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Statement of Reasons

Tollcross Junction right hand turn from Home Street to Brougham Street is required to mitigate potential displacement impacts from non-compliant traffic associated with the LEZ, as evidenced by traffic modelling undertaken.

The formalising of this turn will improve safety at Tollcross Junction. Currently, an average of 19 vehicles per day make this movement illegally according to the 2022 traffic survey data.

The section of Morrison Street between Morrison Link and Dewar Place needs to become two-way to mitigate potential displacement impacts from non-compliant traffic associated with the LEZ, as evidenced by traffic modelling undertaken.

The Junction at Morrison Street-Dewar Place-Gardners' Crescent needs reconfigured to mitigate potential displacement impacts from non-compliant traffic, associated with the LEZ, as evidenced by traffic modelling undertaken and to improve safety for all users of the streets in question.

Improvements proposed at Morrison Street-Dewar Place-Gardners' Crescent Junction will improve accessibility including for those with protected characteristics, by reducing severance at this location.

Tollcross Junction, the entirety of Morrison Street and the Morrison Street-Dewar Place-Gardners' Crescent Junction are located in a sensitive City Centre location and have been identified in the Circulation Plan as areas where 'place' and sustainable modes should be prioritised, above others.

The Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 (which is ongoing) and transport accounts for over 25% of the City's total CO2 emissions. The works herein are considered minor in terms of all negative impacts yet are required for the Council to fulfil, in part, its statutory obligations in reducing harmful emissions via the LEZ scheme, as prescribed under Section 87(1) of the Environment Act (1995), in fulfilment of Part 1 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and towards achieving its net zero 2030 targets.