

PROPOSED MEASURES



Bristol Traffic Signal Evaluation Trial Mar-Apr 2010

Bristol City Council has announced that it is switching off traffic signals at two busy road junctions in an experiment to see whether they can operate safely and more effectively for pedestrians and cyclists as well as motorists.

This is an opportunity to test the idea of shared space through junction evaluation trials.

Two sites have been carefully selected from an initial list of seven due to each having low vehicle speeds with high visibility which particularly limits the risk to people on foot.

The roads will be closely monitored by CCTV throughout the trial which is programmed to commence in early March 2010. Each site will be monitored and assessed over a week involving a number of pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle surveys together with a qualitative assessment of pedestrian crossing movement.

The approaches to the site will be signed with advance warning signs, the signal heads will be switched off and bagged up. The junction will again be monitored during the following week where before and after comparisons will be made and a trial assessment report produced.

The report will include an assessment of the impact on traffic flows including the effect on bus, cycle and pedestrian movements before and during the trial.



Broad Quay / Prince St. / Marsh St.

Local transport consultants Colin Buchanan have extensive experience carrying out similar trials in London and North Somerset and have been commissioned to monitor and report on the before-and-after conditions.

Experience from these trials have shown that not only did the junction operate successfully without any formal controls, but queues and delays to traffic and pedestrians were reduced considerably.

Councillor Jon Rogers, Bristol City Council's Executive Member for Transport and Sustainability said "We have a rare opportunity to test the concept of shared space in a busy urban UK setting. I hope we will see a positive effect on road user behaviour".



Union Street / Broadmead

A Shared Space Initiative
Proposed Traffic Signal Evaluation Trial

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