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Subject: CPME - Gipsy Patch Lane trial trenches



Dear Stakeholder

We are writing to update you on some of the work due to take place on Gipsy Patch Lane, as part of the Cribbs Patchway metrobus extension (CPME).

Landscaping

The CPME project team is currently working on landscaping proposals for Gipsy Patch Lane for when construction work is complete.

Road widening is needed on Gipsy Patch Lane to enable the creation of a new bus lane. To make way for the construction of the bus lane the row of 20 existing lime trees on the south side of Gipsy Patch Lane needs to be removed. The timescale for removing the trees has not yet been confirmed but will be no earlier than autumn 2020. None are planned to be removed from the north side.

The project has made a commitment to plant as many new trees and shrubs as possible to mitigate for these losses and as part of our planning for the landscaping work we need to dig a number of trial trenches along the verge.

Trial trenches

One of the things that affects where planting can occur is the location of underground utilities. Although we have plans that show where utilities should be located, it is only when ground is dug that we can be sure of where they are. To assist us plan the planting we are going to dig 18 trial trenches along Gipsy Patch Lane

to help us confirm where the utilities are. This in turn will help us understand where new trees may be planted and to ensure there is no conflict between utility pipes and cables and tree roots.

Work will start on the trial trenches from Monday 14 September and will last approximately 4 weeks. These timescales could be subject to change.

The work may involve the use of mini excavators. No trees will need to be removed for the trench work. We will refill the trenches once the investigations are complete; however, the nature of the work means that areas of grass will be damaged.

We do not anticipate that any traffic management will be required, however, there may need to be signed diversions for pedestrian and cyclist routes when some of the trenches are dug.

CPME

The CPME is a £57million investment to reduce congestion and improve journey times for all road users in your area by providing a new quick, reliable public transport system. It will provide a direct route between Bristol Parkway railway station, Stoke Gifford, the Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood, The Mall shopping centre and will link with the wider metrobus network.

CPME will also deliver improved facilities for cyclists and pedestrians, making it easier and safer to travel by foot or by bike.

CPME is funded by the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) and by the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership through the Local Growth Fund.

Further information

For updates on the project please like and follow our Facebook group www.facebook.com/sgloscpme or visit our webpage www.southglos.gov.uk/cpmetrobus. We would also encourage you sign up to our newsletter, which you can do by visiting our webpage.

Yours faithfully

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