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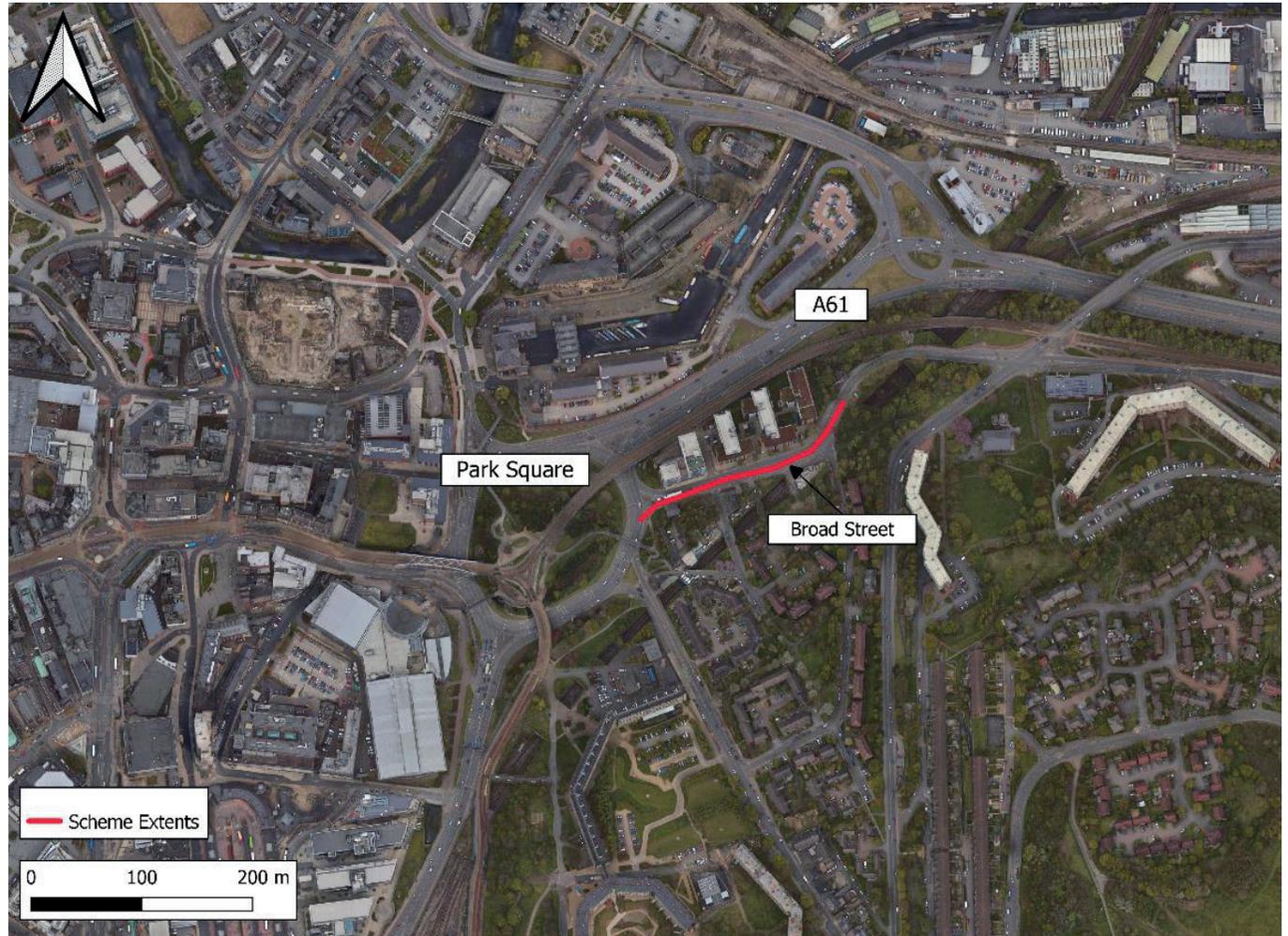
Welcome

Welcome to the Bus Lane Review project consultation.

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority is proposing a range of bus improvements at five locations within Rotherham and at one location in Sheffield.

We hope you will take the opportunity to share your feedback on the project.

Sheffield



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Introduction

General traffic queuing at peak times, along with poor quality bus priority facilities, have resulted in significant delays to public transport along some routes in Rotherham and one route in Sheffield. This makes public transport a less attractive option for many.

Our proposals aim to improve the flow of traffic at key junctions, allowing buses to pass through without delay, making bus travel more attractive by reducing journey times and improving service reliability.

City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS)

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) was awarded £570 million to deliver increased infrastructure capacity, and support growth and productivity through the investment and delivery of the five-year CRSTS programme (2022-2027).

The Bus Lane Review project forms part of the CRSTS programme, investing in improving the standards of our public transport system to unlock opportunities, drive patronage growth and strengthen the role of public transport in supporting economic growth.

Rotherham



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1. Broad Street

Issues

The signals and road layout from Cricket Inn Road, along Broad Street towards the entry to Park Square roundabout aren't currently prioritised for buses. This means buses can get held up, particularly at peak times.

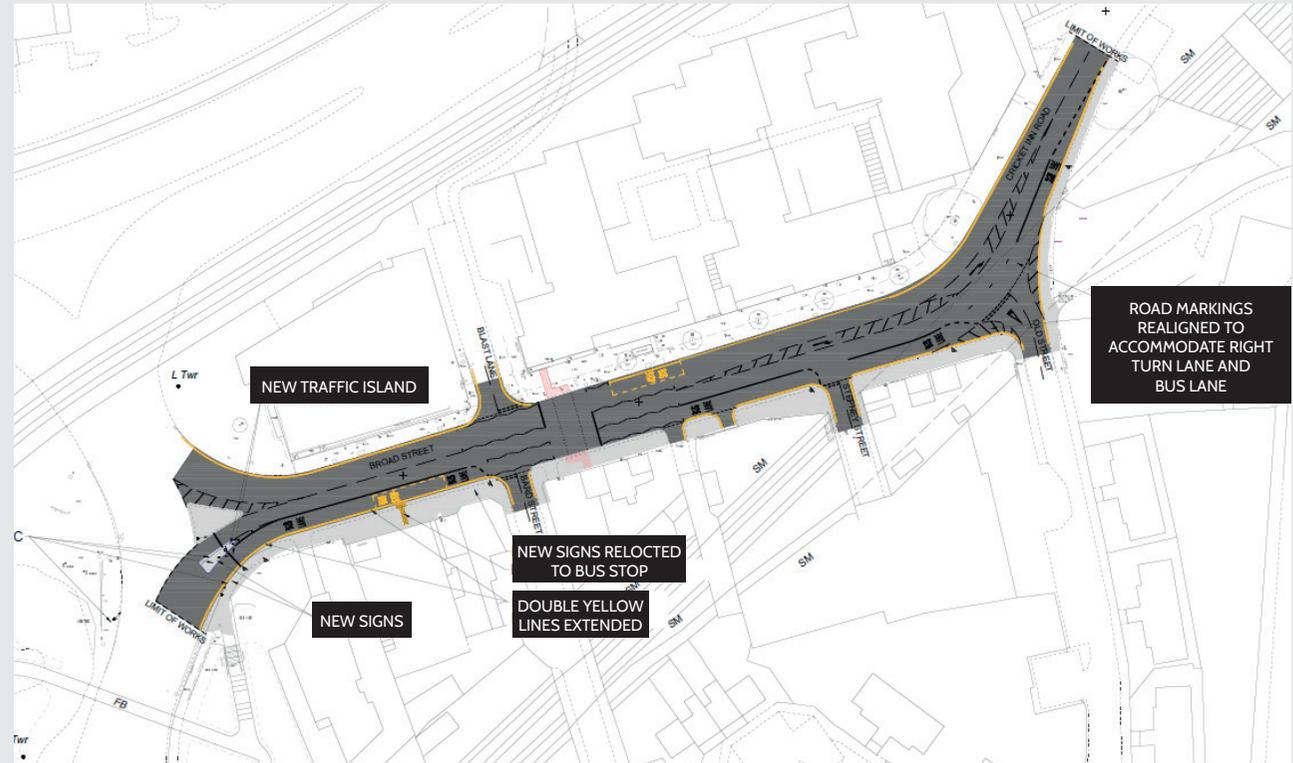
Proposal

We plan to:

- make changes to the existing bus lane to provide an improved bus priority measure that allows easier access to Park Square roundabout
- introduce additional traffic signals at the junction (allowing the bus to enter the roundabout before other traffic)
- move the existing bus stop further down Broad Street, towards Park Square roundabout
- extend the double yellow lines so they run between Bard Street and Park Square Roundabout.

These proposals will reduce bus journey times and improve service reliability.

1. Broad Street (at the junction of Park Square roundabout)



| KEY | |
|-----|--|
| | FOOTWAY |
| | CARRIAGEWAY |
| | TACTILE BLISTER PAVING (RED), CONTROLLED CROSSINGS |
| | BUS STOP HAZARD PAVING |
| | PROPOSED SIGN AND POST |

Rotherham

2. A631 Bawtry Road, Wickersley

Issues

On Bawtry Road, between Wickersley School and Wickersley Roundabout, the current road markings and signage giving priority to buses have faded or are unclear. This can lead to other vehicles encroaching on the bus lane, delaying bus services.

Proposal

We plan to:

- refresh the current bus lane road markings for the extent of the bus lane, up to the bus gate (the section of road that has restricted access for buses and authorised vehicles only) located before the roundabout junction
- introduce new bus lane and bus gate signage.

These proposals will reduce bus journey times and improve service reliability.

2. A631 Bawtry Road (inbound – Wickersley School to Roundabout)



| KEY | |
|-----|------------------------|
| | FOOTWAY |
| | CARRIAGEWAY |
| | VERGE |
| | PROPOSED SIGN AND POST |

3. A630 Doncaster Road and A630 Whinney Hill

3a. A630 Doncaster Road

Issues

The current road layout on Doncaster Road, between Oldgate Lane and Mushroom Roundabout, does not give buses priority. This means that buses get caught up in general traffic, particularly at peak times, making bus journey times longer.

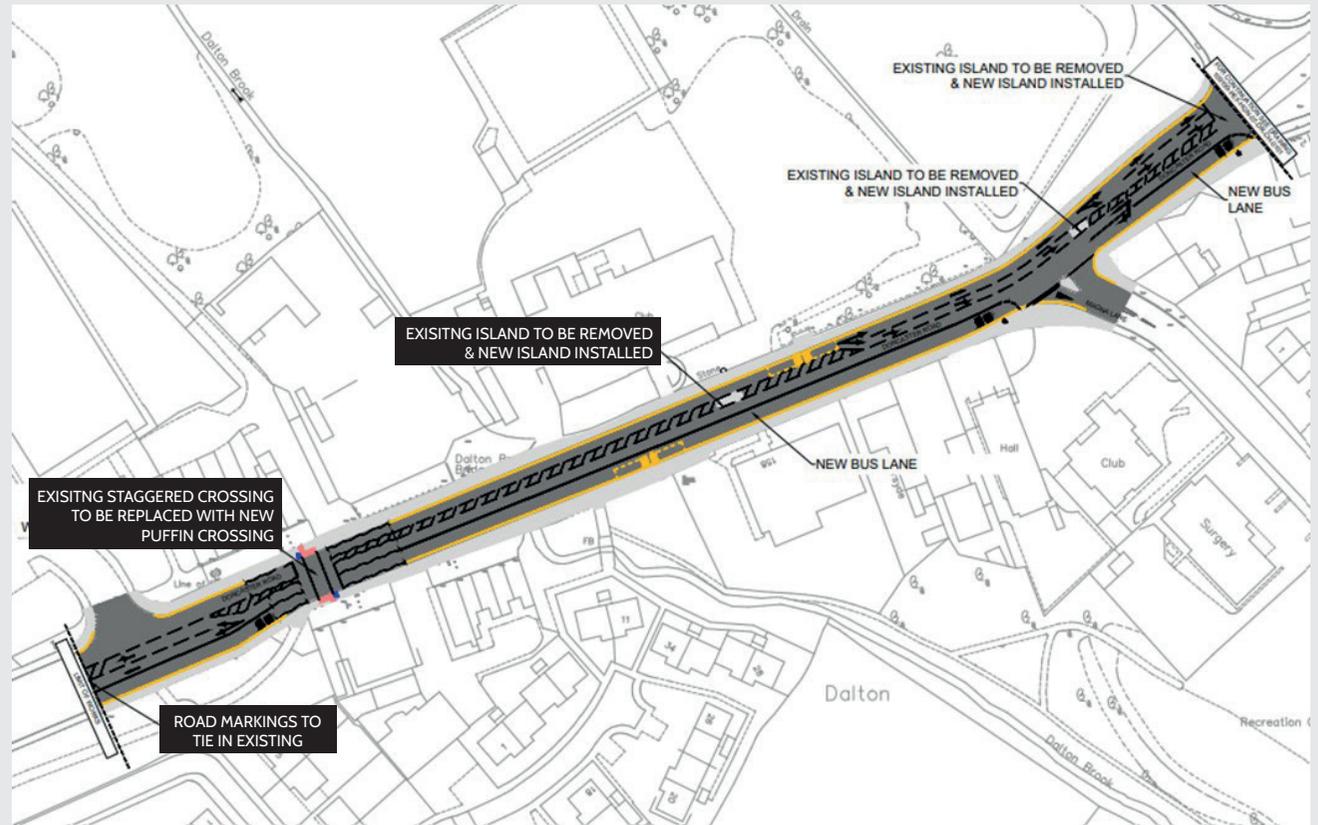
Proposal

We plan to:

- introduce a new bus lane
- remove and replace the existing traffic islands
- replace the existing staggered pedestrian crossing with a new single stage Puffin crossing
- resurface the road and introduce new double yellow lines, bus lane markings and bus lane signage.

These proposals will reduce bus journey times and improve service reliability. They will make crossing the road easier for pedestrians.

3a. A630 Doncaster Road (Oldgate Lane towards Mushroom Roundabout)



| KEY | |
|-----|---|
| | FOOTWAY |
| | CARRIAGEWAY |
| | TACTILE BLISTER PAVING (RED), CONTROLLED CROSSINGS |
| | PROPOSED SIGN AND POST |
| | PROPOSED SIGNALS |

4. A629 New Wortley Road and College Road

4a. A629 New Wortley Road

Issues

The current road signs and markings for the bus gate (the section of road that has restricted access for buses and authorised vehicles only), between New Wortley Road and College Road, are worn and unclear. This leaves the route open to abuse and misuse by other vehicles.

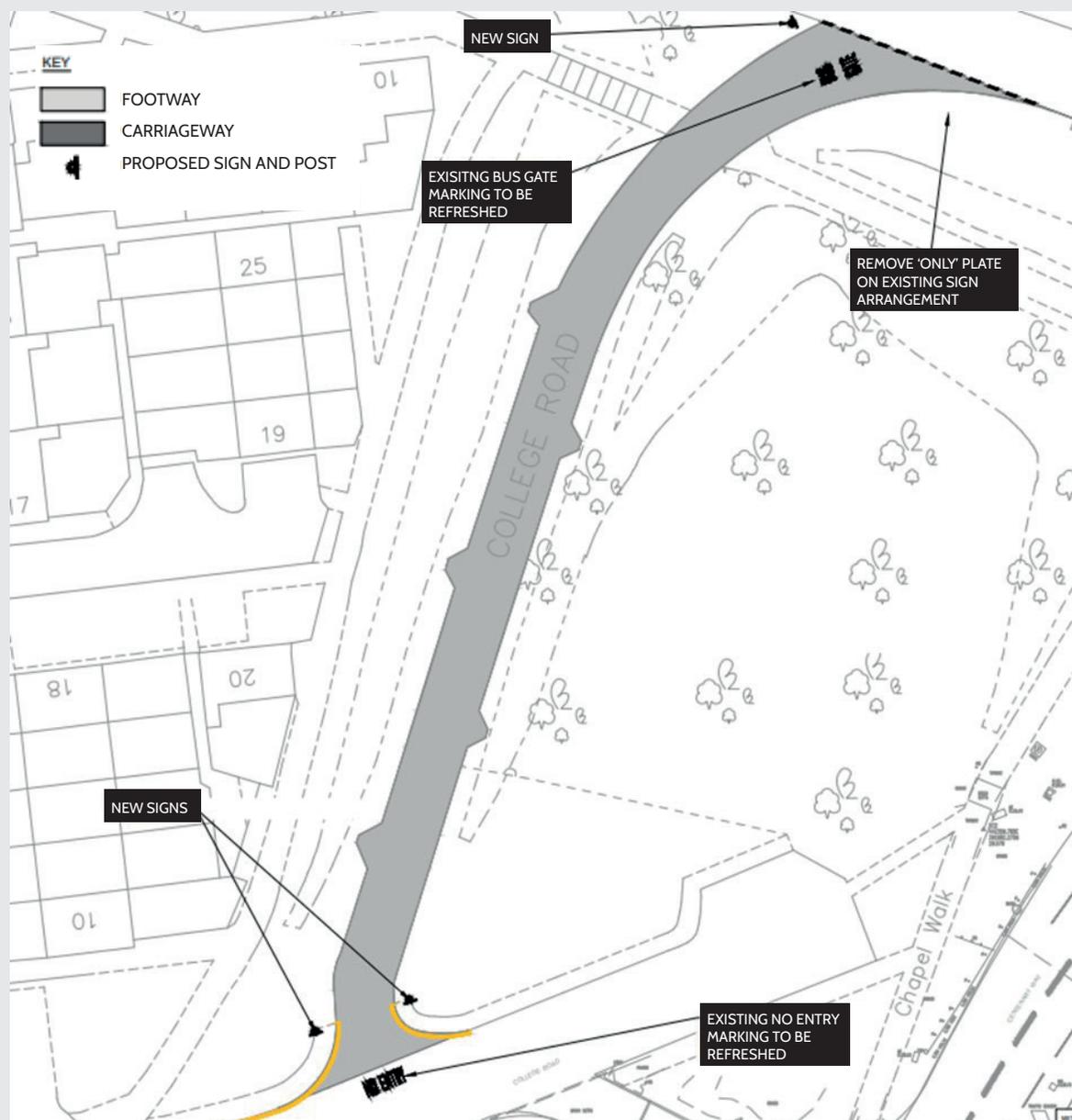
Proposal

We plan to:

- introduce new signage and refresh the existing “Bus Gate” and “No Entry” markings.

These proposals will address the misuse of the bus gate ensuring buses can travel without obstruction, reducing bus journey times and improving service reliability.

4a. A629 New Wortley Road



4b. College Road

Issues

Buses struggle to enter the bus gate (the section of road that has restricted access for buses and authorised vehicles only), between College Road and Centenary Way, particularly at peak times. This can lead to longer journey times for bus passengers.

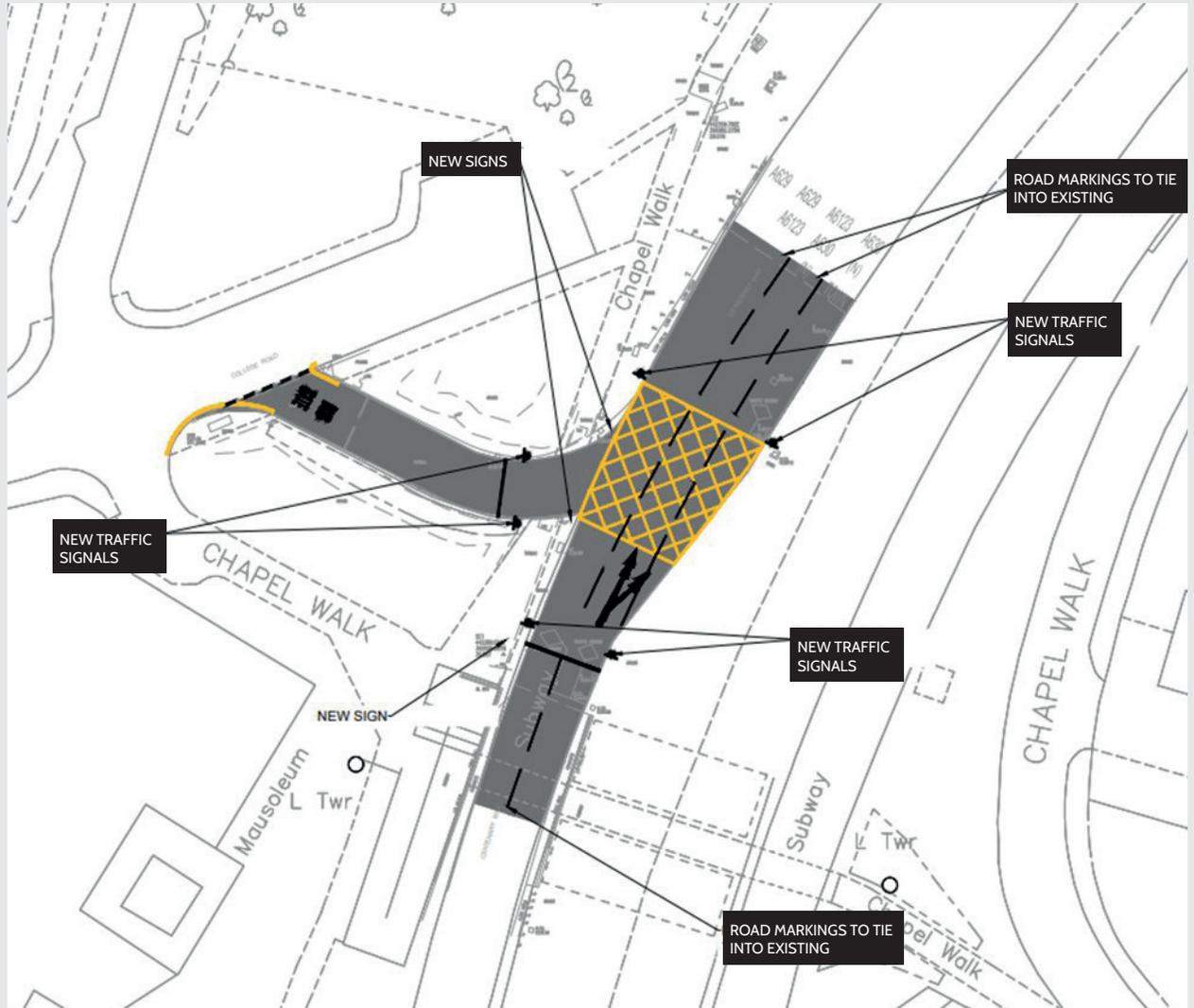
Proposal

We plan to:

- introduce new traffic signals in advance of the bus gate on Centenary Way to give buses priority
- provide new signage
- refresh the existing road markings.

These proposals will reduce bus journey times and improve service reliability.

4b. College Road Bus Gate



Feedback and next steps

Taking part in the consultation

Thank you for taking the time to read this document. Your views are important to us in shaping and informing the final design of the Bus Lane Review project proposals.

To share your feedback, please complete the questionnaire on our website at

southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/BusLaneReview by Wednesday 21 January 2026. Should you have any difficulty accessing information digitally or need help in completing the questionnaire, please contact the project team.

To find more information about the proposals, please join one of our public drop-in events where members of the project team will be available to listen to your views, answer questions and provide further detail.

The drop-in events will be held:

Rotherham

Monday 15 December 11am - 1pm

Riverside Library, Riverside House, Main Street, Rotherham, S60 1AE.

Wednesday 7 January 2026 1pm - 3pm

Rotherham Interchange.

Sheffield

Friday 12 December 10am - 12pm

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, 11 Broad Street West, Sheffield S1 2BQ.

Thursday 18 December 11.30am - 1.30pm

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, 11 Broad Street West, Sheffield S1 2BQ.

Next steps

Once the consultation closes on Wednesday 21 January 2026, all feedback received will be reviewed and used to support the Outline Business Case (OBC) to be submitted to the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Board in February/March 2026 and support any further designs.

We will analyse your views and comments from the consultation. Our actions in response to the feedback will be set out in a Statement of Community Involvement and submitted alongside the OBC with any other supporting documentation.

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