Emergency Active Travel Survey for Oxfordshire County Councillors – May 2020

On 9th May 2020, the Secretary of State for Transport Grant Shapps MP announced a total $\underline{22}$ billion funding package to create a new era for cycling and walking.

The first stage of this investment is a **£250 million emergency active travel** fund for local authorities across England. The aim of this scheme is to build upon the unprecedented levels of cycling and walking across the UK during the COVID-19 pandemic, encouraging more people to adopt healthier travel habits easier and helping respond to increases to transport demand during the recovery phase.

Alongside this funding, fast-tracked Department for Transport <u>statutory guidance</u> has been made available to local authorities for managing their road networks, both to encourage active travel and to enable safe social distancing. The guidance states local authorities *'in areas with high levels of public transport use should take measures to reallocate road space to people walking and cycling'.*

The purpose of this short form is to obtain information from members across the County, thereby providing a pool of available ideas for consideration within this emergency scheme. We encourage consultation with Town/Parish Councils/community groups wherever circumstances permit.

Please note the funding amount for Oxfordshire County Council is yet to be confirmed.

Due to the urgency of these measures please complete the following and return to Councillor Yvonne Constance <u>Yvonne.constance@oxfordshire.gov.uk</u> by <u>Tuesday 19th May 2020.</u>

- 1. Which County Council division do you represent? Please select from drop down list
- 2. How would you classify the area you represent? Please select from drop down list
- **3.** Which are the existing major active travel transport challenges in your division? (please tick all that apply):
 - □ Traffic congestion
 - □ Traffic speeding
 - \Box Poor air quality
 - $\hfill\square$ Inadequate pavement space for safe social distancing
 - □ Inadequate infrastructure provision for safe cycling
 - □ Parking enforcement and control problems
 - \Box Other (please specify):

4. Which of the following short-term measures would you prioritise for your division? (please tick all that apply)

- □ Installing pop-up cycle facilities with physical separation from traffic (example here)
- □ Using cones and barriers to widen footways along lengths of road (<u>example here</u>)
- □ Encouraging walking and cycling to school through introduction of <u>School Streets</u>
- □ Introduce modal filters, using planters or barriers to create <u>low-traffic</u> or traffic free areas
- □ Introduce 20 mph speed limits
- □ Introduce pedestrian/cycle only zones, restricting access for vehicles at certain times
- □ Provide additional cycle parking facilities at key locations (e.g. at stations/shops)
- □ Changes to junction design to accommodate more cyclists (e.g. Advanced Stop Lines)

 $\hfill\square$ 'Whole route' approaches to create corridors for buses, cycles and access only into town and city centres

5. Please complete the following table with further details of short- or medium-term measures (please use an additional page if necessary)

Active Travel Measure	Proposed	Detailed Description
(e.g. pop-up cycle lane, 20	Location	(Please include information about
mph limit, wider pavement)	(Street and	existing consultation undertaken and
	City/Town/Village)	level of stakeholder support)
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In addition, it is also helpful to identify strategic active travel schemes already planned in the division you represent, such as Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plans or major projects (e.g. the B4044 Community Path, Housing and Infrastructure Fund, Science Vale schemes)

Proposed	Scheme Stage	Scheme Timeline	Existing proposed
Scheme location	(e.g. pre-planning, planning permission	(Expected	funding mechanism (Please detail if funding
location	obtained, consultation)	implementation date)	fully or partially secured)
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6. Please specify details of long term active travel schemes in your division:

7. Please add any further information you consider to be of relevance to this funding scheme. You may add additional pages such as diagrams/maps.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SHORT SURVEY!

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