

Questions and answers

Q: What is this leaflet about?

A: We are undertaking a public consultation exercise to involve the community in the development of traffic calming / speed management measures on South Bridge Street and King Street, Bathgate. We are therefore seeking your views and enclose a questionnaire which you can complete and return in the freepost envelope provided. **Completed forms should be returned no later than Friday 13 August 2010.**

Q: Why is traffic calming / speed management measures being considered on this section of road?

A: Concerns were raised regarding traffic speeds and road safety issues on South Bridge Street and King Street, Bathgate. Investigation into road casualty accidents established that the accident rate was 756% higher than the national average accident rate for an A class road. In light of this, the council has decided to develop a scheme to improve road safety.

Q: What measures are being considered?

A: We are giving members of the community an opportunity to comment on three options for South Bridge Street and King Street. The options being put forward have a raised junction at Whitburn Road and a raised pelican in King Street. The options vary in terms of the type of measure being proposed at the junction of North and South Bridge Street. Option 1 is raised junction, option 2 is traffic signals and option 3 is a roundabout. If drawings are not provided with this leaflet, they can be viewed on the councils Transportation web page <http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/1523/1284/1302/>

Q: Why have raised junctions and a raised pelican been selected as an option?

A: Reducing vehicle speeds along a length of road will reduce the severity of injury accidents thus improving safety for all road users. The most effective measures to reduce vehicle speed are road humps. Raised junctions and a raised pelican have been proposed as they have less impact on people with disabilities. than other types of road humps.

Q: Why have traffic lights been selected as an option?

A: In the past five years there have been several right turning accidents involving vehicles heading westwards from North Bridge Street onto South Bridge Street. The introduction of signals will also allow vehicles to turn right onto North Bridge Street and will reduce turning conflicts between vehicles at this junction. In addition to the signals, a raised table will be constructed at this location.

Q: Why has a roundabout been selected as an option?

A: A roundabout would assist vehicles in making all tuning manoeuvres at this junction and encourage free flow conditions. As turning conflicts will be reduced, accident rates and severity of accidents will be lower.

Q: Where can I get further information regarding these proposals?

A: A drop in evening has been arranged at Bathgate Regal Community Theatre on Wednesday 28 July between 5:00pm and 7:30pm. Members of the community will have an opportunity to discuss the proposals and provide comments.

For further information or clarification regarding the proposals, you can also contact:

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Alternatively, further information can be found on West Lothian Council Transportation web page:

<http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/1523/1284/1302/>

Customers with special requirements

Information is available in **Braille, tape, large print and community languages**. Please contact the **interpretation and translation service** on **01506 775000**.

Text phones offer the opportunity for people with a hearing impairment to access the council. The text phone number is **18001 01506 464427**. A loop system is also available in all offices.

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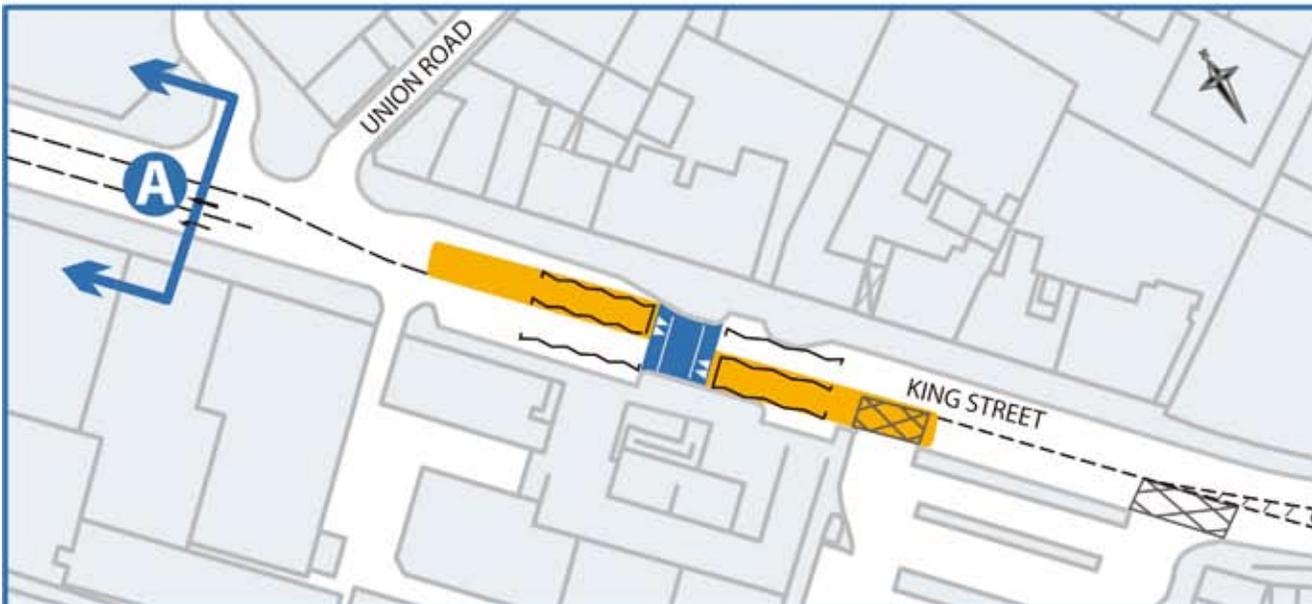
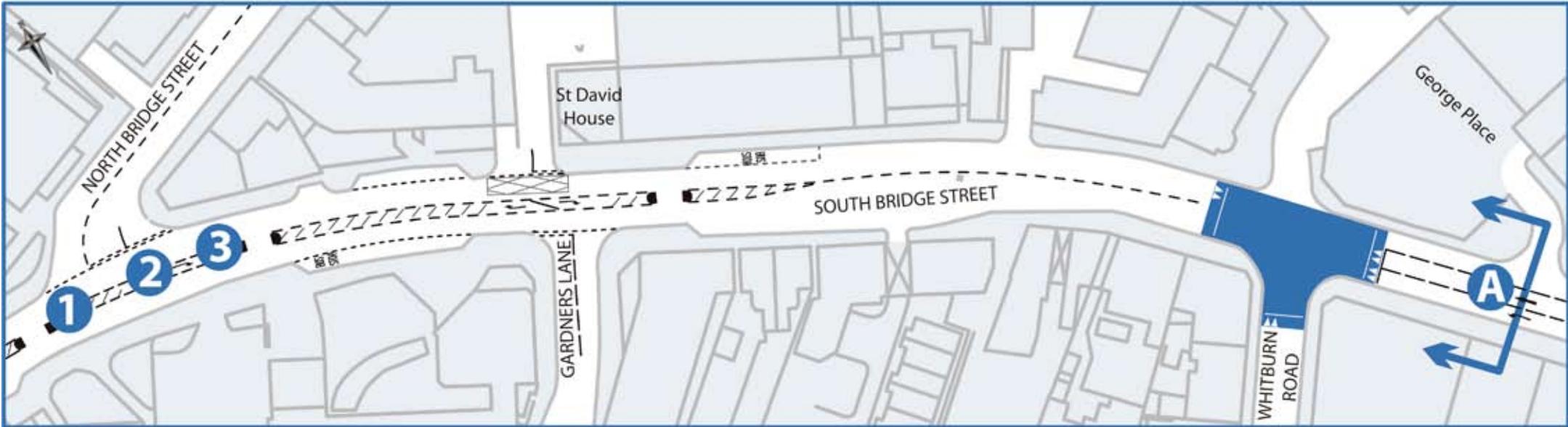
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Further information can be found on West Lothian Council Transportation web page: <http://westlothian.gov.uk/1523/1284/1302/>
Refer to drawing numbers **HP/B394/BATH/OPT1**, **HP/B394/BATH/OPT2** and **HP/B394/BATH/OPT3** on the Transportation web page for full details of traffic calming options.



Legend

- 1** Raised table option
- 2** Traffic signal and raised table option
- 3** Roundabout option
-  Traffic calming features applicable to all options
-  Section of map follows on below

NOTE: Each number within the legend refers to the location to the proposed feature and the option type.