

# CONNECTING SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton and Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund

## Transforming Cities Fund: February 2021 update







# Introduction

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**Having been appointed as one of the four TCF Project Leads, I am looking forward to delivering these infrastructure changes in the city centre alongside our delivery partners, Balfour Beatty, to provide a sustainable future for Southampton.**

The TCF programme is an investment of nearly £70m, with £57m funded by the Department for Transport, which will shape the future of Southampton and Hampshire. There are three different types of schemes – Cycling, Active Travel Zones/Mobility Hubs and Rapid Bus/Intelligent Transport systems – each looked after by a project lead. In addition to these, there are a number of city centre schemes which have been grouped separately due to their overarching nature, containing all of the above elements. These will be delivered in conjunction with and complementing the other schemes over the next two and a half years to minimise disruption during construction and maximise benefits across the TCF Southampton and Hampshire area.

As a chartered civil engineer, having worked in highways and project management over the last 30 years, I am very keen on innovation and delivering projects that not only address the challenges facing Southampton now but ensure that the investment in our city will be felt for decades, allowing us to stay ahead of the curve as future trends continue to change. Constructing the city centre schemes may cause some short-term disruption for a long-term gain; we are building new infrastructure for Southampton to meet the demands for a sustainable future for many years to come. Over the next few months as we move into the phase of detailed design of these schemes, I look forward to sharing information and collectively working with all of you in the spirit of mutual co-operation to help achieve our collective goals.





# Scheme updates

Modal filter on Kent Road

In progress 

## St Denys Active Travel Zone

Trial modal filters on Kent Road and North Road in St Denys were installed in the week beginning 16th November. In January we began work modifying the junction mouths to provide continuous crossings for five of the roads joining St Denys Road, creating a better environment for pedestrians. We are also coordinating with Gas Distribution Company SGN who are replacing a gas main along St Denys Road and Adelaide Road. This work is due to be ongoing until at least April. Full details can be found on our website.

[transport.southampton.gov.uk/stdenys](https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/stdenys)

## Portswood-Swaythling Corridor

Through October and November, we conducted a survey of residents and businesses in Portswood and Swaythling to understand how and why people travel around the local area. This survey has helped to inform some of our early thinking, and we presented our findings at the beginning of December.

On Thursday 28 January we gave a further presentation via Microsoft Teams Live to discuss our emerging designs for the corridor. For more information, and a video of this presentation, visit our website.

[transport.southampton.gov.uk/portswoodswaythling](https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/portswoodswaythling)



## Millbrook Road West

As part of our priority improvements to deliver a rapid bus corridor along the A33 and to support our plans for a Park & Ride site in the west of the city on Monday 22 February we began work to widen Millbrook Road West to add a bus lane and narrow the service road. We expect these works to take up to 17 weeks to complete.

In addition to these changes, we plan to resurface the full length of the service road from King George's Avenue to Regents Park Road and, in spring 2021, we will be trialling contraflow cycling (where people cycling are allowed to cycle against the one way restriction) under an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order.

[transport.southampton.gov.uk/millbrookrdwst](https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/millbrookrdwst)

## City Centre

Through TCF we are starting the transformation of the city centre so it can continue to be the economic, retail and cultural heart of Southampton. We have a number of transport and accessibility schemes as part of our long-term plan to:

- Provide better access and more space for people to move around, link Above Bar Street and West Quay with the Cultural Quarter, give public transport priority and provide routes for cars around the immediate city centre.
- Improve the public realm to create a city centre where people will want to spend time and money.
- Create an arrival experience with new public transport gateways at Central Station and around the City Centre.
- Future proof the city centre so it is accessible for everybody, boosts productivity and supports growth.

We have done feasibility designs and technical work for the schemes and expect to start construction in late summer/autumn 2021.

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CGI showcasing the vision for Civic Centre Place





New cycle crossing facilities at Mount Pleasant Road/Onslow Road

## Completed schemes

### Bevois Valley cycle scheme

Work to upgrade and resurface the existing shared footway at Onslow Road/Bevois Valley, improve bus stop access and provide better pedestrian and cyclist crossings in Bevois Valley was completed in October 2020.

[transport.southampton.gov.uk/bevoisvalley](https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/bevoisvalley)

### Mountbatten Way

Work has been undertaken on Mountbatten Way to lengthen the right hand turn into West Quay Road and create an extra lane which will be used as a bus lane in connection with the planned Southampton West Park & Ride and rapid bus corridor, also to be delivered through TCF. The lane will provide journey time improvements and reliability in connection with Park & Ride bus services. The work was carried out in September 2020 to take advantage of lower traffic volumes on the A33 corridor approach to the city centre.

[transport.southampton.gov.uk/mountbatten](https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/mountbatten)

### West Quay Road cycle scheme

Work completed on the West Quay Road at the end of November 2020. The scheme includes improved access for pedestrians and cyclists along West Quay Road from Herbert Walker Avenue to Harbour Parade.

[transport.southampton.gov.uk/westquayroad](https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/westquayroad)





# Hampshire County Council schemes

HCC are proposing to commence an on-line stakeholder engagement programme over the forthcoming months in respect of the following Hampshire TCF schemes. A variety of on-line methods are proposed to ensure stakeholders and communities are informed about the opportunities offered by the implementation of each scheme.

## Engagement Commencing 2021/2022

- Marchwood Bypass, bus priority scheme
- Junction Road, Totton, bus priority scheme
- Eastleigh Town Centre, cycle improvement scheme
- Super & Enhanced bus stops – Waterside
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- Eling to Holbury, cycle route enhancements (northern section)
- Bursledon Road, cycle route improvements
- Redbridge Causeway to Eling & Totton, cycle enhancements

## Engagement Commencing 2022/2023

- Rushington Roundabout, bus priority scheme
- Eastleigh Mobility Hub
- Parkway Travel Hub
- Eling to Holbury, cycle route enhancements (southern section)
- Providence Hill, cycle route scheme
- Bishopstoke Road, bus priority scheme