

# Levenmouth Sustainable Transport Study, End of February 2019 Update

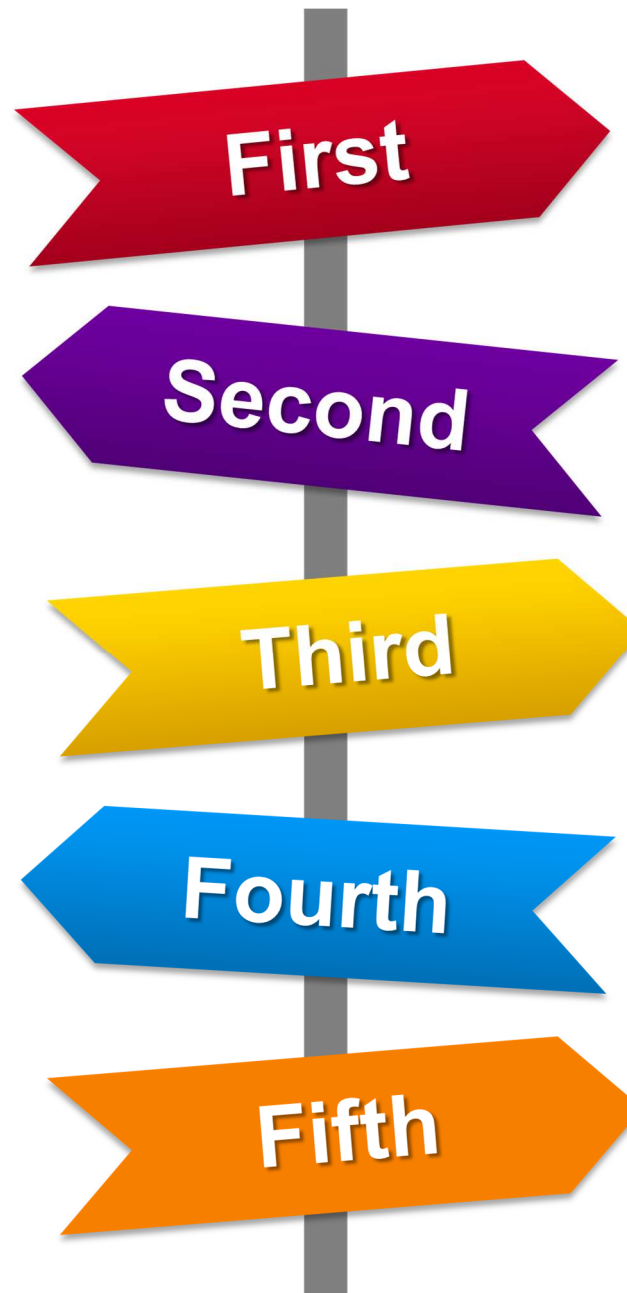
## PROJECT WEBPAGE

The document library contains new information, including actions from our progress meetings and monthly stakeholder updates.

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/our-approach/strategy/levenmouth-sustainable-transport-study/>

## ENGAGEMENT

A meeting with Fife Council Passenger Transport Services is taking place mid-March, with outcomes feeding into the appraisal work.



## PRELIMINARY OPTIONS APPRAISAL

The Preliminary Options Appraisal report is currently being finalised. The multi-modal transport options selected for detailed appraisal and those rejected at this stage of the study are shown overleaf.

## DETAILED OPTIONS APPRAISAL

The Detailed Options Appraisal is ongoing. A further update on this final stage of the study will be provided in due course.

## STUDY COMPLETION

We are still on target for completing the final study report by Spring 2019.

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## Selected Multi-Modal Transport Options for Detailed Appraisal

Option	Type	Title	Description
1	Accessibility	Enhanced local public transport services	Maintain existing bus services while improving local public transport facilities and information services
2	Accessibility	Improve local bus services	Improve local bus services connecting towns in the Levenmouth area to Leven
3	Accessibility	Improve bus-rail connections	Improve bus services to rail stations at Markinch, Kirkcaldy and Glenrothes
4	Accessibility	Improve regional bus services	Improve regional bus services linking Leven with Kirkcaldy, Glenrothes, Dunfermline, St Andrews, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow
6	Public Transport and Freight	Re-open existing rail line to passengers and freight	Provision of a passenger only rail line, or a passenger and freight rail line, along the alignment of the existing, disused, rail line between Thornton North Junction and Methil Docks
10	Active Travel	Active travel network	Provision of new and / or improved active travel routes linking the towns within Levenmouth, to key services and public transport interchanges, as well as to the East Neuk

It should be noted that the STAG process does not prioritise between options and therefore no weighting is applied to any of the options listed above – the numbering system is used for presentational purposes only.

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## Rejected Multi-Modal Transport Options at the Preliminary Options Appraisal stage

Option	Type	Title	Description
5	Freight	Freight only rail line	Provision of a freight only rail line to Cameron Bridge and Methil Docks and onwards to the mainline along the alignment of the existing, but currently out of use, line between Thornton North Junction and Methil Docks
7	Public Transport	New passenger only rail line	Provision of a new passenger only rail alignment from Leven and Methil Docks to Kirkcaldy
8	Public Transport and Freight	New passenger and freight rail line	Provision of a new passenger and freight rail alignment from Leven and Methil Docks to Markinch
9	Public Transport	New passenger BRT route	Provision of a new Bus Rapid Transit alignment from Leven to Markinch
11	Public Transport	New hovercraft services	Hovercraft triangle between Levenmouth, Kirkcaldy, and Edinburgh, including a hovercraft terminal at Methil Docks
12	Public Transport	Reduced rail fares	Reduction in rail fares from Markinch to Edinburgh (together with an increase in car parking capacity)