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On behalf of the Alliance of British Drivers, I would like to find out what level of modal shift has been recorded since last year's introduction of bicycle lanes and road closures throughout Edinburgh as reduction in vehicle miles was one of the rationales behind the project and how was the level of modal shift data captured?

During 2020 and 2021 a number of measures were introduced around Edinburgh to facilitate social distancing, to provide safe opportunities for exercise and to facilitate walking and cycling for essential journeys. Subject to relevant legal processes, the Council now proposes to keep a proportion of these measures in place in furtherance of longer-term policy objectives. More information can be found in the reports linked here: [Transport and Environment Committee report June 2021](#), [Transport and Environment Committee Report October 2021](#), [Transport and Environment Committee November 2021](#).

Reduction in vehicle miles was not part of the rationale for the original introduction of measures. Partly for this reason, partly because travel patterns have been very volatile over the past two years in response to changes in levels of infection and restrictions, and partly because it is both challenging and expensive to monitor the share of journeys made by different forms of transport at a city level, there has not been monitoring of the impact of these measures on the overall balance of how people travel. Had there been, it would have been difficult to distinguish the impacts of the many different influences on peoples travel habits over the past two years.

The shift of travel from car to more sustainable and active modes of travel is however an important aim of the Council's City Mobility Plan and thus part of the rationale behind the proposed retention of measures. A monitoring plan for those measures proposed for retention will be brought to the Council's Transport and Environment Committee when it considers representations on the experimental legal orders needed to keep the measures in place.

In the meantime, cycle counts from our existing counter network, where these counters overlap with the schemes installed, can be found in the [committee report appendix from June 2021](#). For updated information, a link to view the counters can be found at: <https://edintraveldata.drakewell.com/publicmultinodemap.asp>. You can then choose the relevant counter from the map.