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Dear Sir/Madam,

City Centre West to East Cycle Link Section 1: Roseburn-Haymarket

I am writing on behalf of Transform Scotland regarding Traffic Order TRO/17/91; RSO/18/05.

We wish to make the following comments:

1. We strongly welcome the commitment to implementing fully segregated off-road cycle routes on one of the key arterial routes into the city. To meet the Scottish Government's 10% target in the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland, it is necessary to create conditions that encourage those with less experience of cycling to make everyday journeys, such as commuting to work by bike. As such, the City of Edinburgh Council is to be commended regarding its proposals here.
2. We welcome the provision of an inbound bus lane over a significant part of the route.
3. However, we suggest the removal of a parking bay from the West Coates section of the bus priority lane as we do not think that parking is necessary at this location, and would certainly hinder the effective operation of the bus priority on this corridor (even acknowledging that the parking provision is intended to be short-stay and off-peak). Furthermore, we have concerns as to whether this short-stay parking would be effectively enforced.

Kind regards,

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on behalf of Transform Scotland