Bus Infrastructure Fund and Road Safety Improvement Fund 2025/26 – Acceptance of external funding approved.

2 Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report regarding the acceptance of funding from the Bus Infrastructure Fund (BIF) and the Road Safety Improvement Fund 2025/26, advising

(1) that the BIF was the Scottish Government's primary fund for the development, design and construction of bus infrastructure in Scotland and was administered through a 2-tier model;

(2) that funding of £10m from the BIF Tier 1 had been distributed to all local authorities on a per capita basis based on levels of transport poverty and Glasgow had been allocated £88,000 of funding which would primarily be used for bus stop accessibility improvements;

(3) that BIF Tier 2 funding had been made available to Voluntary Bus Partnerships that had previously undertaken work through the BIF when it had been paused and local authorities and Regional Transport Authorities had now been asked to submit a list of prioritised projects that they wished to take forward on behalf of their Partnerships;

(4) of the key aim of the BIF, particularly for Tier 2 funding, and that the Council had been awarded £1,270,000 through BIF Tier 2 for its Council-led bid to Transport Scotland on behalf of the Glasgow City Region Bus Partnership;

(5) that the key objectives of the Road Safety Improvement Fund were to help road authorities meet the 2030 road casualty reduction targets and to implement the safe system approach across their road networks through a targeted approach, as detailed in the report; and

(6) that officers had identified a priority list of projects totalling £1,453,000 for funding from the 2025/26 Road Safety Improvement Fund, with those projects aligning with the condition requirements stipulated by Transport Scotland as well as the Council's safety objectives, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted that under delegated authority, an external funding award of £88,000 from the Bus Infrastructure Tier 1 fund had been accepted; and

(b) approved the acceptance of external grant funding of £1,270,000 from the Bus Infrastructure Tier 2 fund and £1,456,654 from Transport Scotland for projects that aligned to Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030.