

Project Coversheet

[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: Daniel Laybourn

Definition of need:

The activation, greening and experiments programme is Phase 1 of the implementation of the City Cluster Vision. It includes a series of temporary and permanent installations and experiments that aim to enhance and activate the streets and public realm of the City Cluster as well as trialling changes ahead of long-term transformation. As part of this programme of work, a workstream on St Mary Axe to deliver improvements to the pedestrian environment has been proposed, with the street being a key pedestrian route into the City Cluster from Liverpool Street and Fenchurch Street stations and at peak times has a very high pedestrian density.

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/ Key Milestones:

1. Delegated G5 to request approval to begin construction of the proposed raised table in Spring 2022
2. Substantial completion of the raised table in Autumn 2022
3. G6 closure report in late 2022

Are we on track for completing the project against the expected timeframe for project delivery? No. Delivery of on-street measures has slipped from Summer 2020 to at least Summer 2022, primarily due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Has this project generated public or media impact and response which the City of London has needed to manage or is managing? No.

[2] Finance and Costed Risk

Headline Financial, Scope and Design Changes:

'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

'Options Appraisal' G3/4 report (as approved by PSC 24/02/20):

- Total Estimated Cost (excluding risk): £250,000 – £750,000
- Resources to reach next Gateway (excluding risk): £41,699
- 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: Delegated G5 in April 2020 to request approval to proceed with the experimental traffic order, with a six-month statutory public consultation period begins when the ETO comes into force.

Scope/Design Change and Impact: Report requested approval to proceed with the detailed design and development of an experimental timed closure of St Mary Axe alongside the installation of a traffic gate at the southern end of the street. Delegation to the Chief Officer to approve the implementation of these interventions was also requested.

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

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