

# North City Way

## North Glasgow's active travel network





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## Introduction

Glasgow's commitment toward active travel has been demonstrated by its award-winning Strategic Plan for Cycling 2016-2025. This plan sets out the Council's ambition for the city to become a leading cycling city, where cycling is accessible, safe and attractive to all. Evidence shows that since investment in cycling infrastructure in Glasgow has increased, there has been a 111% increase in people cycling into and out of the City Centre between 2009 and 2018.

Glasgow City Council is developing a network of City Ways, which are high quality, mainly segregated cycle and walking routes radiating from the city centre to business, cultural, educational and residential destinations. Following the successful implementation of the West City Way, the South West City Way and the South City Way, it is now proposed to develop the North City Way.





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Glasgow North is a priority area for regeneration. The area includes two Transformational Regeneration Areas (TRAs) at Sighthill and Maryhill, as well as other significant development areas at Port Dundas, Hamiltonhill, Cowlairst, and Ruchill Hospital. Currently, the north of Glasgow has very few active travel corridors, hence this proposal will deliver vital missing infrastructure.

The North City Way network will provide an active travel network of cycling and walking infrastructure that connects the present network with existing and future communities and key trip generators throughout North Glasgow. Substantially improved connections will be provided by the project between key population centres in Ashfield, Bishopbriggs, Cowlairst, Hamiltonhill, Lambhill, Milton, Parkhouse, Port Dundas, Possil Park, Sighthill and Springburn. Links to public transport and other trip generators such as the City Centre will also be established.

The North City Way network aims to address social and health inequalities. The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation reveals that much of the study area is within the 10% most deprived areas within Scotland. The North City Way will enable a substantial increase in active travel mode share, improve health and the local environment for residents. The North City Way network will help to reduce the transport poverty currently experienced by residents and allow improved access to jobs and recreation facilities.

The project includes potential public realm and green infrastructure improvements at key locations within the area including, local shops, recreation grounds, parks and town centre areas. A key east-west route is proposed connecting Ruchill Park in the west to Springburn Park in the east. These locations have been identified in consultation with the local communities and the design is subject to ongoing community engagement in the next stages of design development.





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## Key Aspects

- ❖ Provision of an additional City Way active travel network in North Glasgow
- ❖ New and improved permeability and connectivity between existing and new communities in North Glasgow and to the City Centre
- ❖ Sustainable approach to TRAs ensuring inclusion of good cycling and walking provision within major regeneration sites
- ❖ Influence how new communities travel
- ❖ Behaviour change workshops within communities to inform infrastructure design
- ❖ and encourage greater active travel mode share
- ❖ New and improved cycle infrastructure provision suitable for all levels of cyclists, from children and beginners through to experienced cyclists
- ❖ Increased connections to the canal and other green spaces
- ❖ Public realm improvements in existing communities
- ❖ Improved accessibility to public transport modes with better connections between walking and cycling routes and bus stops and rail stations

# Objectives and Benefits

The North City Way project sets out to meet the following objectives providing multiple benefits for North Glasgow and the City Way network.

# 1

**The North City Way network will make a significant contribution to increasing modal shift to active travel.**

The provision of an active travel network will improve accessibility with the wider area and to the City Centre for people with limited access to alternative travel options. Based on research and community engagement to date regarding public transport accessibility, car ownership, trip distribution and distances travelled there is significant potential to increase walking and cycling and improve integration with public transport within North Glasgow.

# 2

**The North City Way network will make a significant contribution to creating safer, seamless and fully segregated routes.**

The North City Way active travel network forms part of Glasgow's ambition for an integrated cycling network across the city and would provide over 20km of cycling and walking routes.

# 3

**The North City Way network will connect to and through major short trip generators.**

The North City Way study area has a wide range of amenities, schools, employment locations, parks and retail facilities. A key finding from the community engagement undertaken to date is that connections between these northern communities is just as important as connections to the City Centre. The project would provide substantially improved connections between key population centres and public transport connections.

# 4

**The North City Way network will improve the quality of urban realm, delivering high quality designs and integrating green infrastructure whilst meeting the needs of communities.**

The project includes public realm and green infrastructure improvements at key locations within the area. Potential locations have been identified in consultation with the communities and further liaison will continue as the project progresses.



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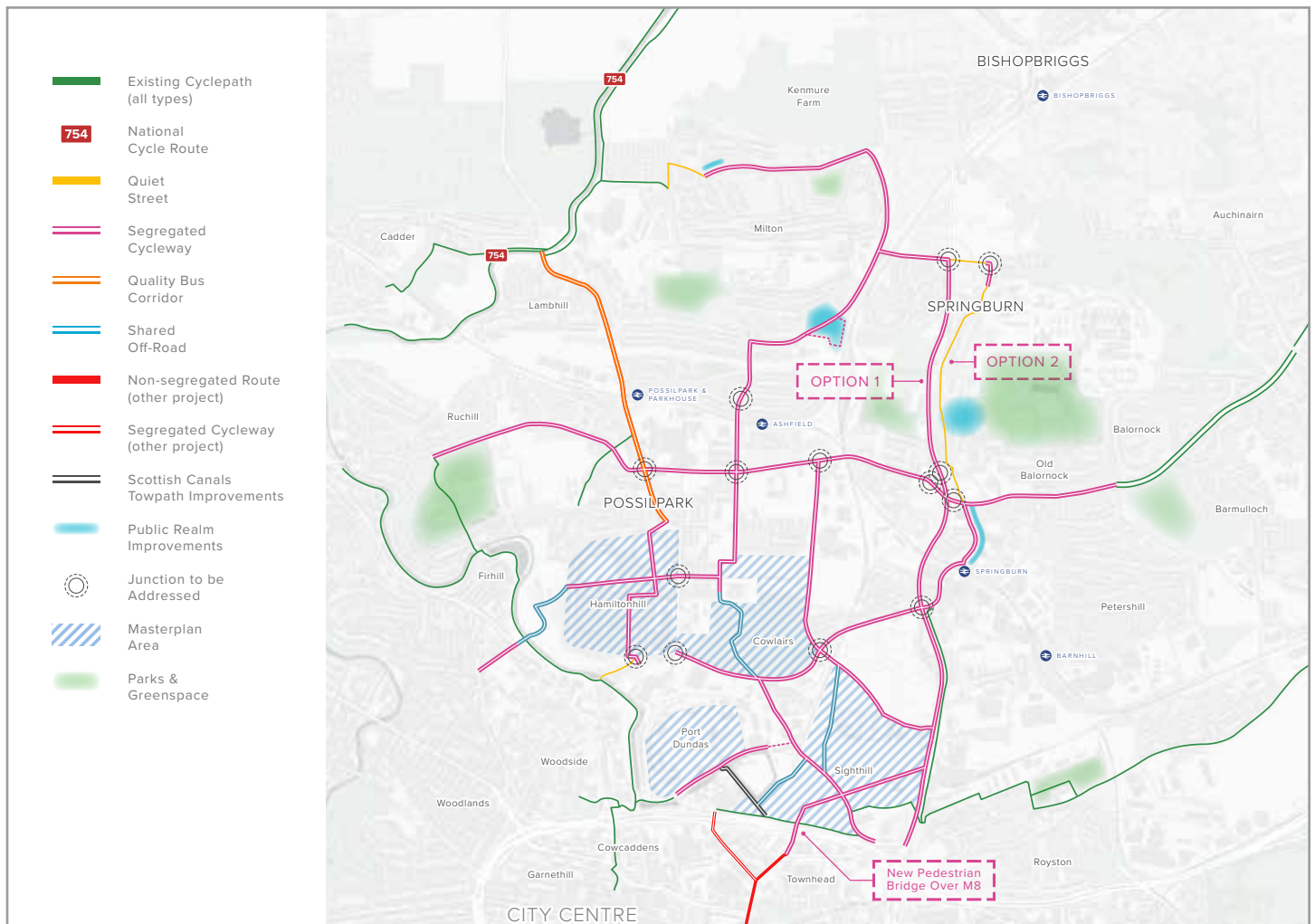
The North City Way network will improve accessibility for all, including making substantial improvements to the environment for people on foot.

At the heart of North City Way is an aim to work with the community to create greater priority for cyclists and pedestrians, and to rebalance the place and movement functions of streets to reduce the dominance of traffic.

# 6

The North City Way network will ensure the Accessible Travel Framework vision of movement is taken into consideration where "All people with protected characteristics can travel with the same freedom, choice, dignity and opportunity as other citizens".

The North City Way project includes aims to ensure that the active travel network is suitable for all, enabling ease of movement for people with health challenges and protected characteristics.



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# Deliverables

The North City Way active travel network will provide walking and cycling infrastructure and street improvements throughout North Glasgow, integrating seamlessly with the wider City Ways network and public transport opportunities. The 'North City Way Network' aims to join segmented communities together, in an area where there is very little active travel infrastructure at present.

# Behaviour Change and Community Engagement

North Glasgow's communities are at the heart of the project and Glasgow City Council aims to meet the needs of the existing and future communities through community engagement and behaviour change workshops.

In addition to the infrastructure and public realm provision the North City Way project proposes to provide behaviour change initiatives further exploring the barriers to active travel in the area and encouraging an increase in active travel mode share. This aspect of the project will be developed further in conjunction with local community organisations.





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# Conclusions

The North City Way project will provide a network of mainly segregated cycle tracks and walking routes, supported by quiet streets and junction improvements, which will ensure a safe environment for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages and abilities.

Project implementation will enable a substantial increase in mode share for cycling and walking, connect the communities of North Glasgow, improve health and environmental conditions for residents and support the regeneration.

Community engagement carried out to date has emphasised the importance of east-west connections throughout North Glasgow as well as north-south movements. In response a North City Way active travel network proposal has been established.

Design work for the North City Way network is currently at concept stage and an initial community consultation has taken place to inform design development.

Proposals have been received with enthusiasm and the intention to regenerate the area has gained wide spread support from the local communities and all involved. Further community engagement will continue as designs for the North City Way network advance.

The proposed project is expected to cost approximately £17.5m and the main funding partners to date have been Glasgow City Council and Sustrans. Due to the extensive nature of the scheme, it is expected that it will be delivered in a number of phases subject to funding and each phase will improve and encourage active travel.

