

Committees: Streets and Walkways Sub - <i>for information</i> Projects & Procurement Sub - <i>for information</i>	Dates: 14 May 2025 19 May 2025
Subject: Moor Lane Environmental Enhancements Unique Project Identifier: 9441	Gateway 3/4 Regular Progress Report
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1. Status update	<p>Project Description: Public realm enhancements in Moor Lane to provide greening and an improved pedestrian environment.</p> <p>The project was paused in January 2024 to ‘reset’ the approach to the design of the scheme, with a more collaborative process involving local stakeholders, including residents, being endorsed. The pause in the project also allowed for options for traffic movement in Moor Lane to be considered as part of the Bunhill, Barbican & Golden Lane Healthy Neighbourhood Plan (HNP), the public consultation for which has now concluded.</p> <p>This report provides an update on project progress since the previous report to committee in February 2025.</p> <p>RAG Status: Amber (Amber at last report to committee)</p> <p>Risk Status: Medium (Medium at last report to committee)</p> <p>Total Estimated Cost of Project (excluding risk): £1,560,000 (excluding Area A which was fully funded through a Section 278 agreement)</p> <p>Spend to Date: £422,841</p> <p>Costed Risk Provision Utilised: Not applicable</p>
2. Key points to note	<p>Next Gateway: Gateway 3/4 Options Appraisal (Regular)</p> <p>Background</p> <p>2.1. In January 2024 an issue report for Moor Lane was approved, giving authority to revert the project to Gateway 3/4 Options Appraisal stage following representations post Gateway 5 for the original greening scheme. The purpose of this was to review the scheme’s objectives and revise the design in collaboration with local stakeholders through a new project Working Group.</p> <p>2.2. The January 2024 report also noted that options for more transformative change in Moor Lane were reliant on changes to traffic management for the street, and that such changes should be</p>

	<p>considered as part of the development of the Healthy Neighbourhood Plan (HNP) for the area. A public consultation on the HNP ran during November and December 2024 and proposed a range of options for traffic management on Moor Lane. This put the project for Moor Lane on hold.</p> <p>2.3. In February 2025 an issue report was approved, allowing the project to recommence, and the design process to restart through a 'co-design' approach. The report also authorised officers to work with the project Working Group to develop the brief to procure consultants to develop a design for Moor Lane. This design is to be based on a closure to through motorised traffic on Moor Lane, reflecting the results from the HNP consultation for this street.</p> <p>2.4. This report sets out the roles and responsibilities of the different parties involved and provides a timeline that the project is working towards. These are for Members to note.</p> <p>Roles and responsibilities and project governance:</p> <p>2.5. The Streets and Walkways Sub Committee is the client committee for the Project. The Committee will remain the overall decision-making authority.</p> <p>2.6. The project Working Group includes residents from Willoughby House as the residential property that fronts Moor Lane and representatives of local businesses and the local BID. The working group is chaired by the Alderwoman for Cripplegate Ward.</p> <p>2.7. The Working Group will advocate for and support the development of the Moor Lane project in accordance with the terms of reference (Appendix 3). The Group will help to shape and inform the direction of the project, by providing feedback on the proposals, identifying opportunities or risks, assists with research, collection of data and dissemination of information to the wider stakeholders.</p> <p>2.8. The City of London Corporation's Transport and Public Realm Projects team will undertake the management of the project and administer the Working Group meetings.</p> <p>2.9. Whilst the Working Group is a key sounding board for the project direction and its progress, wider stakeholder engagement and consultation on the design will be undertaken.</p>
3. Reporting period	January to May 2025
4. Progress to date	<p>4.1. The working group has met twice. First to agree the terms of reference for the group and the project objectives. The second meeting focused on outlining the requirements for the new public realm in Moor Lane. These requirements informed the contents of a brief to appoint a specialist consultant(s) to progress the design.</p> <p>4.2. The draft brief was shared with the Working Group following the second meeting includes skills relating to landscape architects, traffic consultants and structural engineers, and was agreed by the</p>

	<p>Working Group following the specification being shared electronically after the second working group meeting had set the parameters.</p> <p>4.3. The City will remain the contractual client for this appointment, whilst the appointed consultant(s) will lead on the co-design process, using the Working Group as their regular review group.</p> <p>4.4. The consultant(s) will also lead on and undertake wider stakeholder engagement as part of the initial design stage. This will ensure that the design process is collaborative and considers the needs and benefits for all people who will use, be impacted by it.</p> <p>4.5. The City Procurement team has been engaged to administer the tender exercise. This is expected to conclude later this month (May 2025).</p> <p>4.6. Engagement and the co-design work will commence and is expected to continue through to late 2025.</p> <p>4.7. A public consultation exercise is planned for late 2025 / early 2026. Its results will be reported to the Committee for a final decision on which design should be taken forward to seek authority to implement later in 2026.</p> <p>4.8. Works are currently estimated to commence in early 2027.</p> <p>4.9. An updated project programme has been agreed by the Working Group and is included at Appendix 2.</p> <p>4.10. The project programme assumes that the budget currently allocated to the project will be sufficient to deliver the design and the implementation of the scheme. There is a risk of cost overrun. This will become clearer once the procurement of the consultant has concluded, and the initial feasibility takes place. If required, officers will set out available options in an Issues report.</p>
5. Next steps	<p>5.1. Appoint a consultant(s) to develop designs for Moor Lane following the procurement exercise.</p> <p>5.2. Develop designs through engagement with local stakeholders and seek authority to undertake public consultation on design option(s)</p> <p>5.3. Following confirmation of a single design option to be progressed, Statutory consultation of required traffic orders can be progressed ahead of the final approval to proceed to implementation.</p>

Appendices

Appendix 1	Project Coversheet
Appendix 2	Project programme
Appendix 3	Working Group Terms of Reference

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