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Glasgow City Councillors welcomed and agreed with GoBike's petition that a review of the costs, time-scale and methods for implementing 20mph speed limits in the city is required.

Councillors on the Petitions committee thanked GoBike, Strathclyde Cycle Campaign, for their presentation and unanimously moved to instruct the Executive Director of Land and Environmental Services (LES) to submit a report to the Sustainability and the Environment Policy Development Committee.

GoBike Request:

GoBike member Bob Downie, who is a professional geoscientist, analysed the Council's patchwork approach to 20mph zones, which require expensive traffic calming measures (speed humps, chicanes etc.) and would take about 40 years to complete and cost around £72 million if the current plan were extended city-wide. He showed that adopting the new Transport Scotland recommendations would allow for city-wide 20mph speed restrictions, with the exception of the main arterial routes, at a fraction of the cost. A calmer, more pleasant Glasgow could be achieved by inexpensive signage and without the need of unpopular and damaging physical obstacles.

Result:

The Petitions Committee Councillors required LES to consider the following:-

- The pace and scale of phasing for the implementation of 20 mph,
- How this might be accelerated within the city, taking account of relevant legislation,
- Explore how this could be resourced

Reaction:

GoBike, along with their co-supporters of the petition, including **CTC** the Scottish cycling charity, **20's Plenty for Us** and **Living Streets**, along with 222 co-signers, are naturally delighted with this positive response. Convener of GoBike, Tricia Fort who introduced the presentation, said *"20mph speeds where people live, work or play are widely supported and GoBike want all of Glasgow to enjoy the many benefits."*

—ENDS—

References:

- A copy of the GoBike petition and presentation to the committee is attached
- Transport Scotland guidance paper <http://bit.ly/1GMwWIV>

About GoBike:

The campaign exists to promote cycling in the Strathclyde area of Scotland.

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