

# Dunblane to Causewayhead Active Travel Route

Autumn/Winter 2024

# Background

- The Dunblane to Causewayhead active travel route was identified in the Stirling & Clackmannanshire City Region Deal (CRD) as a high priority project.
- The project has been prioritised because it supports the objectives of the City Region Deal and is expected to deliver significant benefits (strategic and economic) on a commuter and leisure route.
- CRD funding is in place to support the construction costs in 2025/26 and 2026/27. Additional funding is being sought from Transport Scotland to cover the remaining design and construction costs.
- The project completes a missing link of Walk, Cycle, Live Stirling, connecting the University to the network via Airthrey Road.



The existing provision on Airthrey Rd requires improvement, however the route is already popular:

Airthrey Road in Stirling – on the Stirling Station to University section of the city's under-development cycling network – saw the number of cycle journeys double, with 10,926 people recorded cycling southbound on the route in June, July and August 2024, compared with 5,295 over the same period in 2023.

# Project Progress

2021

- Dunblane to Bridge of Allan Feasibility Study completed.

2022

- Airthrey Road Feasibility Study completed as part of Walk, Cycle, Live Stirling project.

2023

- Bridge of Allan to Airthrey Road Feasibility Study completed.
- City Region Deal Programme Outline Business Case approved by Scottish Government.
- Dunblane to Causewayhead Outline Design begins.
- Community Advisory Group established.

2024

- Dunblane to Causewayhead design process progresses. Lack of funding results in project being on hold over spring/summer.
- Work restarts in August 2024 and the decision is made to deliver the project in two Phases.
- Concept designs due for completion and internal/external consultation continues.

2025

- Bids to Transport Scotland and City Region Deal to secure construction funding.
- Consultation continues.
- Detailed designs for Phase 1 to be completed by spring.
- Phase 1 construction due to commence.

2026

- Consultation continues, focusing on Phase 2.
- Construction of Phase 2 estimated to begin.

Progress of the project is reliant on funding being awarded by Transport Scotland and the City Region Deal.

# Next steps

- The project will be delivered in phases:
  - Phase 1: Causewayhead to Bridge of Allan
  - Phase 2: Bridge of Allan to Dunblane
- Stirling Council are currently finalising the concept designs for Phase 1.
- Phase 2 designs are under review.
- A Business Justification Case will be prepared to unlock funding from City Region Deal
- Bids will be submitted to Transport Scotland to secure the remaining design and construction funding required.





# Next steps: Consultation

- Because the project is being delivered in two Phases, it is proposed that consultation will initially focus on Phase 1.
- Designs are still subject to internal consultation with colleagues and Councillors. Once this internal process has been completed, designs will be shared with the Community Advisory Group & Community Councils, and public engagement will begin.
- Focused consultation for Phase 2 will be undertaken in 2025/26.

