

MAYFLOWER STREET HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 2

Briefing Report for Executive Decision



Summary

The Mayflower Street Highway improvement scheme is part of a Transforming Cities Fund project funded by Department for Transport and Plymouth City Council which has been in development over the last year. The Mayflower Street scheme aims to improve the public transport infrastructure, improve bus journey times and reduce congestion and emissions. It is being designed in conjunction with Royal Parade improvement scheme which has similar objectives.

Mayflower Street will see bus stop capacity improvements, allowing for a number of bus services that serve the city centre to operate from Mayflower Street rather than Royal Parade, and will improve the flow of traffic in Mayflower Street.

The overall scheme will result in:

- New bus stopping area to accommodate extra space for dropping off passengers;
- Currently there are two bus stops and one shelter. The new scheme will have two bus shelters and bus stops with space for three buses;
- Kerb adjustment to widen the carriageway so that buses and cars can pass by when other buses have stopped;
- Street furniture to be removed if surplus and relocated where necessary;
- Disabled bay relocated;
- Existing paving will be used where possible.

The construction works will be split into phases which are as follows:

- Phase 1 – north side, on Mayflower Street East for kerb realignment – now complete;
- Phase 2 – south side on Mayflower Street East for kerb realignment to create a new bus stopping area;
- Phase 3 – central part of Mayflower Street and at Armada Way crossing area for kerb realignment and new bus shelters;
- Phase 4 – Resurfacing and lining works for Mayflower Street;
- Phase 5 – Relocation of disabled space.

This contract award is to appoint South West Highways as principal contractor for Phase 2 of these works. Approval will be sought for the remaining phases in January 2023 when the remaining outstanding issues have been addressed.

Finance

This contract award is for Phase 2 of the scheme. The contract sum is £53,051 for Phase 2 under NEC Contract (Option A). It will be funded from the Transforming Cities Fund.

Delivery timescales

The planned start date is 4 January, with a finish date of 24 February

Member and stakeholder engagement

Public and stakeholder consultation was carried out in September 2021. The results of the consultation is available at [Royal Parade and Mayflower Street Public Consultation | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/royal-parade-and-mayflower-street-public-consultation) Local stakeholders have been kept updated through the City Centre company and direct communication with Plymouth City Council.