

South East of Scotland
Transport Partnership

Ready.. Set.. Go!

Winter 2017

Welcome to the first e-zine from the South East of Scotland Transport Partnership.

We want to share our quarterly e-zine with you, highlighting the actions we are taking to make the South East of Scotland's transport network more sustainable, efficient and inclusive. We'd love to hear from you on such topics and moving forward we will have blogs and items from a range of stakeholders. We would welcome articles and ideas that we can include, so please get in touch!

A few highlights for me over the last few months are the new Board of Councillor Members, having Sophie Pugh our Equate Scotland placement join the team over the summer, winning the CIHT Award and our work with Grace's Sign to promote a more accessible journey experience across the South East of Scotland and beyond. We've even made it onto STV with our adverts for our Thistle Assistance Card and Tripshare. We also organised a joint bid with Napier University TRI to host a European conference on Mobility Management in 2019. It would be great to see such a high profile event come to Scotland.

Lastly I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone that we work with for their support, enthusiasm and input into the work that we do as the Regional Transport Partnership here in the South East of Scotland. Have a safe and enjoyable finish to the year.

George

George Eckton | Partnership Director



Building a regional e-bike sharing scheme.

In June this year the South East of Scotland Transport Partnership launched a new grant award which aimed to fund projects delivering more sustainable and active outcomes for the people and communities in our region, helping to reduce the number of single person car journeys; a key objective of the [Regional Transport Strategy](#).

From the 34 projects submitted we took the opportunity to develop a regional e-bike sharing scheme. It was decided to progress 7 projects and we will be working with key partners across the region to deliver e-bike



pilot schemes in Falkirk, St Andrews, East Lothian and Edinburgh. This exciting project will be a first in Scotland. It will enable people to join one scheme and access bikes for commuting and fun. The e-bike hubs will connect journeys enabling links between different modes of transport and making your journey more active and sustainable.



Working Together

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REGIO-MOB is a European funded project promoting the exchange of knowledge and best practice examples of sustainable transport. To date, we have attended a number of workshops learning about some fantastic examples of sustainable mobility from our partners.

In September, our Projects Officer Catriona Macdonald had the opportunity to present at a conference – CITEMOS – in Vicenza. Catriona presented SEStran and the REGIO MOB project, as well as two best practice examples from our region: Park and Rides and the A90 Queue Management System situated south of the Forth Road Bridge and Queensferry Crossing.

The next stage of the project will be implementing one of the best practice examples in the SEStran region and monitoring its progress and impact on our regional transport system. We have chosen to link our e-bike project with the EU-funded [PASTA project](#) connecting transport & health which aims to make physical activity part of our daily travel routine. Further, we will be hosting the project group in March 2018 for a dissemination event and look forward to welcoming our colleagues to Edinburgh.

To find out more about the REGIO MOB project visit the project [website](#) or follow @REGIO_MOB on Twitter.



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Bikeability
Scotland



Get comfortable, confident and safe
in the saddle.

In partnership with Cycling Scotland, SEStran helps deliver this great program in schools across the region. The aim is to have 100% of schools providing pupils with on-road cycle training. Yes a BIG target! We have been making some good progress but need help to get to 100%. So if you have a school in your area that would like to get involved or you might be interested in becoming a Bikeability instructor please e-mail Peter Jackson to find out HOW!
peterjackson@cycling.scot



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Small print – installation and small maintenance fee aside. Please give us a call 0131 524 5150 or visit our [Projects page](#) to find out more.

We also help deliver the Play on Pedals program helping pre-school children to learn about the parts of a bicycle, how to fit a helmet correctly and the basics of looking after their bikes. Through a series of fun and imaginative activities they will improve their balance and control skills.

When ready, children will get the opportunity to move onto a pedal bike. All sessions and games are designed to support confidence, interactive learning and development of physical skills. Contact [Peter](#) to find out more.



In the Spotlight



This October [Tripshare](#) was awarded the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) AMCO Environmental Award 2017/18. It is great to see our car sharing project recognised for the benefits it brings to our environment and to see the work we do being recognised. More importantly our thanks go to everyone in the **Tripshare** community, by getting involved they are the ones that make the difference!

[Grace's sign](#) addresses many issues of accessibility and we are pleased to have one in our offices. Certainly, for SEStran, this campaign contributes to our outcomes for a more accessible regional transport network across the south east of Scotland.

It's also fantastic to see Grace win awards and get the recognition she so deserves as we build up to the year of young people 2018.



Sophie Pugh joined us on a 15 week summer placement organised through **Equate Scotland's Careerwise** programme. The programme seeks to address through student placements, the under-representation of women in science, engineering, technology and mathematics (STEM) sectors in Scotland. If you are interested in 2018 placements please visit the [Equate Scotland](#) website.