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## **1. Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 To update the sub-committee on matters of information relating to the Leeds District.
- 1.2 Updates on regional and national issues are covered in the papers for Transport Committee, the latest set are available on the following link; [WYCA - Modern Gov](#)
- 1.3 A list of current projects in Leeds District where there is current activity is provided at Appendix 1.

## **2. Information**

### Leeds Bus Station

- 2.1 The refurbishment works continue to progress at Leeds Bus Station. The works to the bus stands 1- 26 are complete with work ongoing on the provision of the head of queue stands and associated audio infrastructure.
- 2.2 The York Street entrance has been substantially completed and was re-opened to the public on 3 February 2022. The remaining works, including the provision of the automatic doors, external cladding and finishing of the canopy will be completed with minimal disruption to the operation of the bus station and passengers.
- 2.3 Following the opening of the York Street entrance, the Dyer Street entrance was closed on 7 February with passengers routed through National Express to gain access to bus station from this side. The temporary travel centre was completed on 1 March and works to the main travel centre are due to commence Thursday 3rd March.

2.4 The scheme is due for completion by end of April 2022.

#### Infirmary Street and Park Row

2.5 Work to improve Park Row and Infirmary Street has been completed. Park Row has been converted into a one-way street for most of its length making it easier for buses to use and easing congestion. The pavements have been significantly widened and a protected cycleway has been created which will link the City Station to The Headrow and Cookridge Street. The road has been modernised and more greenery has been planted to improve public realm.

2.6 On Infirmary Street, the road has been converted into a two-way operation designed for bus and cycle priority access (with provision for local access for businesses and residents). Bus stops have been upgraded and bus-only restrictions aim to improve journey times and air quality.

#### Corn Exchange Scheme

2.7 The Connecting Leeds £25million transformational Corn Exchange project is due to complete in the spring. Once fully complete, the area around the Corn Exchange will see restrictions to general traffic, allowing for bus priority measures, enhanced bus stop signage and facilities, safer cycle tracks and pedestrian crossings. There will also be a new public realm space created directly outside the Corn Exchange, more greenery and wider pavements, making room for al-fresco dining on Lower Call Lane. Also as part of the scheme New Briggate will be partly pedestrianised with upgraded cycle tracks.

2.8 Resurfacing works have been underway during February and will continue during March 2022, with some road closures between 8pm and 5am on the dates listed below. Pedestrian access will be maintained. The schedule of work is as follows:

- Call Lane: Monday 7 March, 8pm - Wednesday 9 March, 5am
- Meadow Lane (near old Asda filling station): Monday 7 March, 8pm - Tuesday 8 March, 5am
- Meadow Lane and Hunslet Road cycleway: Thursday 10 March, 8pm - Friday 11 March, 5am
- Call Lane (near Blue Rinse): Wednesday 9 March, 8pm - Thursday 10 March, 5am
- Lower Briggate cycleway: Wednesday 9 March, 8pm - Thursday 10 March, 5am
- New Briggate: Sunday 13 March, 8pm - Thursday 17 March, 5am
- New Briggate cycleway: Monday 21 March, 8pm - Tuesday 22 March, 5am

#### Leeds City Rail Station and surrounding area

2.9 This scheme will see an investment of £39.5 million to significantly improve the station's main entrance and surrounding area. The area's appearance and visibility will be improved and a variety of access options provided, including

the installation of wider, safer steps outside the entrance of the station and two large passenger lifts. New Station Street will become a much improved and more pedestrian-friendly environment, with new cycle infrastructure to promote sustainable active travel. Construction will start in late summer of 2022.

- 2.10 Work is underway to create new bus stops in Boar Lane to move bus services away from the current facilities in New Station Street.

#### Other Connecting Leeds projects

- 2.11 In addition to the above schemes, the following projects have been or are nearing completion

- The colour coded Leeds Core Network navigation project
- 990 On street real time information screens
- Upgraded bus facilities at Bramley and Middleton Centre
- Active travel facilities at Lincoln Green

#### Leeds City Centre Cycle Improvements – Dewsbury Road

- 2.12 In early 2021, Leeds City Council and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority consulted on proposals for cycle improvements at five locations across the city centre, aimed at plugging missing links in the existing cycling network. Views are now being sought on proposals for the sixth, and final, location of the Leeds City Centre Cycle Improvements scheme, which is located on Dewsbury Road.

- 2.13 The Dewsbury Road extension will provide the final missing link in South Leeds, connecting Middleton, Beeston and Hunslet with the city centre. The key features include:

- A continuous three-metre-wide, two-way segregated cycle track
- A new wider pavement
- New side road crossings for people walking and cycling
- There are currently two traffic lanes on part of Dewsbury Road, which are underused, and proposals include removing one of these to make space for the cycle track.

- 2.14 Further information is available on the YourVoice engagement hub: [www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk](http://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk) The consultation is open for contributions until Tuesday 15 March 2022.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the information report be noted.

### **4. Background Documents**

None.

## **5. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Leeds Current Project Activity