



Glasgow City Council
City Administration Committee

Item 6

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FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROVISION PROJECTS

Purpose of Report:

To seek Committee approval for the acceptance of the offer of capital grant funding from Transport Scotland (TS) and the Scottish Government for Public Transport Provision (PTP) projects in support of Glasgow's Low Emission Zone (LEZ).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Committee approves the acceptance of £1,150,000 in external funding for PTP projects within Glasgow.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

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1. Background

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek City Administration Committee approval for the acceptance of the offer of capital grant funding from Transport Scotland (TS) and the Scottish Government for Public Transport Provision (PTP) projects in support of Glasgow's Low Emission Zone (LEZ).
- 1.2 This funding is a one off grant award for Public Transport Provision (PTP) projects in support of the introduction of an LEZ.
- 1.3 In October 2019, TS invited those Local Authorities introducing LEZs and their neighbouring authorities to submit expressions of interest in a grant for funds to complement those zones.
- 1.4 Glasgow introduced Scotland's first LEZ at the end of 2018, with the first phase initially focusing on buses. The extension of the LEZ to all vehicle types is planned for the end of 2022.
- 1.5 The City Council has been successful in obtaining £1,150,000 of funding and a grant award letter was issued on 28 November 2019.
- 1.6 The table below details the programme of works that the Council has identified as part of the funding application process:

Project	Amount	Funding Aims
Workplace Parking Levy Study	£75,000	To inform Glasgow's Transport Strategy, this funding will be used to investigate options for developing and implementing a Workplace Parking Levy (WPL). This will research what other cities have undertaken to date and identify the pros and cons of developing and introducing a WPL in Glasgow. This is only one of a series of measures that will be considered to improve air quality and create a healthier environment and reduce congestion.
Expansion of Nextbike Cycle Hire	£155,000	Development and the expansion of the Glasgow City Cycle Hire Scheme (Nextbike) at 6 new locations – <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Glasgow Central Station (junction of Argyle Street/Oswald Street).2. Kingston Bridge (north) (Broomielaw at the Renfrew ferry).3. The Round Toll (junction of Garscube Road/Farnell Street).4. Bath Street at Wellington Street.5. King Street (junction of Osborne Street).6. Carrick Quay (Clyde Street at Ropework Lane).

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		This funding will allow for the installation of the hire infrastructure, the supply of 10 bikes to service the location and the operation and maintenance of these bikes for the duration of the operational contract, currently this is estimated for the end of 2025.
Traffcom Loop Optimisation	£100,000	Assess the location of the loop positions, relocate and validate at the selected sites.
Traffic Signal Infrastructure Improvement	£600,000	<p>Trial the introduction of the traffic control system, Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation (MOVA), at two major junctions to allow the City Council to run traffic control systems - Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique (SCOOT), MOVA and Vehicle Actuation (VA) - to further reduce queuing traffic.</p> <p>The funding will allow for the sites to be upgraded at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hurlet Cross. • Bearsden Road / Ilay Avenue.
Co-Wheels Car Club Vehicle Replacement	£220,000	Replace 8 of the existing 9 Low Emission Zone located vehicles with zero emission alternatives (with the 9th vehicle having already been replaced). This funding will provide for the purchase and installation of the Electric Vehicle (EV) charging equipment required to charge the vehicle and also a first year subsidy payable to the operator for supplying a full EV.

2. Funding Conditions and Governance

- 2.1 Grant funding for the PTP programmes requires all works to be completed by 31 March 2020.
- 2.2 The City Council has programmed works to meet this deadline and will comply with the governance arrangements as stipulated in the funding agreement.

3 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial:

This will provide additional funding of £1,150,000 to be spent in 2019/20.

Legal: Glasgow City Council Legal Services will conduct due diligence prior to signing of grant award letters.

Personnel: Additional resources will be required.

Procurement: Works will be procured according to procedures appropriate to each project.

Council Strategic Plan: The projects supported by this funding in turn support the following Strategic Plan themes:

- A Thriving Economy
- A Vibrant City
- A Healthier City
- A Sustainable and Low Carbon City

The following Strategic Plan outcomes are supported:

- A resilient, growing and diverse city economy where businesses thrive.
- Glaswegians are active and healthier.
- Glasgow is healthier.
- Citizens use active travel, including walking and cycling.
- We have more sustainable, integrated transport networks across the city, and less congestion.
- We have a low carbon footprint as a council and as a city.

The funding makes an important contribution towards the Council's commitment to 'prioritise sustainable transport across the city' (Priority 55).

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22

Supportive of the stated outcomes.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

Individual EQIA screenings will be undertaken for the individual projects as appropriate.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.

Improving opportunities for access to sustainable and/or active travel and enhancing local environments can help address barriers to social mobility, improve access to services and employment opportunities, and can help to address problems of physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental:

The projects funded by this grant will enhance existing and create new conditions for promoting and supporting sustainable forms of transport as well as contributing to reducing congestion.

The projects funded by this grant will complement the LEZ measures intended to reduce air pollution.

Social, including opportunities under Article 20 of the European Public Procurement Directive:

Encouragement of cycling and/or walking for daily utility journeys.

The projects will improve Glasgow's urban environment and connectivity, thus leading to an improvement in a range of outcomes for the city's population.

Economic:

The projects may provide opportunity for local employment and regeneration.

Privacy and Data Protection impacts:

No data protection impacts identified.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the acceptance of £1,150,000 in external funding for PTP projects within Glasgow.