

## CITY OF PLYMOUTH

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### Introduction

The anticipated outcomes of the East End Transport Scheme (EETS), which opened on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011, are as follows:

- Improved journey times for all traffic
- Improved bus journey times relative to car journey times
- Improved bus service reliability and punctuality
- Increase in number of cyclists
- Improved air quality
- Reduced traffic on inappropriate roads
- Improved public realm

### Monitoring Programme

Prior to construction commencing in June 2010 a number of traffic surveys were undertaken to understand the pre-scheme conditions. Surveys to understand the post-scheme conditions, and to determine whether the anticipated outcomes have been achieved, should be taken a year after scheme opening, to allow traffic patterns to settle down. However, due to the proposed works to the Finnigan Road/Laira Bridge Road junction this autumn, it is proposed to undertake the traffic surveys in January 2013. Pedestrian counts and off-highway cycle counts, however, will be undertaken in October/November 2012.

It is also proposed to undertake a sample survey of bus drivers, passengers, local residents and businesses to understand their views of how the scheme is working.

Anecdotal reports are that the scheme is performing well. A month after scheme opening we received some feedback from Plymouth Citybus that they had

experienced a reduction in late running bus services. They stated that “It would be fair to say that the scheme has done what is set out to do and has reduced the congestion through the East End and has had a positive effect on reliability for our services”.

A final report could be provided to the Growth and Prosperity Scrutiny in early 2013, following analysis of the traffic surveys.