October 2013

Local Sustainable Transport Partnership
Partnership Update

Summer of success for cycle hire scheme!

The introduction of short term bike hire earlier this year along with the scorching summer heat led to a boom in Citycard Cycle hire numbers with bike hire days jumping from 700 between May-June to 2000 between July-August. Currently there are 120 bikes in circulation, 40 of which are on long term hire to employees commuting to business parks.

To coincide with the Citycard Cycle hire scheme a number of secure Citycard Cycle hubs have been introduced across the City. Locations include:

- Lace market car park
- Queens Drive Park and Ride
- Colwick Park and Ride
- Wilkinson Street Park and Ride
- Phoenix Park and Ride

Future plans include providing additional hubs in Beeston, Arnold and West Bridgeford. The hubs allow people with a Citycard to securely park their bikes in facilities that are covered, lit and have CCTV. The number of parked bikes is steadily increasing as more and more people use them.

Easier access to integrated travel tickets

With the help of LSTF funding a new £1.5m retail network is being developed which will include ticket kiosks, Payzone outlets and an online portal, to make it faster, easier and more cost effective to buy, collect and top up tickets for journeys in and around the city.

The new network will see 38 kiosks installed at all city centre bus stops, and a further 50 at district centres and places which generate high numbers of journeys. Payzone outlets will also be introduced to over 180 shops around Nottingham.

The kiosks can be used to purchase the multi-operator Kangaroo as single day tickets, a 10 day pass or to buy and top up Kangaroo season tickets which are available for one, three, six and 12 months. Travel tickets will sit on the Citycard, Nottingham's travel, library, leisure and retail discount card.

Once the first phase of the retail network scheme has been implemented, a new 'e-purse' is to be developed, available from the new retail network, which will guarantee the best fare for whatever journey is taken, with the maximum fare being the Kangaroo day ticket price. This is planned for introduction in November 2014.

For more info on the Kangaroo offer please visit www.citycardnottingham.co.uk/Kangaroo.html

Community Hubs expand with four new additions

In the last few weeks we have welcomed four new Community Smarter Travel Coordinators to deliver smarter travel services across the Urban area. Sustrans officers Clare Collins and Sarah Briley have been recruited to work across the Southern and Central localities of the City whilst RiseWise coordinators Colin West and Gina Musa have been recruited to work in the Broxtowe and Gedling Borough areas.

All four coordinators have started undertaking engagement events across the communities they serve.

AccessAdvisr, transport advice for vulnerable users

AccessAdvisr, a project that aims to make difficult journeys easier for those who experience mobility impairments and other disabilities, is helping people plan and make their journeys considering a variety of accessibility and location issues.

AccessAdvisr is a website and Smartphone app which works by retaining accessibility information and ratings on a variety of locations which have been input by the general public. Here, individuals can find out how accessible public transport services or building are across the Nottingham conurbation allowing them to make informed decisions about their travel arrangements.

Visit www.accessadvisr.net and rate your favorite place or destination.

Mobile Travel Centre #Infolink

July saw the launch of the "Infolink" Mobile Travel Centre; an initiative funded by the LSTF available daily at locations across Nottingham providing travel information, advice and services such as mobility scooter hire to members of the public who would normally need to travel into the city centre to receive the service.

Since its introduction, over 2,400 people have visited the Infolink to discuss their travel options and over 40 mobility scooters have been hired.



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Sustrans' Ucycle team continue to support Nottingham staff and students

The staff and students are back in force across Nottingham's University and Further Education establishments and the Sustrans' Ucycle team has been working hard to engage with individuals at a variety of events such as fresher's fairs.

The project aims to encourage staff and students to cycle to and from educational establishments by offering advice and support alongside free bike maintenance through regular Dr Bike sessions on campus and Ucycle long-term bike hire at the Universities. Cycle infrastructure improvements are also being made to certain locations such as the newly implemented cycle parking shelters at Central College Nottingham

Summer of major transport projects continues into the Autumn

This year has seen construction on a wide array of major transport projects including resignalling work at Nottingham Station, the widening of the A453, the progression of the Ring Road major scheme and the NET Phase Two tram extension.

The projects will help to create a world class transport system and support economic growth by connecting individuals to work, educational establishments and

LSTF projects are working to help alleviate any travel strain on Nottingham residents by providing information and advice to individuals on the best way to travel around the city. We aim to help you avoid any of the busiest areas and we're promoting the use of alternative transport methods such as walking and cycling.

For more info on the Major Transport Projects please visit www.transport.nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Back to school with Lifecycle

The Lifecycle scheme was launched this September with 13 Primary schools initially signing up to the scheme. Run by the City Council's Road Safety team, the project aims to teach children about cycle and broader road safety and help to build their confidence on a bike through practical sessions.

4 schools with approximately 310 students have been booked onto the scheme between October and April Spring sees a further 9 schools with around 853 students booked in between April 2014-July 2014.



In total, 1,163 year 1 & 2 students are due to take part in the scheme - this represents around 17% of the annual year group population

Senior Road Safety officer, Kaye Smith is working with her colleagues to provide the Bikeability cycle training to further schools around Nottingham. It is hoped that by providing this free training to school children it will encourage them to take up cycling to school and in later life whilst also road safety awareness.

20mph consultation continues across the City

The first 20mph scheme was launched in Sherwood in April 2013 following months of consultation, planning and community discussions. The scheme forms part of the City Council's priority to promote safety and encourage more active lifestyles.

The programme is now being expanded into other areas of Nottingham. Consultation and engagement activities are currently being undertaken in Radford, Bramcote, Lenton, Meadows and Wilford areas. Consultation has already taken place in the Bulwell and Bestwood areas and they are progressing into the construction and planning stage respectively.

Can you hear a "Tweet Tweet"?

July saw the launch of the Nottingham City Council @Transport_Nottm Twitter account! Since its introduction the account has gained over 300 followers (that's the equivalent to 3 a day!) with businesses and residents from across Nottingham actively engaging with the account by re-tweeting/favouriting our messages and mentioning us in their feeds.

Continuing with this success, Transport_Nottm are expanding into the realm of Facebook with the launch of their new page on the 14th October. Take a look and 'like' them at www.facebook.com/Transport_Nottm

Useful links for Nottingham LSTF information

The Big Wheel for business support and journey planning tools:
www.thebigwheel.org.uk
Nottingham Travelwise for live up to date transport information from across Nottingham:
www.nottinghamtravelwise.org.uk
Building a better Nottingham for all the Major Transport Projects information:
www.transport.nottinghamcity.gov.uk
Nottingham City Council LSTF pages for all our project information:
www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/transportprojects

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