

COVID-19 Post-Lockdown Highway Schemes

Appendix	19
Location	Southwark Bridge Road
Proposal	Upgrade to Cycle Superhighway 7 along Southwark Bridge Road
Ward(s) affected	Borough & Bankside

Background / Request

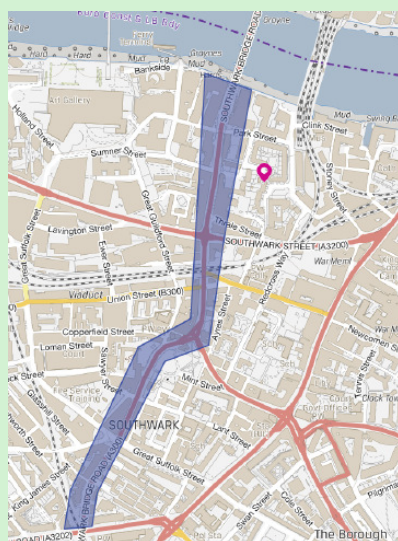
The Council's transport response to Covid-19 includes providing active travel measures to make it easier to walk, cycle and use public transport, whilst removing through traffic, especially as the lockdown movement restrictions are reduced. Part of these measures include provision of a segregated with flow cycleway on Southwark Bridge Road which forms part of Cycle Superhighway 7 (CS7)

This request is to:

- Implement an experimental segregated with-flow one-way cycle lane along Southwark Bridge Road and including the following
 - Relocate or remove some existing motorcycle, paid and coach parking bays
 - Remove short sections of bus lane and extend some bus lanes
- It is anticipated that segregation in some form will be implemented on a permanent basis

Location

- The northern half of Southwark Bridge Road lies within Bankside Zone C1 CPZ, which operates from Mon-Fri 8.00am to 6.30pm and Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm. The southern part of the road lies within Borough Zone C2 CPZ which operates from Mon-Fri 8.30am to 6.30pm
- Southwark Bridge Road forms part of the Council's strategic road network



Investigation and conclusions

- Design improvements and upgrading of the existing CS7 were commenced in 2019 in response to the increased number of cyclists recorded using the route.
- These numbers were seen to further increase following the lockdown measures implemented in response to the Covid-19 emergency. Even as the lockdown measures are relaxed, it is envisaged that the increased levels of cycling will be maintained for the foreseeable future as people continue to use cycling as their preferred mode of transport.
- CS7 forms an important arterial route from south London into the City.
- It was therefore decided to accelerate the implementation of the improvements to CS7 by introducing a segregated with flow cycleway along Southwark Bridge Road. The measures are being introduced using experimental orders with segregation being a key part of future permanent designs.
- The design also includes removal and relocating of existing motorcycle, car and coach parking bays as well as removal of short sections of bus lanes



Feedback from Councillors

Comments

TBC

Recommendation

Based on observation and current situation, it is recommended to implement a segregated with-flow one-way cycle lane along Southwark Bridge Road and including the following:

- Relocate or remove some existing motorcycle, paid and coach parking bays
- Remove short sections of bus lane and extend some sections of bus lane

This proposal is subject to an Experimental Traffic Management Order (ETMO). An ETMO allows people to experience changes to the highway in reality while still being able to make representations.

Audit trail

Reference	C19MTSB1-019
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