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# Help us improve bus, cycling and walking journeys on major Bristol road

People who live or travel along the A4 Portway are being encouraged to give their views on improvements to this route into the city.

An early engagement exercise is seeking to gather feedback on how buses can move more quickly through traffic, and cycling and walking can be safer and more enjoyable.

The scope of the A4 Portway project starts at the M5 flyover, it travels along the A4 passing the Avon Gorge and onto Hotwell Road to the Jacob's Wells Road roundabout, then along Anchor Road, and up to Explore Lane.

The project is part of a wider transformation by Bristol City Council and the West of England Combined Authority over the next decade to make Bristol's transport network better for all.

Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol, said: "This early engagement is part of our ambitious project to improve a series of major transport routes in and out of Bristol.

"We want to create a better, more connected city for everyone, and bring down air pollution as we work on our goal to achieve net zero by 2030.

"To do this, our city needs to continue the transition to increased use of sustainable modes of transport, such as walking, cycling and public transport. Adapting key routes, such as the A4 Portway, will help us meet this challenge head on."

Councillor Don Alexander, Cabinet Member for Transport, said: "As our city continues to grow, it's vital that we have a transport system that meets demand, while we look at the ways we can reduce our impact on the environment and air pollution.

"As transport is one of our biggest polluters, we need everyone to rethink how they travel and to embrace a mix of public transport, walking and cycling.

"We recognise that we need to improve the transport network for this to happen at scale, especially along our busy transport corridors, which is why we need your help to shape the way these roads will look in the near future.

"This is your chance to be involved in the process and have your say - the feedback we receive will influence the designs to improve the A4 Portway route."

Views can be given through an online survey and via an interactive map, which allows participants to add comments about specific locations on the route and read what other people have said.

To find out more and have your say, visit [www.bristol.gov.uk/A4PortwayEngagement](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/A4PortwayEngagement) or come along to a drop in session.

For a paper copy of the information and survey, please write to: A4 Portway, Transport Engagement Team, PO Box 3399, 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 9NE. You can also email [transport.engagement@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:transport.engagement@bristol.gov.uk) or call 0117 9036449 and leave your name, contact details and your request.

The engagement closes on Wednesday 17 August 2022.

## **Notes to Editors:**

### **Drop-in sessions**

The following five drop-in sessions will run throughout the engagement:

- Shirehampton Library – Wednesday 6 July from 1pm to 5pm
- Sea Mills Library – Tuesday 12 July from 10am to 2pm
- Portway Park & Ride – Tuesday 19 July from 8am to 12noon
- Central Library – Thursday 21 July from 10am to 2pm
- Portway Park & Ride – Saturday 23 July from 8am to 12noon

### **Western Harbour**

A section of the A4 Portway - from Hotwell Road, Dowry Place and Oldfield Place, including the elevated flyover system - is part of the Western Harbour project. As a result, this part of the route is not in the scope of this engagement.

However, feedback from this A4 Portway engagement and the Western Harbour engagement and consultation, which took in 2021 and earlier this year, will be shared between both projects and appropriate improvements proposed across both schemes.

### **Clean Air Zone**

The government has directed Bristol, and other cities, to reduce harmful pollution from vehicles in the shortest possible time. The size of the zone and its boundary has been designed to meet legal air quality targets in the central area where air quality is worst.

Central areas of the city and main routes, which includes part of the A4 Portway and the Cumberland Basin, have breached legal levels of pollution for several years because of the number of vehicles that use them. For this reason, they are included in the Clean Air Zone, which is being introduced later this year.

The A4 Portway will support the aim of the Clean Air Zone by helping to make sustainable transport modes - such as public transport, walking and cycling - the natural choice for people's journeys.

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