

Active Travel Infrastructure Funding 2026/2027 – Acceptance of external funding approved.

2 Councillor Millar, Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report regarding the current funding position of the Sustainable Transport Infrastructure and the acceptance of external funding, advising

- (1) that the Scottish Government's funding model for active travel delivery had undergone significant changes which had led to the introduction of Transport Scotland's (TS) Active Travel Infrastructure Fund (ATIF) (Tier 1 and Tier 2), representing the primary funding mechanism for both design and construction of active travel infrastructure in Scotland;
- (2) of a summary of the national active travel funds and its themes that were for active or sustainable transport projects and initiatives;
- (3) that funding of £5,409,234 for 2026/27 through ATIF Tier 1 had been accepted through the Scottish Government's block grant to the Council and would be used to progress a variety of smaller scale projects that contributed to the Council's strategic transport and road safety aims, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that unlike Tier 1, the Tier 2 fund was administered via a competitive bidding process and was separated into two distinct phases, namely Design and Construction and prioritised those Local Authorities with a clear active travel strategy and a committed pipeline of projects;
- (5) of the projects successfully awarded funding from ATIF Tier 2:-
 - (a) Construction phase – Connecting Battlefield Phase 2, Connecting Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Phase's 2-3 and East City Way Phase 5, totalling £4,850,000 for 2026/27 and 2027/28 (subject to budget availability of Transport Scotland for 2027/28); and
 - (b) Design phase - Connecting Glasgow, Inner North and Inner South networks, Connecting Greater Govan Phase 1, route 2, Connecting Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Phase 4 and Anderston Plaza, totalling £920,000 for 2026/27; and
- (6) that Council's own travel behaviour change initiatives, previously funded through the Paths for All Smarter Choices, Smarter Places fund, were now progressed using the Local Authority Direct Award (LADA) from Transport Scotland and this funding 2026/27 totalling £225,854.98 had been accepted into the Council's budget under delegated authority.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted
 - (i) the update on the Active Travel Infrastructure Fund Tier 1; and
 - (ii) that under delegated authority, the external funding award from Transport Scotland's Local Authority Direct Award been accepted; and
- (b) approved the acceptance of external grant funding from the Active Travel Infrastructure Fund Tier 2 - Construction £4,850,000 and Design - £920,000.