



FOR A HAPPIER,
HEALTHIER SCOTLAND

Consultation Response

Hairmyres Transport Interchange

21/8/23

If you have any questions about this response, please contact our policy team:
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Who We Are

Paths for All is Scotland's walking charity. Established in 1996, we work in partnership with 30 national organisations with a shared vision of a healthier, happier, greener Scotland, where everyone can be active every day. Walking is the easiest and most accessible way to be active, and our work to change the way people move, travel, and enjoy life in Scotland is focused on the following three themes:

- Walking is for everyone.
- Walking is for everywhere.
- Walking is for every day.

Our [strategy](#) sets out our vision for tackling physical inactivity, poor mental health, increased health and transport inequalities and the climate emergency.

Our Response

We welcome the inclusion of integrated public transport access - almost every trip by public transport includes walking or wheeling.

In the previous month 55% of Scottish adults had walked to a public transport link as part of a longer journey.

<https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/mediaLibrary/other/english/paths-for-all-national-survey---attitudes-and-barriers-to-walking-in-scotland.pdf>

Please provide any comments you have on the Active Travel Facility here:

Paths for All welcomes the opportunity to respond to this consultation.

We do not have the local knowledge to comment on the detail of the proposals but would like to make some general points. We will limit these to aspects that have direct relevance to the work and objectives of Paths for All.

- We welcome the inclusion of Active Travel in the proposals.
- We welcome the inclusion of integrated public transport access - almost every trip by public transport includes walking or wheeling.
- We welcome the provision of connections to the wider active travel network.
- We welcome the proposed new active travel bridge over the upgraded rail line.
- We welcome the proposals for secure cycle storage at the station building area, street lighting and CCTV coverage.

A range of factors would encourage increased participation especially amongst women. This includes: feeling safer when walking at night, Having better paths in my local area, More public toilets, Having better lighting on paths in my local area.

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Active Travel

Our vision is for walking and cycling to be the natural choice for short journeys, creating a healthier, socially inclusive, economically vibrant, environmentally friendly Scotland.

The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) programme is Paths for All's grant scheme to support behaviour change initiatives to increase active and sustainable travel modes. <https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/active-travel/smarter-choices-smarter-places-1>



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