

Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	31 August 2023
Report By:	Head of Physical Assets	Report No:	ENV041/23/SJ/EM
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Subject:	Roads and Transportation – SPT Grant Funded Projects		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting

1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the SPT approved Grant Funded Projects for 2023/24 and highlight the significant investment contribution SPT has made over the previous four financial years.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Committee note and approve the SPT approved project list for 2023/24 as detailed in Appendix A.
- 2.2 That Committee note the SPT funded projects completed since 2019 as detailed in Appendix B.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 At the meeting of the full Partnership on 17 March 2023, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport approved grant funding for the projects in Inverclyde as detailed in Appendix A to a total value of £0.76m.
- 3.2 The projects embrace and support the policies of the Local Transport Strategy.
- 3.3 All project costs are inclusive of fees.
- 3.4 Payment of the funding will be by grant made in arrears on the basis of evidenced expenditure.

4.0 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The proposed SPT Grant Funded projects for 2023/24 are detailed in Appendix A to a total value of £0.76m.
- 4.2 The projects will be managed, supervised and, where appropriate, constructed by Roads and Transportation.
- 4.3 The projects will:
- Enhance Inverclyde by further development of the Quality Bus Corridor and Bus Stops and Shelters that provides a variety of improvements to the roads infrastructure which will benefit a number of groups within the community including the elderly, the infirm, the disabled and parents with prams/buggies:
 - The Greenock Town Centre work will contribute to the regeneration and will enhance the town centre, widen footways and install a cycle lane whilst changing the priority of the street from vehicles to pedestrians;
 - The Port Glasgow car park extension will increase the capacity to park and ride, to promote the use of sustainable travel;
 - The Port Glasgow Station Access Improvements will make both platform accessible to all;
 - The Speed Reduction measures will improve road safety in village and town centres.
- 4.4 A list of SPT funded projects that have been delivered in the past four financial years across Inverclyde is included as Appendix B.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendations are agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial	X	
Legal/Risk		X
Human Resources		X
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)		X

Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People's Rights & Wellbeing	X	
Environmental & Sustainability		X
Data Protection		X

5.2 Finance

There will be a cost for amending the signs and road markings and extending the permit zones. There will also be an ongoing revenue cost for the issuing of permits on an annual basis as well as cancellations, variations, etc of permits, these costs will be maintained within existing budgets.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
Roads Capital Programme	SPT Grant Funding	2023/24	760		SPT projects
SPT Capital Grant		2023/24	(760)		Payment of the funding will be by grant made in arrears on the basis of evidenced expenditure

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	No additional Enforcement	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Contained within existing roads budgets

5.3 Legal/Risk

There are no Legal implications arising from this report.

5.4 Human Resources

There are no HR implications arising from this report.

5.5 Strategic

This project aligns with the Council Plan by improving access for all.

5.6 Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty

(a) Equalities

This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process with the following outcome:

X	YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqlA is required and will be made available on the Council website: https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/council-and-government/equality-impact-assessments
	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, assessed as not relevant and no EqlA is required. Provide any other relevant reasons why an EqlA is not necessary/screening statement.

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report’s recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

The removal of cars parking on pavements will, reduce discrimination and allow access for all.

X	YES – A written statement showing how this report’s recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
	NO – Assessed as not relevant under the Fairer Scotland Duty for the following reasons: Provide reasons why the report has been assessed as not relevant.

5.7 Children and Young People

Has a Children’s Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve a new policy, function or strategy or recommends a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy which will have an impact on children’s rights.

5.8 Environmental/Sustainability

Summarise any environmental / climate change impacts which relate to this report.

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

	YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
X	NO – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme, strategy or document which is like to have significant environmental effects, if implemented.

5.9 Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

X

YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Head of Legal and Democratic Services has been consulted on the proposal contained within this Report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Project		SPT Budget Allocation (£m)
		2023/24
Quality Bus Corridor Improvements (design & construction)	Improvements to bus infrastructure across Inverclyde, raised kerbs, new stops and replacement shelters, parking restrictions to allow bus movements	£0.150
Greenock Town Centre Improvements	Regeneration of West Blackhall Street. Street scape project	£0.400
Port Glasgow Park and Ride Extension	Continuation of the detailed design of the Highholm carpark extension	£0.005
Port Glasgow Station Access Improvements	Continuation of installation of the Port Glasgow Station Rail bridge	£0.155
Speed Reduction Measures in Villages	Installation of 20mph mandatory speed limits in village and town centres	£0.050
Totals		£0.760

Project Completed		SPT Budget Allocation (£m) per Financial Year			
		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Bus Infrastructure Improvements	Raising kerbs, new bus markings, shelters	£0.040	£0.035	£0.015	£0.080
Bus Route Access Improvements	General	£0.325	-	-	-
Lunderston Bay Bus Stops and Shelters	Installation of two bus stops	£0.045	-	-	-
Gibshill Junction Improvements	Improve the cornering on Gibshill Road at Weir St to improve bus turning	£0.085	-	-	-
Greenock Town Centre Improvements	Chapleton Bridge Widening	£0.350	-	-	-
	Design of West Blackhall St and Signalised crossing at William St	-	£0.077	-	-
	William Street traffic signals New Signalised Crossing at Grey Pl	-	-	£0.500	-
	New Signalised Crossing at Grey Pl	-	-	-	£0.100
Port Glasgow Access Improvements	New Setts to footways in Port Glasgow	£0.118	£0.162	-	-
Cycle Route Improvements	Widening of footway at Lunderston Bay	£0.055	£0.090	-	-
	New cycle route at Victoria Harbour	-	-	-	£0.110
Pedestrian Crossing Accessibility Improvements	Design of the pedestrian crossing improvements	£0.009	-	-	-
	Improve the pedestrian crossing points in line with current guidance	-	£0.011	£0.156	-
Improve Traffic Management Systems	Design of the signal improvements	£0.016	-	-	-
	Detection and timings on A770 traffic Signals	-	£0.132	£0.262	-
Port Glasgow Station Improvements	Additional section of bridge connecting Highholm car park	-	-	-	£0.415
Port Glasgow Park and Ride extension	Design of new car park extension	-	-	-	£0.055
Speed Reduction in Town Centre	Purchase of materials for 20mph in Kilmacolm, Port Glasgow, Greenock and Gourrock	-	-	-	£0.005
Mirren Shore Shared Cycle Route	New cycle route.	-	-	-	£0.060
Totals		£1.043	£0.507	£0.933	£0.825