
- Journey times are not significantly impacted on surrounding streets
- Perceptions of pedestrian and cycle comfort improve

Expected timeframe for the project delivery: July 2020 implementation

Key Milestones: Gateway 5 Approval: April 2020

Advertise Experimental Traffic Order: May/June 2020

Promotion of closure: May – June 2020

Install gate and signage: June 2020

Experiment: July 2020 – Up to December 2021

Are we on track for completing the project against the expected timeframe for project delivery? Y

Has this project generated public or media impact and response which the City of London has needed to manage or is managing? N

[2] Finance and Costed Risk

Headline Financial, Scope and Design Changes: To note, this record is for the total Phase 1 programme to date. A programme update report is expected in April 2020

‘Project Briefing’ G1 report (as approved by Chief Officer 17/06/19):

- Total Estimated Cost (excluding risk): £250,000 – £750,000
- Costed Risk Against the Project: N/A
- Estimated Programme Dates: July 2019 – March 2021

Scope/Design Change and Impact: None

‘Project Proposal’ G2 report (as approved by PSC 19/07/19):

- Total Estimated Cost (excluding risk): £250,000 – £750,000
- Resources to reach next Gateway (excluding risk): £95,000
- Spend to date: £95,000 (forecast to April)
- Costed Risk Against the Project: N/A
- CRP Requested: N/A
- CRP Drawn Down: N/A
- Estimated Programme Dates: August 2019 – January 2021

Scope/Design Change and Impact: None

Total anticipated on-going commitment post-delivery [£]: None

Programme Affiliation [£]: £15million (City Cluster Programme)