

Objection number**OBJ26**
Objector's Name Roy White
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TransportNI has considered the correspondence in the above objection and responds as follows:

1. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the York Street Interchange project.

I attended the information day and viewed the model and the panels, and spoke to the representatives present.

This was useful, though I would have liked more computer simulations of how the surrounding streets would look and feel, after completion, to pedestrians and cyclists.

I am not in a position to comment on the need for such a massive road project, or on how it will improve things for drivers. However, I'm afraid that I don't think enough consideration has been given to pedestrians or cyclists, or to how this project fits in with the city, being as it is on the edge of the city centre.

There is a general consensus that achieving population growth in cities, particularly in the centre, can help both the economy and the environment. This scheme, as it is, will make this much harder. People will not want to live or spend time where high speed roads are so prominent – much more must be done to make them less obtrusive.

Even if we largely retain the proposed layout, more can be done to improve conditions for cycling. I accept that there are some slight improvements over the current situation, but if we are serious about a "cycling revolution" we should be aiming for much more. This includes putting in physically separated cycle lanes on both sides of the York Street Overbridge.

Pedestrian Provision:

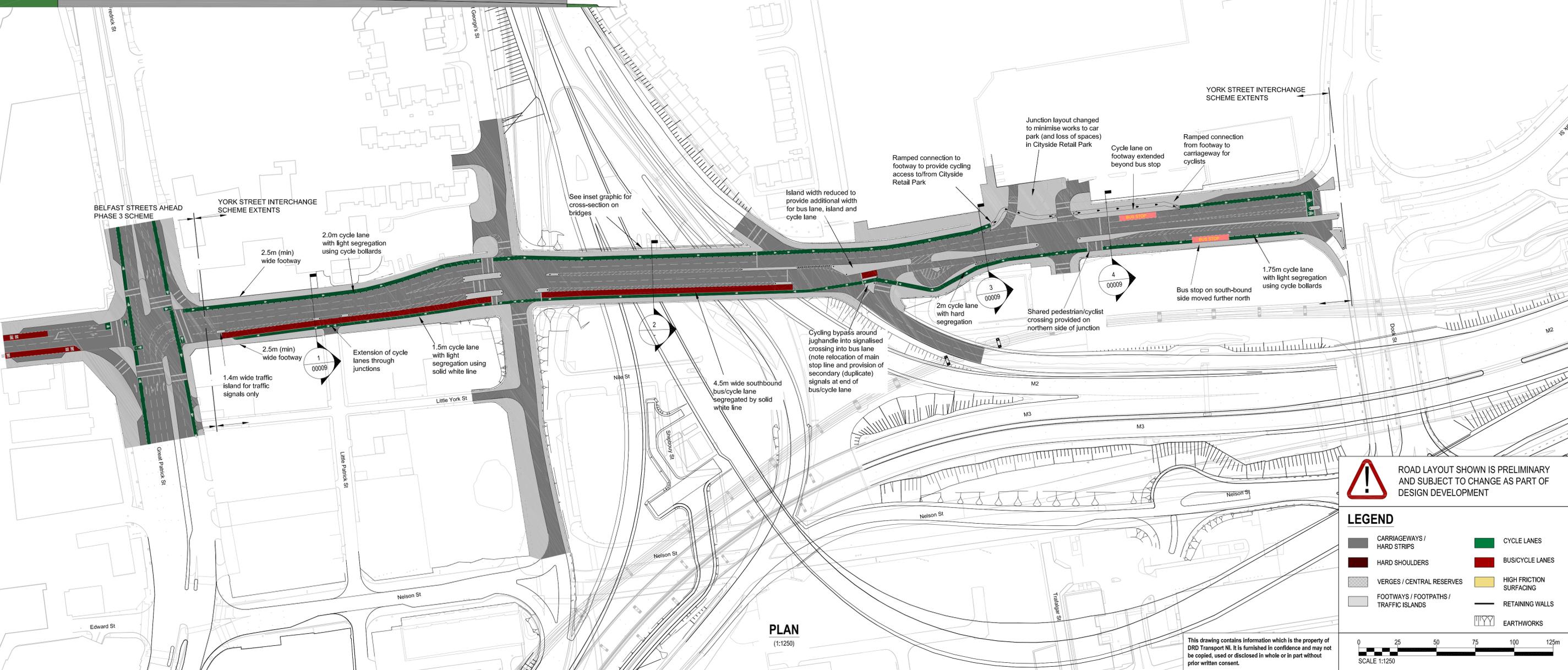
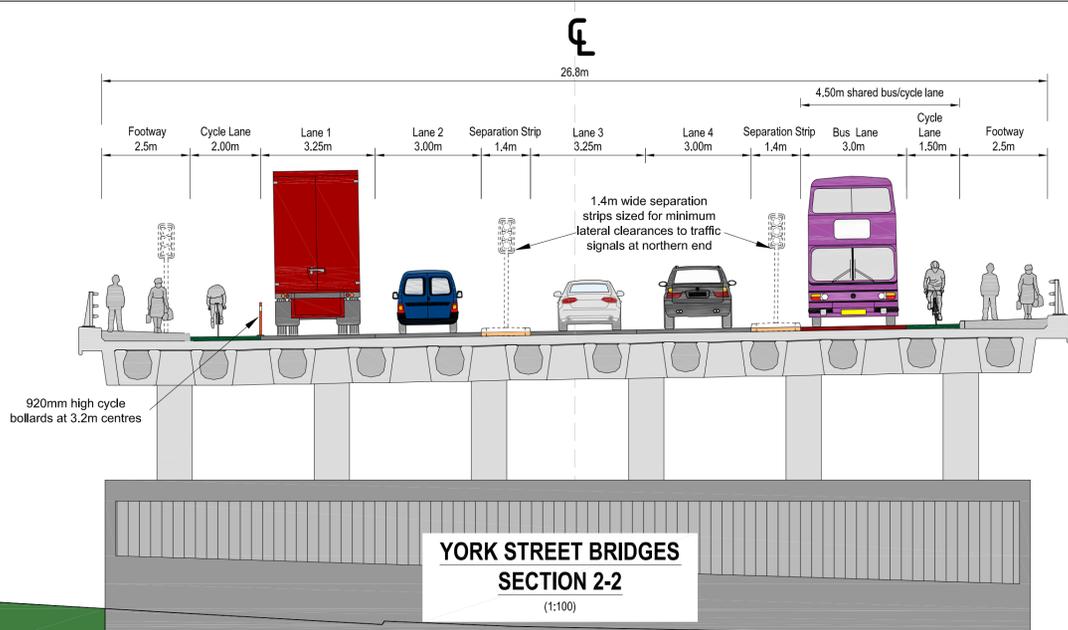
- a) The grade separation provided by the Proposed Scheme would remove significant volumes of road traffic from the existing local streets, including York Street and Great George's Street. It is considered that these changes and additional improvements to each of the remaining signalised junctions, would benefit non-motorised road users through improved amenity on these routes.
- b) For pedestrians, the Proposed Scheme provides full pedestrian connection along both sides of York Street with controlled crossings at appropriate points. This is an improvement from the existing layout and would provide an improvement for access for pedestrians to the city centre. Crossing widths are also reduced at signalised junctions, through either carriageway narrowing or the use of refuge islands. All improved pedestrian routes would be suitably surfaced in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges and provided with dropped kerbs and tactile paving.

Cycling Provision:

- c) Following the statutory consultation period, TransportNI has further engaged with Sustrans and DRD Cycling Unit to review provision for all non-motorised users on York Street. All aspects raised by your response have been considered in developing a revised proposal.

- d) We enclose two drawings illustrating the revised proposal for your information. The revised proposal will be available for discussion at the upcoming Public Inquiry.

DRD TransportNI
Eastern Division
02 October 2015



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LEGEND

	CARRIAGEWAYS / HARD STRIPS		CYCLE LANES
	HARD SHOULDERS		BUS/CYCLE LANES
	VERGES / CENTRAL RESERVES		HIGH FRICTION SURFACING
	FOOTWAYS / FOOTPATHS / TRAFFIC ISLANDS		RETAINING WALLS
	EARTHWORKS		



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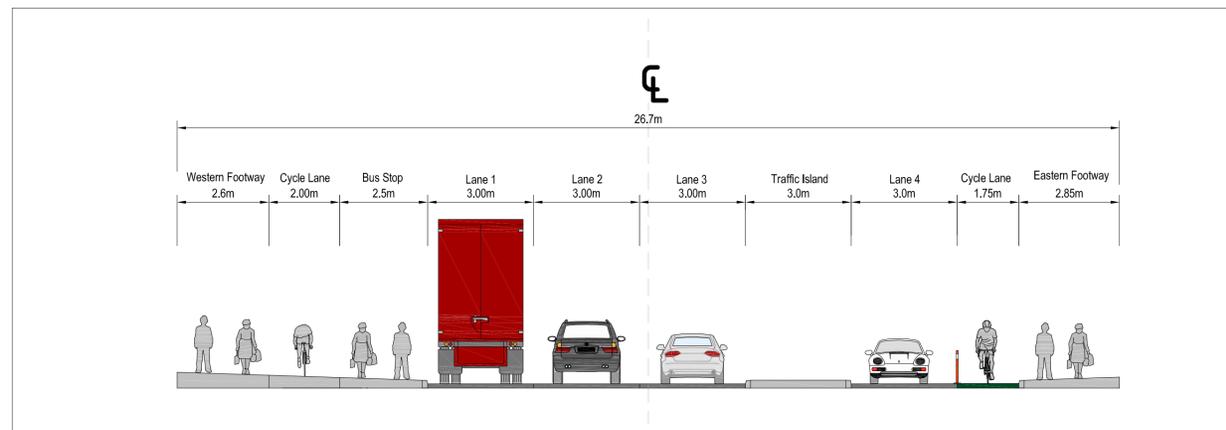
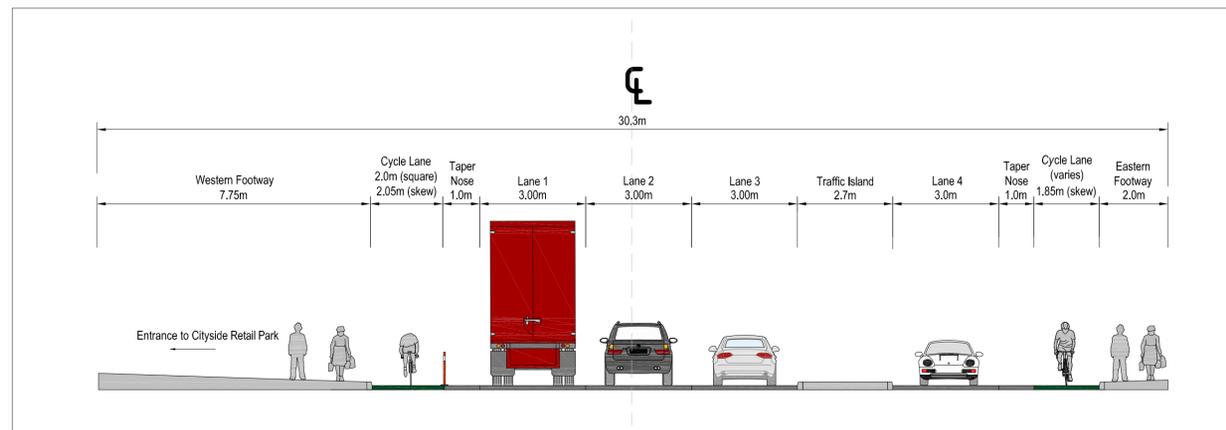
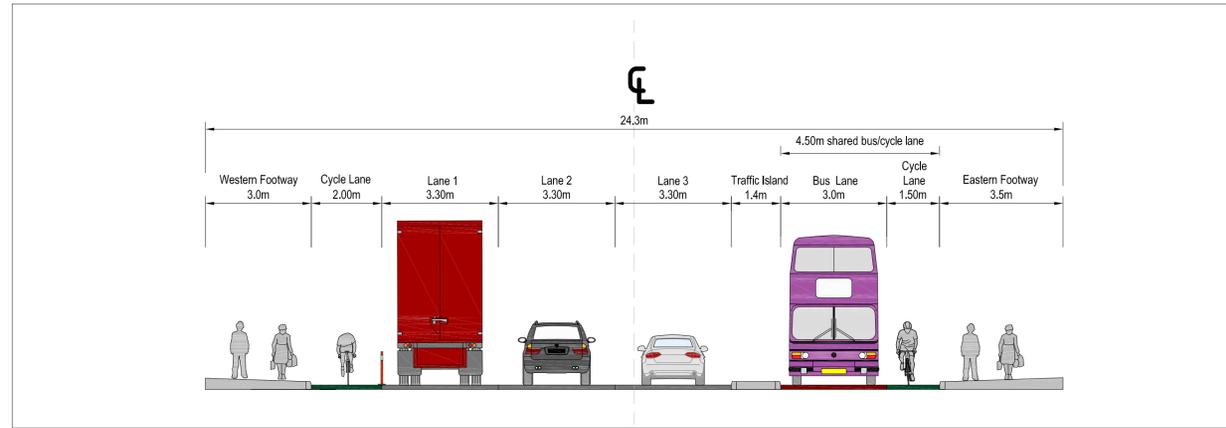
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