Levelling Up Fund 2 Bid Connecting St Margaret's

Economic Development, Transport and Climate Emergency Scrutiny Commission

31st August 2022



Bid for Levelling Up Funds

- The Levelling Up Fund 2 was made available in March with an original submission deadline of the 6th July, subsequently revised to 2nd August
- St Margaret's junction with Vaughan Way identified as a potentially strong scheme to bid for....
 - links with recent works to St Margaret's Bus Station and adjacent cycleways/paths
 - potential for improved cycle, walking and bus connectivity
 - safety improvements by removal of underpasses
 - unlock regeneration potential in the area
 - improve environment limited landscaping currently and potential to improve adjacent heritage e.g. church

City Council

strong stakeholder support



Project Location
St Margaret's/ Vaughan Way Junction



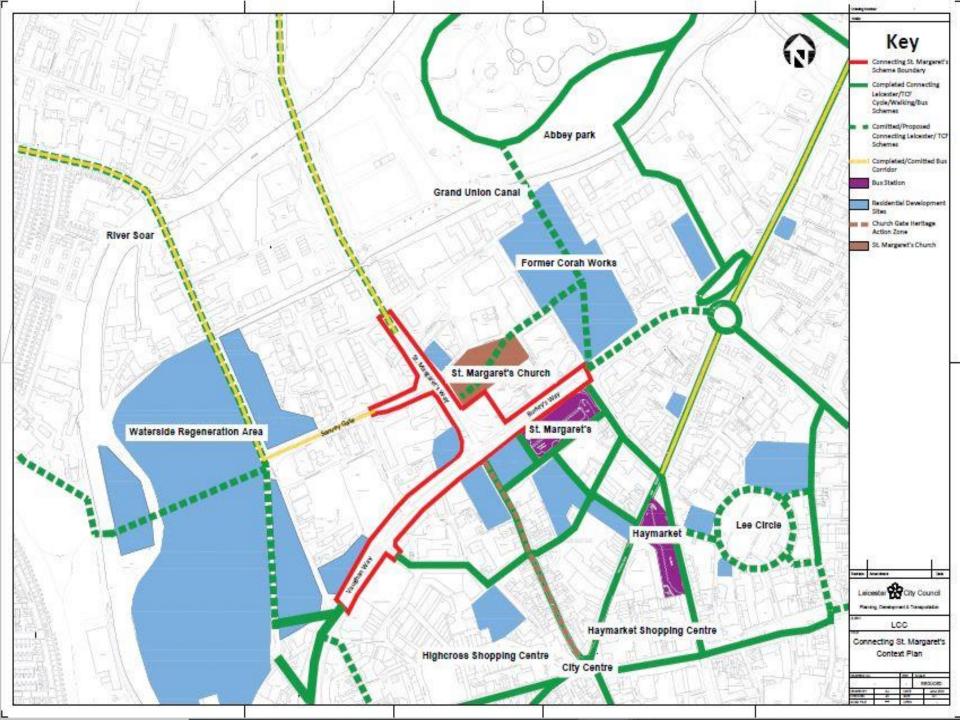
Existing underpasses











Concept Design

- Segregated cycle lanes and straight, segregated crossings solves major accessibility issue
- Inbound bus lanes on Sanvey Gate and St Margaret's Way
- Uni-directional, segregated cycle lanes from Abbey Street to Highcross Street – links to other city projects
- Underpasses filled in and unnecessary road space removed
- Expanded/Improved green space north-east of the junction improved connection to churchyard







Giving the bid its best chance of success

- We have a "ready to deliver" attractive scheme we have a considered concept plan and a strong narrative backed up by the context plan and artist's impression to help promote the bid
- Stakeholder support is critical 21 Letters of support received (including local MPs)
- Cost estimates/Match funding £15M scheme, £12M grant bid and £3M match funding from the City Council
- Risks assessed and costed/planned for
- Clear delivery programme construction completion in 2025



Early Stopping – up of the underpasses

- Close the underpasses with Highways Act Powers –
 no procedure or consultation required delegated to
 Director to authorise
- Issue a public notice and then install fencing
- Cost c. £30k
- Plan to action in early November 2022, following the LOROS marathon on 30th October