

Motion by Councillor Cuthbert

Transport and Environment Committee

10 September 2026

Lothianburn Junction Traffic Trial – A702/A720

Supporting Information

1.1 Notes that Transport Scotland (and its operating company BEAR Scotland) has implemented trial measures at Lothianburn Junction to improve traffic flows on the A702 and A720 Edinburgh City Bypass.

1.2 Notes that these measures respond to community concerns about increased traffic congestion on the A702 following the introduction of traffic signals at the Hillend/Damhead junction.

1.3 Recognises the adverse impact this traffic congestion has had on critical bus services, including Lothian Buses routes 15 and 4, and the 101 service which operates as far as Dumfries.

1.4 Further notes that this trial represents the first significant change to traffic arrangements at Lothianburn Junction since the relevant sections of the Edinburgh City Bypass were constructed in the 1980s, and that the junction remains a major and busy interchange on Scotland's strategic road network.

Proposed Action/Decision

2.1 Thanks Transport Scotland and BEAR Scotland for implementing the current trial measures at Lothianburn Junction.

2.2 Requests that Council officers keep Committee members informed of progress with the trial, including through regular Business Bulletin updates and any other means they consider appropriate.

Moved by: Councillor Neil Cuthbert

Seconded by: Councillor Jo Mowat

Addendum by the Green Group

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Add at the end of Supporting Information:

1.5 Notes the concerns raised by Spokes and others in relation to cycle safety resulting from the trial measures.

1.6 Appreciates that the trial is not being conducted by the Council, but notes that the safety concerns begin around 200m north of Lothianburn Junction, on Biggar Road, where road users approaching the junction are instructed by temporary signage to switch lanes according to their direction of travel.

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2.5 Requests that officers meet with BEAR to discuss the concerns in relation to cycle safety highlighted above, and to consider options to improve cycle safety as part of the trial, reporting back in the Business Bulletin within 2 cycles.

Moved by: Ross McKenzie

Seconded by: