

## Simple guide to responding to the STPR2 consultation

### Introduction

Transport Scotland's Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2) will inform transport investment decisions in Scotland for the next 20 years (2022-2042). The STPR2 documents being consulted on now are the culmination of a process to decide which large transport projects are needed in the coming years and has whittled a long list down to 38 projects.

The consultation documents from Transport Scotland and AECOM can be found here <https://www.transport.gov.scot/our-approach/strategy/strategic-transport-projects-review-2/>

The way to respond is via a [survey](#)

This Cycling UK guide provides suggested answers to some of the questions in the survey. There's no need to respond to all the questions if you don't want to.

**Answering Questions 10-13 on Improving Active Travel Infrastructure and 14-17 on Influencing Travel Choices and Behaviours are the priority** as this will show government that action in this area is essential.

### Suggested answers

Go to the [STPR2 survey](#)

**STPR2 Process** - Q 1-7 – these questions cover the consultation process. Answer as you see fit or ignore.

**Key Themes** – Q 8-9 – There are 6 key themes in the STPR2. Cycling UK considers:

- 1. *Improving active travel infrastructure* is the top priority
- 6. *Strengthening strategic connections* is lowest priority

**Improving Active Travel Infrastructure** – Q 10-13

- Q10 - **Strongly agree** - whilst we would like to see more information about the five recommendations listed, they are all positive and will contribute to Improving Active Travel Infrastructure.
- Q11 – we recommend answering that these recommendations are all **high priority**.
- Q12 – **Yes** – we think these will help
- Q13 – Comments:
  - The 20-minute neighbourhood project must include work to create safe cycling infrastructure in communities so that people can safely travel to local shops and services. Creating the safe infrastructure is integral to this project.
  - We want to see a network of high-quality cycle lanes across Scotland separated from traffic. These active freeways and rural routes can form the network of main routes between which a dense joined-up network of local cycling infrastructure and quiet streets is planned and created at the local level.

### **Influencing Travel Choices and Behaviours – Q14-17**

- Q14 – **Strongly agree** - All 5 recommendations listed are positive and can help to influence travel choice and behaviour
- Q15 – We suggest answering that the five recommendations listed are all **high priority**.
- Q16 – **Yes** – we think these will help
- Q17 – Comments:
  - Behaviour change projects are essential in combination with new cycling infrastructure to enable people to cycle more often for short local journeys.
  - Greater access to bikes should primarily be focussed on those who are least able to afford them.
  - We recommend introducing a default 20mph speed limit for the majority of streets in built up areas in Scotland. However, 20mph zones in these areas can provide a similar level of protection for vulnerable road users and make the roads more attractive to cycling.

### **Enhancing Access to Affordable Public Transport – Q18-21**

The recommendations listed are a mix of projects specific to cities or regions and more general projects for Scotland. Cycling UK wants to see better and more affordable public transport in Scotland to enable people to shift from private car use. We want to see greater integration of cycling with public transport.

- Q21 Comments:
  - Recommendation 21. *Improved Public Transport Passenger Interchange Facilities* – we want to see interchange facilities increase the capacity of safe and secure cycle parking.
  - Recommendation 23. *Smart, Integrated Public Transport Ticketing* – integrated ticketing must also cover public bike share schemes.

### **Decarbonising Transport – Q22-25**

The projects listed in this section focus on transport decarbonisation which is something we support as an organisation. These projects are all a **priority** if Scotland is to meet its ambitious climate targets.

### **Increasing Safety and Resilience on the Strategic Transport Network – Q26-29**

In this section, two projects are a **high priority** for increasing safety for cycling

- 37. *Improving active travel on trunk roads through communities*
- 38. *Speed management plan*

### **Strengthening Strategic Connections – Q30-33**

This section includes a list of specific infrastructure projects. We recommend commenting that all these projects must include or improve provision for safe cycling, walking and wheeling from the outset.

### **STPR2 Recommendations and other Scottish Government Policy – Q34-37**

Government is interested in how aware you are of policies related to the STPR2.

- Q36 – We believe that the package of projects in STPR2 is positive and aims to achieve wider aims. We recommend answering **Agree** for this question.

### **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) & Other Impact Assessments**

We have no suggested answers for this section

### **About You**

The final sections of the survey are where you respond with information about yourself.